



# “AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-105 -

- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 05, 2018 -

## SYNOPSIS

Viewers are taken to one of America’s organic farms—MaryJane’s Farm in northern Idaho. Correspondent Jason Shoultz explores the rich, troubled history of the Creole farmers of old Louisiana. The Creoles were central to an agricultural area established even before New Orleans; among them was the state’s first cotton farmer. Direct descendants tell the story and viewers get a tour of the historic Melrose Plantation house. From Ohio, correspondent Pat McConahay reports on the production of some of America’s finest Swiss cheese at a business in which the local Amish community plays a central role.

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# “AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

**- SHOW # AH-106 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 -**

## SYNOPSIS

Correspondent Pat McConahay visits Pennsylvania with a man who once made his living demolishing old barns, but now devoted his life to saving them. Viewers learn about traditional barn construction and the intricacies of restoring old barns from the ravages of work and weather. Host Paul Ryan visits Gloucester, Massachusetts with descendants of the hard-working, hard-living Gloucester fisherman. It’s the story of generations of men and women sailing hundreds of miles into the dangerous North Atlantic to earn a living, and the stories and legacy they left behind. A modern Gloucester fisherman tells of the respect he feels for his predecessors and the challenges and freedom of the work. Correspondent Jason Shoultz heads back out to the Midwest and Illinois to visit Muller’s Farm – an 11-acre family farm operating in much the same way family farms did more than a century ago; that is, mostly by horse and hand power.

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# “AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-107 -

- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018 -

## SYNOPSIS

The Montana rancher is a storied icon of western agriculture. Correspondent Jason Shoultz’ meets a modern Montana cattle breeder who mixes the rough-and-ready lifestyle with science to build a better stock. Host Paul Ryan introduces viewers to an Illinois couple who imported a small herd of reindeer to their ranch, which in turn are attracting visitors by the busload. It’s another example of how agri-tourism is taking root in the Heartland.

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# “AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-108 -

- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 -

## SYNOPSIS

Two of the largest and most important crops in Montana are wheat and barley. Host Paul Ryan takes us to the heart of Big Sky country to meet a family that has harvested the grains for decades, but stands at a crossroads now as the youngest generation decides whether to stay with the farm or move on to other pursuits. A lesser-known crop growing in the heart of Nebraska is simply... grass. Viewers learn how one farmer has turned turf into a lucrative nationwide business, and why Nebraska is the right place to be home-based.

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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-109 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 03, 2018 -**

## **S Y N O P S I S**

Correspondent Jason Shoultz visits the greater Flint Hills area of Kansas, which is one of the few places people can see the prairie as it once was. In addition, viewers will meet entrepreneurs creating organic farm products from some of the prairie’s wild flora. Host Paul Ryan visits a Louisiana town that steadfastly celebrates its strawberry harvest with a colorful festival, even as that crop is fading from the region. Viewers will meet a family farmer determined to grow the best strawberries as long as he lives regardless of shifting economic pressures.

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