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Greetings From Iowa

Greetings Fellow Emu Farmers
and Associates,

I hope you all had a good Easter and are enjoying the nice spring weather that we are now experiencing in Central Iowa. It is nice to be able to be outdoors for extended periods again after a harsh winter.

There is a lot happening in the emu industry currently. I hope you all keep abreast of the ever-evolving changes and keep informed by reading the AEA newsletter, checking out the AEA web-site and subscribing to Emu Today & Tomorrow. They are all great sources of information to help those in the emu industry to succeed.

Are you interested in serving the American Emu Association by serving on the board of directors? It is nomination time, and we need YOU to help out. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in serving on the board of directors, or on any of the committees, please contact Carolyn Palo pinehillfarms@aol.com.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will do what I can to answer your questions, or point you in the right direction if I cannot help.

Sincerely,

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The EGG (points to ponder)

Have you ever thought about how an egg is truly a miracle. You start with a fertile egg that is self-contained and totally independent of its mother. Just add warmth and a little humidity. Turn the egg each day and 52 days later the egg is "self-opening". An independent chick emerges that can eat and drink on its own, as soon as, it needs to. As long as, it has a source of warmth, it will thrive . WOW !!!



**2021 AEA Convention in September
will NOT be held "in-person" this year**

BREEDERS LIST

The Breeders List will once again be offered to members at no cost for 2020. If you sell emu chicks yearlings or breeder pairs, add your farm to this FREE listing. This is the first place people look for emus on the AEA website.

Discount for Veterans - The AEA is offering a 10% annual membership discount to veterans and current military personnel with verification required. New & renewing members will be eligible for this discount. Apply online or contact susan.wright@aea-emu.org

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AEA Board of Directors Nominations Needed



Every year we elect new board members for open positions. **Board members are elected for 2 year terms and can only be elected 3 consecutive times** before they time out and need to leave the board for at least a year.

The **3 positions** this year will include one **"At-large" director**. Anyone who is a voting member is eligible to run for an at-large position, no matter what state they reside in.

Besides the at-large director, the **"Region 1&2"** and **"Region 3" director** positions will also be up for election. **(These nominees MUST reside within their respective regions.)** See page 8 for regions.

Carolyn Palo and Jim Glick, are actively contacting members to search for willing candidates. Do you have a member you would like to nominate to represent you and your farm? It could be yourself, if you would like to be involved. For those with a passion for the emu industry, it is very rewarding work. The **term is for 2 years and the nominee must have been a voting member for a minimum of one year prior to election.**

All nominations are due by May 31st. Ballots will be mailed out on or before June 28th.

Board members spend a couple hours each month on a conference call, plus time working on various projects and committees. The plus side of being a board member is that it allows you to keep your finger on the pulse of the emu industry. You will work with the other board members, committees and the AEA members to enact changes that will make our industry stronger.

All **board members are required to attend all monthly phone meetings and to attend the annual convention**, when it can be held, as we like to work face to face on some projects and, of course, the board helps to put on the convention. As for the convention, the AEA pays for board members transportation and hotel room costs, plus their convention registration. To nominate someone or for more information contact:

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DNA TESTING

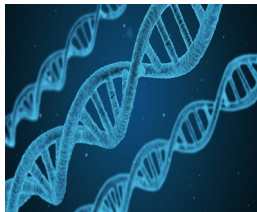
IQ BIOTECH is a biotechnology company that provides, among other services, molecular biology analysis for the avian industry in the US.

They have a successful laboratory service for birds called **IQ Bird Testing**, www.iqbirtesting.com, using **either blood or feathers**. Over the past several years they've been providing DNA analysis for bird owners, pet shops and avian breeders in the US. Their bread and butter has been the DNA gender determination test for birds. People like and use their service because it is fast, easy and affordable (under \$15.00) in comparison to other laboratories.

Many emu breeders and emu owners have used their services over the past several years. Because of that, they would like to get closer to the emu community in the US.

They believe there is still a lot of information to be unveiled about Molecular biology uses for veterinary approaches.

