



# Take Five

April 14, 2006

A five-minute summary of industry activities for members of the largest state agribusiness association in the nation  
**The Agribusiness Association of Iowa**

## Route:

- " Gen. Mgr.
- " Feed Dept.
- " Grain Dept.
- " Agronomy
- " Safety Dir.

**Update on Joel Klobnak, Injured Marine and son of AAI Employee, Lisa Klobnak**

Lisa contacted our office this week. She informed us that Joel has been moved to his new and final address for recovery at Walter Reed.

**Mologne House Hotel  
Joel Klobnak; Room 331  
One Main Drive  
Washington, DC 20307-5001**

**Mark the Date!  
2006 Foundation  
Motorcycle Run  
August 18**

The AAI Foundation Second Annual Motorcycle Run will be held on August 18, 2006. Foundation Chairman Paul Von Tersh will be releasing information on the route at a later date but promises a great event. The Foundation is also selling raffle tickets for a 2006 Harley Davidson Motorcycle that will be given away at the AAI EXPO in Ames on November 29. Money for the event goes to the AAI Foundation for scholarships and projects.

**NH3 Locks Re-  
quested**

According to Dennis Wiggins, Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, Iowa has requested funding for locks that will provide locks at no charge for the remainder of Iowa. The grant will be reviewed in late summer and locks are distributed through local Sheriff offices. Wiggins reports that their officers found ammonia tanks did not have locks on them during the off season this year in spite of the fact that most anhydrous dealers in Iowa have been given locks. He cited the public welfare as a consideration. Money for the tank locks came through homeland security grants. AAI encourages you to use the locks at your discretion to deter theft during the season and particularly in the off season. Additionally, there is a cover available that can be used to cover the flex tubing on the tanks to deter the theft in this manner. AAI will continue to work with the ODCP on the additive that is being developed to be put into the tanks.

**Soybean  
Backgrounder**

This report addresses key domestic and international market and policy developments that have affected the U.S. soybean sector in recent years. It provides an analysis of the competition between crops for domestic farmland and the international supply and demand for soybean products. Also covered are domestic and trade policy, farm program costs, and a profile of operating and financial characteristics of U.S. farms producing soybeans. See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/OCS/apr06/OCS200601>

**Growing Farm Size  
and the Distribution  
of Farm Payments**

Crop production is shifting to much larger farms. Since government commodity payments reflect production volumes for program commodities, payments are also shifting to larger farms. In turn, the operators of very large farms have substantially higher household incomes than other farm households, and as a result government commodity payments are also shifting to much higher-income households. Since the changes in farm structure appear to be ongoing, commodity payments will likely, under current policies, continue to shift to higher income households. This brief uses 2003 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) data to detail the shifts. See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EB6/>

**Johanns Releases  
National Animal  
Identification Sys-  
tem Implementation  
Plan**

April 6, 2006-Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the release of an implementation plan that outlines timelines and benchmarks for the establishment of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), along with a plan for the initial integration of private and state animal tracking databases with NAIS.