

Farm Income Forecast Spotlights Challenges

By Dalie Grant, FarmWeek

USDA's farm income forecast released this month projects another challenging year ahead for most farmers, except those in the beef sector.

Overall, net farm income, a broad measure of profits, is forecast at \$153.4 billion in 2026, a decrease of \$1.2 billion relative to 2025 in nominal dollars.

USDA also revised its estimates for 2025 with net farm income projected at \$154.6 billion, down \$25 billion from the September forecast, while production expenses soared to a record-high \$473.1 billion. The farm income forecast was USDA's first since September following interruptions from the government shutdown last fall.

"Together, these revisions suggest the farm economy is experiencing a generational downturn rather than a temporary slowdown," American Farm Bureau Federation economists Daniel Munch and Faith Parum noted in a Market Intel report. "Outside of the cattle sector, most commodity markets are weakening."

USDA forecasted cash crop receipts this year could increase by \$2.8 billion. However, after adjusting for inflation, crop receipts are projected to decline by nearly 1%, reflecting continued pressure across most crop markets, the AFBF economists noted.

Meanwhile, hog receipts were predicted to decline nearly 1% while milk receipts could fall by \$6.2 billion (12.8%) this year, according to the USDA report. The lone bright spot in the projections is cattle and calf receipts, which were projected to increase by \$5.2 billion (4.1%) this year as tight supplies support higher prices.

The report revealed other issues in an increasingly fragile farm economy. Farm sector debt is forecast to increase by \$30.8 billion (5.2%) to \$624.7 billion in 2026. Debt-to-asset levels for the sector are forecast to increase slightly to 13.75% in 2026 while working capital could decrease 9.2% this year compared to 2025.

"The updated forecast further cements that the expectations of a strong income rebound for 2025

did not come to fruition and this reinforces that farm profitability last year was more fragile than previously believed," Munch and Parum noted. "USDA's first look at 2026 points to continued pressure in the farm economy."

USDA did forecast a \$13.8 billion increase in direct government payments this year compared to 2025 as a result of the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program.

"Even at these elevated levels, government payments do not fully offset the scale of losses farmers have absorbed in recent years," the AFBF economists added. "With production costs still high and market prices under pressure, many operations remain below breakeven, even after accounting for disaster and economic assistance, leaving significant financial gaps."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

JULIE A. RAABE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FC10

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2026, Marshall County Sheriff's Office Illinois of Marshall County will sell the mortgaged real estate described below to the highest bidder in an online auction, located at <https://marshallcountysheriff-il.roup.com/>. Bidding will begin on 03/30/2026 10:00 AM CST and will remain open until at least 4/01/2026 10:00 AM CST. If any bidding occurs in the final moments of the auction, the end of the auction will be extended automatically for successive fixed periods of time (the "anti-snipe time") to give all bidders the opportunity to submit their highest bid. The auction will end after no bidding occurs during the anti-snipe time.

The notice of sale relates to the following described mortgaged real estate:

PIN: 09-14-127-006

Improved with a Single Family

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 304 Main St, Sparland, IL, 61565

Sale Terms: The winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within 24 hours of the auction's end. Accepted payment methods include certified or cashier's check. Personal checks are not accepted.

The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney:

Lender Legal PLLC

1800 Pembroke Drive., Suite 250, Orlando, Florida, 32810
(407) 730-4644

Please refer to file number LLS14699

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Marshall - Lacon, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff

vs.

NICOLE HAWN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH
ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

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CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on March 25, 2026, at the hour 10:15 a.m., Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, 310 Fifth Street, Lacon, IL 61540, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 03-16-378-009.

Commonly known as 307 MONROE ST., HENRY, IL 61537

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney,
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC,
13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004.
(708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-342444

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MARSHALL COUNTY - LACON, ILLINOIS

FIRST STATE BANK
Plaintiff,

-v.-

KELLY C. WILLIAMS et al
Defendant

2025FC9

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 9, 2026, at the Marshall County Courthouse, 122 North Prairie, east entrance, LACON, IL, 61540, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1104 FRONT STREET, HENRY, IL 61537

Property Index No. 03-16-380-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file,

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100,
BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650
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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation
at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Attorney File No. 14-25-04664

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2025FC9

TJSC#: 46-266

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2025FC9

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Fun Fact

In 1901, Connecticut became the first U.S. state to implement

a speed limit for automobiles.

Motor vehicles could be driven no

faster than 12 miles per hour in cities and

15 miles per hour in the countryside.

Source: thepatelfirm.com

Attention Marshall County Registered Voters:

Due to recent changes by the United States Postal Service, we strongly recommend all Vote-By-Mail Ballots be placed in the mail to be returned to our office no later than March 10, 2026, or use the drop box in the back of the Courthouse.

We recommend any ballots returning to our office after March 10th, 2026, be delivered to our office or placed in the drop box outside of the Courthouse rather than be placed in the mail.

Jill M. Kenyon

Marshall County Clerk & Recorder