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Volunteer Editor (or co-editors) Wanted

The AEA newsletter, the "AEA EMUupdate", needs an editor to put it together every 2 months i.e., January, March, May, July, September & November (the copies are emailed the week before the start of these months).

Current templates are in Microsoft PUBLISHER. The newsletter is then converted to PDF for emailing. The board provides some current item information. Mentoring available.

There is a lot of clip art along with relevant past articles from long ago on file that can be used when needed.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this important and necessary job, contact:

Joylene Reavis, current editor
emujoy@SugarMapleEmu.com

608-897-8224



WANTED

Less than 5 chicks to 2 year olds.

Rene Johnson, Westminster, VT (802) 558-2488
renejohnson2013@gmail.com

WEB INQUIRY REPORT

The **Live Bird Requests** are sent out to the members by these two electronic venues—**Facebook** and the **AEA Google Email List**.



WANTED

Breeding Pair Keith George, Burlington, WI (847) 847-9290 keith@skydivermidwest.com

1 male emu, chick to coming 2 yrs. Dick Ray, Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park, Pagosa Springs, Colorado (970) 264-5546 dickray@centurytel.net

Less than 5, 3 months. Whitney Glatzer, Aragon, GA, (470) 601-2683, collegebound2011@live.com

Less than 5 just hatched chicks. Keaton Kessler, Wichita, KS (316) 304-8248 keatonk1995@gmail.com

Chicks up to 5 months in WA. Richard Diaz, McCleary, WA (253) 2281492 Diazrico97@gmail.com

At least 2 chicks. Abbi B, Foreston, MN (763) 732-2470 sweetkidromeo@gmail.com

1-3 just hatched chicks. Bradley Willmon, Section, AL (256) 242-4781 brad.willmon@gmail.com

1 just hatched female chicks up to 3 months. Lori Ulman, Tawas city MI (989) 254-8513 Ulman_64@hotmail.com

Less than 5 chicks up to 3 months for zoo. Sara Peters, West Dundee, IL (847) 551-4310 speters@dtpe.org

1—3 month old female to coming 2 yrs. Mark Cowell, Larned, KS (620) 285-9601 m_a_cowell@yahoo.com

Emu chicks up to young adults. Will travel. Don McCully, St Louis, MO, (314) 805-1862

Less than 5—3 month chicks to a year. Andrea Bell, Greensburg, IN (559) 737-3338 andreakoors@msn.com

Less than 5 chicks 3 months to a year. Ryan Paz, Smithville, TN, (971) 218-0674 jessica.ryan.paz@gmail.com

1 chick up to 3 months. Barbara Mulle, Milton, FL (153) 376-4251 Barbmulle@gmail.com

Less than 5 up to 3 months but, open to all ages. Erin Harding, Coldwater, KS (316) 295-6232 dallasilee7208@gmail.com

Less than 5 fertile eggs or chicks up to 3 months. Jennifer Seay, Rush Hill, MO (573) 975-0994 jenseay@yahoo.com

Less than 5 fertile eggs or chicks up to 3 months. Nicole Becker, Rainier, OR (503) 957-3287 Nikkifitpro1@gmail.com

6-30 chicks to 2 year olds. Max Strate, Sullivan, IN (812) 890-4449 TheNestBirdFarm@gmail.com

AEA Convention Survey

We only had two people respond to our Convention Survey. We need to know your preferences.

At this time, due to COVID, we are not sure when the next AEA Annual Convention will be held but, we are hoping for 2022. Whenever it is held, we want to be ready.

We need to know:

- 1.) What month for convention (currently mid-Sept.)?
- 2.) Where to hold the convention? City, State, Region?
- 3.) Room prices? Highest you would be willing to pay.
- 4.) Topics to discuss? Would you attend?
- 5.) Do you prefer an airport hotel or downtown hotel?
- 6.) Convention Friday morning thru Saturday evening with program on Thursday evening for those interested?

We need everyone to respond. Your input is important and will be very helpful in planning future conventions.

