

Harvest

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he said.

The harvest is even further along in Missouri and Tennessee at 18 percent complete.

In Iowa, the nation's leading corn producer, Tom Albaugh said he probably won't begin harvesting until early September, but that would still be two to three weeks early in his area about 15 miles north of Des Moines.

He's expecting about 125 bushels per acre, instead of the 200 bushels he got in the past few years.

He pulled an ear off and peeled back the

husk revealing a bright, golden ear about 9 inches long with mostly plump kernels. The top inch, however, tapered off with kernels that never developed. It's a condition called tipping back, in which the corn plant shuts down the production of kernels when drought hits during pollination or as ears are developing. Some ears are tipped back about a quarter of the way, he said.

Another ear pulled from a stalk in the same row was about two inches shorter, and less than half had fully developed kernels. A few other ears were black with almost no kernels.

"There's going to be some that's worse. Some get disease. Out of that you will have empty ears," Albaugh said. "I'm not saying we're going to just be devastated with no crop, but ... You won't get a consistent steady yield throughout the field."

Audit

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what he thinks we should be doing and what we are doing, but that is very much different than 'questionable bidding practices' — which I take great offense to."

Foley said his staff requested scorecards for the \$13.8 million bid so they could verify the numbers, but did not receive them. He said the auditors later found them in a folder on an employee's desk, and the numbers on the scorecards did not match those published on the agency's website.

"When you see people withholding documents that are very, very relevant

to what we're looking at — that just raises all kinds of red flags," Foley said. "In that particular case, it showed they awarded the contract to the wrong vendor."

In their official written response, department officials said they have "complied with all requests and provided additional and repeated access to our personnel in efforts to familiarize (auditors) with the state's contracting process."

Auditors also found problems with the manner in which the agency recorded contracts. They checked two dozen contracts and found that, in almost every instance, some of the basic contract information was incorrect, Foley said. The problems included incorrect contract start dates and end dates, amendments and contract extensions that were not recorded, and esti-

mates of total expenditures that were "wildly off the mark."

In one case, auditors found the department awarded an \$8.9 million contract for asphaltic road oil after receiving only two bids. Agency rules both require at least three bids, but Castillo said he has the authority to approve contracts when fewer than three companies submit bids.

"We asked for bids, only two vendors submitted, and there is a process in place that allows the state to issue contracts in those circumstances," he said.

The Materiel Division runs largely on fees assessed to other agencies. The auditors found millions of dollars of errors and discrepancies in the manner in which the division charges those fees, resulting in some state agencies paying too much and others paying too little.

Out On The Town



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5-7pm Cooks Choice
Thursday
Karaoke with Papa Ray 7-11pm
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Friday
Pork Loin Serving 5:30-8:00
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Go Figure Regular Menu 5:30-8:00
Bingo Wed. at 7:00pm Sunday at 6:30pm Happy Hour M-F 4:30-7:30
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304 W. 3rd, Yankton

Overnight Trip To Royal River Casino at Flandreau, SD
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Scheduled Entertainment
Music Starts at 9PM
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OHIYA CASINO & BINGO
5 Miles East of Niobrara, NE or 23 Miles West of Crofton, NE
Thursday's In August - 19" Flat Screen TV Drawings
Every hour from 8 to 11 pm
Friday's In August - \$50 Hot Seat Drawings
Every hour from 8 to 11 pm
Sunday's In August - 7" Portable DVD Players
Every hour from 6 to 9 pm
OHIYA RESTAURANT
Dinner Specials
Aug. 24 **Tips & Shrimp \$12**
Aug. 26 **All Day Buffet \$10.50**
Chicken & Roast Beef
Daily Noon Specials Mon.-Fri.

Mgmt. has the right to make changes at any given time.
OHIYA BINGO HALL
Thursday, August 23
\$16 Pays \$50
\$7 X-tra Packet
Friday, August 24
\$16 Pays \$50
\$7 X-tra Packet
Double # Double Pay
Saturday, August 25
Receive \$5 Off Buy-In Purchase
\$25 Pays \$100
\$7 X-tra Packet
Warm-Ups 6PM
Reg. Session 6:30PM

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Benefiting The Southeast CASA Program (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012 • 9:30-11:30AM
AVERA SACRED HEART HOSPITAL PAVILION
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
Light breakfast provided by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital

Featuring Fall Fashions by:
LuLu's, Linda's Angel Crossing, JCPenny's, Christopher and Banks, Maurices, Premier Designs and others.
This event benefits abused and neglected children from Yankton County.
TICKETS \$20/PERSON
FOR TICKETS:
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Southeast CASA Program

Happy Hour Tuesday-Friday 5-7pm

the marina grill
Enjoy Good Food and a Fabulous View of the Lake!
Lunch and Dinner
Weekend Specials
Kitchen open until 9pm
Open 11am Tuesday-Sunday Closed Monday
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19TH ANNUAL Bull-A-Rama
Saturday, August 25, 2012
7:00pm Clay County Park Rodeo Arena
(2 miles west of Vermillion on Timber Road)
Followed by Fireworks from Fireworks Unlimited Inc.
Dance with music provided by Riata Band
Friday, August 24 • 7pm
FREE Admission, unloading of the bulls at Rodeo Grounds. Hog Roast will be served at \$5 per plate.
Saturday, August 25 • 10am-12pm
Bull Stops Here! at the Hy-Vee parking lot in Vermillion. There will be bulls, bull fighters, clowns, bull riders, horse rides, giveaways, raffles. Registration for Mutton Busting and Steer Rides.
Saturday, August 25 • 7pm
19th Annual BULL-A-RAMA
Sunday, August 26 • 10am
Cowboy Church Service
Sunday, August 26 • 12pm
Take the trail ride along the Missouri River with lunch to follow. Free-will donation.
Sunday, Aug. 26 • 2pm • Ranch Rodeo
To pre-register: Will Kennedy 605-670-8606
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Also Featuring:
5 Open Class Bull Riders (NO MAIN EVENT RIDERS)
For Registration Call Linda Hawley 605-202-0194 by August 21
5 Steer Riders (ages 9-13)
15 Mutton Busters (ages 5-8)
For Registration stop by the Hy-Vee Vermillion parking lot, Sat., Aug. 25, 10am-12pm
TICKET INFORMATION:
ADULTS: \$12 Gate/\$10 Advance
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AGES 7-12: \$6 Gate/Advance
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