Respond to secretary@aea-emu.org or (608) 897-8224

Did you know

Emu Today & Tomorrow is the emu industry's premier magazine? Published four times a year, ET&T provides insight to current emu market trends and how-to guides for emu farming. Partnering with the AEA, ET&T also offers on its website EmuToday.com a wealth of resources and tools for raising emus.

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From the Vice-president - Amy E. Hall

Hello again from Arkansas.

As the last of my eggs are hatching in the incubator, I am reflecting on the trials and mistrials of my first year of expansion.

As you may know, all my birds are quite young and all my hens are just two. I was amazed this year that I did have one hen lay quite a number of eggs. She was in her own pen with the three slightly older males. I made the mistake of thinking that she was mating with all three.

In my zeal to try to entice one of the other young female hens to lay eggs, I tried to break off one of these older males, Larry, and put him in with this younger female in January. Well not only did she not like any of the previous males, she didn't like Larry either.

Since I didn't get my incubators up and running in December, I decided to let one of the males sit eggs. I didn't go and pick them up until just before Christmas. The problem of course with that is you don't know when they were laid. Of the 10 eggs only 4 successfully hatched.

I didn't realize until mid-February that the early January eggs were also infertile because I had taken away the only rooster out of the 3 that was mating with my gal Red. I went through about two weeks of infertile eggs before getting chicks again.

Note to self... Don't move birds in the middle of breeding season.

I don't have a spare refrigerator, so I have just been putting eggs in the incubator as I was collecting them, meaning every three days I was setting another egg. This seemed like a good plan at the time but it has turned out to be a logistical nightmare. For the last few weeks I have been hatching one check every three days.

Another note to self... Find good used refrigerator to hold eggs.

I have to tell you that yellow-colored pencils show up very well on those dark green eggs. However, I didn't realize until about a month ago that the rollers on my HatchRite incubator inconveniently rubbed off much of those colored pencil markings.

Now you may be saying: didn't you have a chart? No, of course not... they were marked! LOL! Plus, I had a propensity to move things around the incubator.

Well, I marked them with my best educated guess with a grease pencil and, of course, I was wrong.

In the last couple of weeks I have used movement, egg leveling and intuition. I have two eggs left in the incubator and I think those two are mixed up as well, but I'm not sure.

I'm looking forward to the end of hatching season, so I can clean up the shop and start planning a strategy for next year's hatch.

Amy

(picture of Amy's 4 newly hatched chicks)

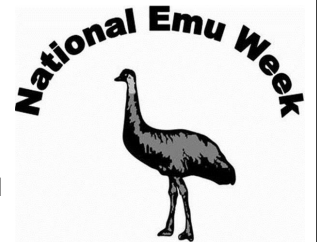


National Emu Week (N.E.W.)

National Emu Week (N.E.W.) started back in 1998. It is a 9 day period that starts each year on the first Saturday of May. National Emu Week is designated as a time to educate the public about emus and their amazing products.

In 2021 N.E.W. will be celebrated across the country from May 1st thru the 9th, allowing 9 days with two full weekends, to schedule events.

N.E.W. is a major promotional event for the emu industry. Some preparations for National Emu Week can start in February for this event in May and other things can be done even at the last minute.



Marketing ideas and National Emu Week (N.E.W.) information, tips, hints and press releases about N.E.W. along with "fill-in-the-blanks" press releases that you can tailor to your own needs, can be found on the CD **"Promoting your Emu Business for National Emu Week & Beyond"**. This CD is available from Emu Today & Tomorrow (ET&T), 580-628-2933. AEA member price is \$15.00.

All emu growers are encouraged to participate in a local event, individually or with other producers, to promote their emu farm and business during N.E.W.

You can celebrate by hosting an event, offering farm tours, setting up a store or library display case, advertising a "SPECIAL" on an emu related product, promoting it at your farmers market booth or by giving samples at a local store.

REMEMBER...

A terrible thing happens when you don't promote your business or industry.....

NOTHING !

Emu Oil, Tattoos Piercings & Stretching

There has been an increased interest in emu oil for tattoos, piercings and stretchings.

During the 2019 American Emu Association (AEA) Convention, Deb Hensen, Peoria, Arizona, shared her observations over the past 20 years with using emu oil in the tattoos, piercings and skin stretching industry. She told the group, "Emu oil is a great product for this industry. It can be use beforehand to nourish the skin and after to encourage an excellent outcome."

Emu Oil has been used on piercings, tattoos, permanent cosmetics, stretchings and keloids with very good results. Emu oil tends to set the ink in a tattoo, so that the body does not reject it. Use aloe and other botanicals with the emu oil to help to keep the surface moist while the tattoo heals (the worst part of getting a tattoo is when it scabs and hardens). Applying emu oil for 1 week before a stretching helps the skin to stretch easier.

Emu Oil also tends to minimize scar tissue.

Deb gave us these tips on entering the tattoo, piercing & stretching market.

Her first and foremost tip was to "learn the terminology" of the business. If you want to pursue this industry, research the piercing & tattoo parlor that you want to sell to "BEFORE" you contact them. Accept and respect the shop owner as an equal and a potential customer.

Secondly, since emu oil is not a drug, never make medical claims. Use words like aids, helps, promotes, soothes, etc., instead of heals.

The following is from

"The Piercing Bible--The Definitive Guide to Safe Body Piercing"

by Elayne Angel, Author and President of the Association of Professional Piercers

EMU OIL

For the care of healing and troubled piercings, *emu oil* has proved itself superior to all the other products I've advocated throughout my career. Yes, emu, as in the big flightless bird. Aboriginal people in Australia have used emu oil on wounds for centuries. Today it is used by massage therapists, dermatologists, other medical practitioners, and piercers, for its anti-inflammatory, pain-relieving, and wound-healing properties. I believe emu oil is safe and effective enough that it could become the norm for post-piercing care, at least among non-vegetarians. I know I've advised against miracle products, but if there is such a thing, in my opinion, emu oil is it.

Emu oil is safe even for use inside the mouth, and no, it doesn't taste like dead bird, or like anything at all. A natural food by-product, high-quality emu oil is odorless and tasteless. It is considered hypoallergenic, and I haven't witnessed any negative responses to it. No adverse reactions or toxicity have been reported in the scientific literature.

1.) Laboratory studies show that emu oil has anti-inflammatory properties

2.) and in its pure state, emu oil is *bacteriostatic* (restricts the growth and activity of microorganisms).

3.) Emu oil is high in essential fatty acids and keeps your skin moisturized. This establishes favorable conditions: healing is three to five times faster and less painful in a moist environment. Pure emu oil does not clog pores, and it does not prevent air circulation like petroleum-based products. The emollients help keep secretions from drying and adhering to the skin or jewelry, which cuts down on crusting, trauma, and discomfort. Even though it is called "oil," it is more like a lotion. It rubs in well and does not leave a greasy residue. Emu oil feels extremely soothing the instant you put it on. These pleasant attributes help to encourage regular applications.

Emu oil is also economical because you apply only a tiny dab. It is easy to use:

- Shake the bottle before using
- Two to three times daily, rub a single drop onto the piercing with a clean or gloved finger

You can use it in conjunction with saline soaks, though many piercees have had excellent results healing with emu oil as the sole care product. Studies have shown that emu oil penetrates the skin, which resolves any debate over rotating the jewelry.

I also suggest applications of emu oil on the tissue of any piercing that is being stretched. Research has shown it can thicken skin, so it may be especially helpful for thinning tissue.

4.) Different manufacturers produce emu oils of varying qualities, and it may not perform equally well in all climates. I once tried an inferior brand that did smell and taste like a big, dead bird. Use only certified fully refined oil on piercings.

The idea of suggesting oil for piercings seemed appalling after years of preaching against the use of ointment. All I can say is, "This is different!"

It's Time For A Reminder— Take Steps Now To Secure Your Farm or Ranch

by: Ann Olsson, former AEA President & Joylene Reavis, N.E.W. chair

Published 2002 - Over the years there have been numerous accounts of animal rights activists who have taken the law into their own hands. These well intentioned, though misguided, people have caused great suffering and sometimes death to the animals they have "set free", as well as, anguish and financial loss to the farmers and ranchers that have been targeted.

Farmers and ranchers who raise milk cows, veal calves, beef, hogs, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, mink and lab rats, to name a few, have all had individual instances where animals have been turned loose or facilities destroyed.

It is extremely important for us to realize that this is a real threat. In 2001 mink were released in Wisconsin about 20 miles from an AEA member's farm, so this threat became very real to them. Most of the mink that were "set free" were killed by vehicles on the highway. A young girl was bitten by one that wandered into her backyard. Most kits that were left behind, died without their mothers to feed them.

A local emu farm has added several Akbash and Maremma dogs to their 10 acres (which is totally enclosed by a 6 foot fence). These livestock guardian dogs are their security system, since their breeder pens are within 12 feet of the perimeter fence that runs along the road in front of their farm. Having the pens that close to the road is great for people to stop and watch the birds but, it does raise concerns about the radical few who can cause such problems.

As the emu industry grows, it will become more visible. This could possibly make them a target of these activists who believe that no animal should be eaten or caged. We cannot, and should not, live our lives afraid of what these people might do but, we must be aware of the possibilities that are out there. They say, "forewarned is forearmed!"

The following is presented to you not to scare you but, to empower you to protect your birds and facility. We should not be afraid, then again, we must be prepared for anything.

ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

The world is full of animal lovers. People receive many hours of enjoyment from extremely devoted pets. We name them, bathe them and cuddle them. Some people go so far as to buy burial plots for when their beloved pets die and others purchase expensive airline tickets to maintain a constant union with their chosen pet when traveling. We have even seen them carried in papoose type contraptions, wearing booties and sweaters. Americans do receive immense gratification from animals and nurturing them is a very healthy and stimulating form of therapy.

In comparison to these pets are those in the agricultural area, animals that we have raised in captivity, for the purpose of need and survival. These needs include food, clothing, milk, medicine, income and many other numerous values. Intellect tells us that in order to have these essentials, we must care for the source, the animals, to the best of our ability. We can go back as far as written knowledge takes us and find that even God provided man with animals, to care for and nourish, for man's own use. This indicates that not only was our practice of 'raising animals for our own use' good, but, that there is an order given for man to have dominion over the earth along with the plants and animals.

Animals, when established for the purpose of the survival of man, were meant to be used and care for. Still there are those who believe we need to free all captive animals and become vegetarians. Comprehension of trodden fields that would be ruined by, let's say, a herd of cattle or the increased area needed to raise vegetables to compensate for the lack of milk or meat, would be phenomenal. Those few, misguided activists who free "imprisoned" animals don't realize that city people (a.k.a., pavement people) don't like manure dotting their well-groomed yards and they can't sleep with the bawling of weaned calves, let alone the odor that offends their delicate and self-proclaimed superior senses.

The riding of an ostrich in the movie "Swiss Family Robinson" that was then seen as sport and entertainment, would be looked upon as cruelty today, much the same way our rodeos are viewed by animal rights activists. To keep our animals safely contained behind fencing, away from the harm of freeways and vehicles or other predatory animals, is viewed by animal rights activists as cruel. They see turning loose a barn of mink with baby kits, as freedom, where, in fact, the majority will die due to lack of a natural nest and not being pampered with food as they have grown accustomed. The mother finds herself unable to provide for herself while her babies die. Even a parrot will either scatter her eggs or kill her young to protect them from intruders. Again, an animal activist thinks that turning these animals loose is the answer. No value is given to protecting endangered species that would not survive without the intervention of man.

Eventually these people leave a paper trail and names begin to re-appear from one ranch to another. The following suggestions can help law enforcement officers find the people responsible for these criminal acts.

- * **All visitors** to your farm or ranch, should **sign a guest sign-in book**.
- * Install **motion lights** outside your barn areas.
- * **Never show ALL of your operation**. Some areas are not necessary for the public to see.
- * Discretely **take down license plate numbers** of all visitors, not just those who refuse to give their full name or act suspicious. Even friends and neighbors could be innocently pumped for information from someone else..... and, this too, creates a trail. According to the police...."ALL" license numbers need to be written down.
- * If someone **refuses to give a name, do not allow admission to your property**.
- * Immediately **report the license number of anyone who refuses to give their full name or acts suspicious** to your local law enforcement officers for future reference.
- * If your **property is violated, turn your list of names in to the police**.
- * All **e-mails and letters of threat need to be kept and turned over to authorities**.

We are each dealt a hand of cards that we play every day of life. Perpetrators eventually misplay the hand of cards they are dealt and the deal folds. Don't allow someone's extreme views to cause upset in your life and on your ranch. Some very simple rules of care can be taken to protect your family and facilities.

- * **Allow only scheduled tours.**
- * **Take down names & addresses**
- * **Write down license plate numbers**
- * **Keep strategic areas well lighted**
- * **Don't show visitors "everything"**
- * **Keep all correspondence of ill nature**

As we begin promoting National Emu Week across the nation, be sure to follow these simple rules. You are running a business. Farming and raising animals is one of the oldest and most respected of businesses in the world. In our zest to promote don't lose sight of professionalism. People will respect you when you show them you are conscientious, caring and above all knowledgeable. The best of ranching to all of you.

Farmers Urged To Watch Out for Activists

Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers Receives Complaints Each Year

September 03, 2013 • By DENNIS MAGEE

Last in a three-part series

Those familiar with the tactics of hard-core animal rights activists suggest farmers with livestock plan for potential trouble, accepting that isolation in rural Iowa does not provide total protection.

In fact, remote locations work in favor of extremists bent on criminal mischief or worse.

So-called "direct actions" — opening cages at fur farms, gluing locks at butcher shops and setting fires — reached Iowa in the 1970s and '80s, according to Mark Kitsmiller, an FBI agent assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force in Cedar Rapids. And since then, sporadic incidents have been reported.

A more recent incident happened in October 2011 at the Circle K Fur Farm in Woodbury County. Although no animals got loose, law enforcement officials arrested Kellie Van Orden and her husband, Victor, after they tripped alarms. Both accepted plea deals last year. Kellie Van Orden pleaded guilty to releasing an animal from an animal facility, a felony, and to third-degree attempted burglary, an aggravated misdemeanor. She will be on probation for five years, according to court records. For the same charges, Victor Van Orden was sentenced to five years in prison.

The Fur Commission USA, which represents mink farmers, commented on Kellie Van Orden's situation.

"Once again, the extremists of the animal rights movement have incited another young person to pay the price for their misguided campaigns against our country's farming community," the organization said at the time.

Peter Young, an unofficial spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, also shared thoughts on the couple's crime. "This is the second time there was an action at the Circle K Fur Farm," Young wrote in 2012. "The first occurred in 1997 when 5,000 mink and 10 foxes were released."

Young, a convicted felon, did not mention in his post that the FBI considered him a suspect in that crime along with an associate, Justin Samuel. They were later charged and convicted in Wisconsin for similar acts during that same time frame.

Mink farmers maintain a high level of awareness, share information and, as Circle K owners apparently did, install security measures. Hog, cattle and poultry producers are starting to catch up, according to Brian Waddingham.

He is executive director of the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers. The organization is comprised of seven separate groups but includes Iowa's beef, pork, turkey and dairy associations. On its website, www.supportfarmers.com, the organization advises producers to avoid complacency and to think ahead.

"Every year, the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers receives numerous reports of livestock theft and/or vandalism. It is important for every farmer to stop and take time to think about the security measures they have — or don't have — in place," according to the organization.

"The coalition and law enforcement officials encourage farmers to be proactive and take steps to better protect their farm and livestock, even if they are not aware of any criminal activity in their neighborhood."

Waddingham suggests other tips for producers:

- Install motion-activated lights around buildings.
- Install video cameras that also react to movement. Place two if possible, one to capture license plates, another higher to record faces and vehicles.
- Develop good relationships with neighbors, sharing information about vacations and suspicious vehicles.
- Vary routines. "Don't show up at your hog or turkey operation every day at 8 o'clock," Waddingham said.

"Stop in at different times of the day."

Kitsmiller also advises rural residents to contact law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, when they see something out of the ordinary. "I'd rather have people call and have it turn out to be nothing," he said.

Waddingham sounds a similar note but adds a word of caution. "If you see lights in the middle of the night, call the sheriff. Don't try to get in the middle of anything," he said. Waddingham and Kitsmiller both report little change in the frequency of such "direct actions" in Iowa. "I haven't seen any trends. From what I see and hear, I don't think it's getting any worse," Waddingham said. "That's why I was kind of shocked by the Butter Cow (incident at this year's State Fair). Maybe that's some indication they are ramping up again."

Kitsmiller puts some faith in Iowans' attitudes, who — if online comments are any indication — overwhelmingly rejected the attack on the Butter Cow. "Some of the people here that would subscribe to their ideas maybe think there are other ways to share their views rather than physical damage," Kitsmiller said.

He also wonders about the movement's objectives. "I've always questioned when they release these animals, you get a number run over by cars or eaten by predators," he said. "So I'm not sure what the difference is. But that's just me."

- Dennis Magee is regional editor of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, another Lee Enterprises newspaper.

For Part 1 of the series, go here:

http://globegazette.com/news/local/butter-cow-incident-a-reminder-of-animal-rights-extremists-presence/article_86427ab6-128c-11e3-ad41-0019bb2963f4.html

For Part 2 of the series, go here:

http://globegazette.com/news/local/iowa-s-history-with-animal-rights-activists-goes-back-many/article_eab92b0a-144b-11e3-afff-0019bb2963f4.html

Lawsuits To Extort Money From Farmers sent by Matt Gulick 2017

Something to also consider when making your facility open for tours is adherence to the requirements required by the **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)**.

Here in Texas, there have been numerous lawsuits filed by an unscrupulous team made up of a lawyer and his shill partner. They had no interest in ADA compliance, only extorting money from facility owners in return for dropping the lawsuit.

They were so pernicious that the Austin ADA Compliance office went public, taking a stand against this lawyer.

<http://story.kxan.com/austin-ada-lawsuit-industry/>

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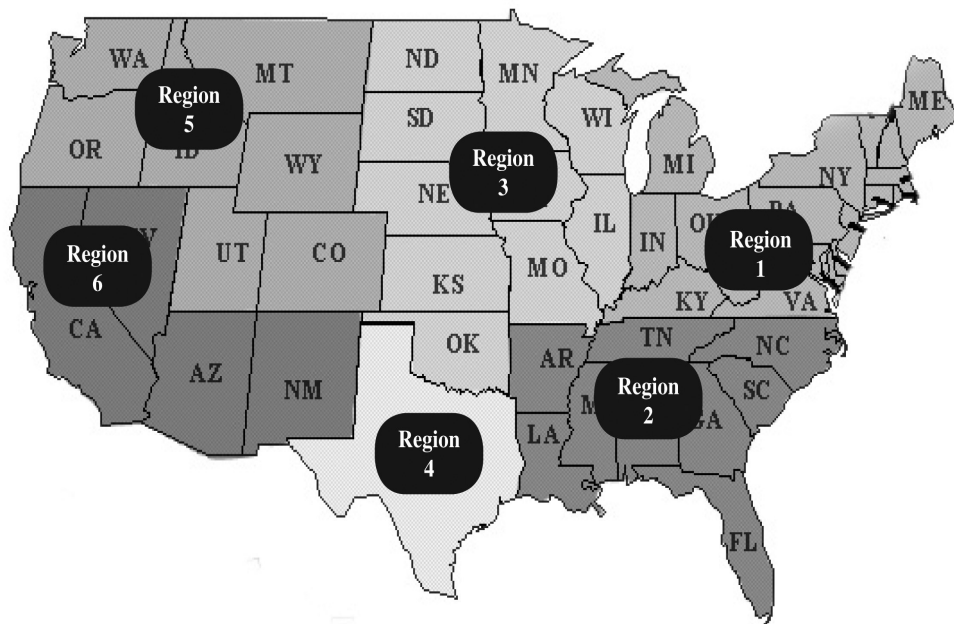
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