



“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-114 -

- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2016 -

SYNOPSIS

Correspondent Jason Shultz travels to the Kansas State Fair to discover why enthusiasm remains high for many non-farm kids: besides growing show-ready cows, hogs, rabbits, and produce, many are learning furniture-making, photography – and rocket science! Correspondent Pat McConahay looks into the challenges of hand-harvesting wild blueberries in Maine.

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“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-115 -

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S Y N O P S I S

Host Paul Ryan visits a family farm to follow the fascinating process of creating multiple products designated “certified organic,” and learns why the family would never farm any other way. Jason Shoultz travels to North Carolina to meet one man who with his friends farms tobacco by day and strums his own high-energy, irreverent brand of bluegrass by night. A California company shows Paul Ryan how sophisticated, comfortable modern homes are being created from bales of rice straw.

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“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-116 -

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S Y N O P S I S

Host Paul Ryan discovers the fascinating story behind George Washington, Farmer. Ryan digs even deeper into our colonial farming past with a journey to nearby Sussex, Virginia, where he meets a family whose agricultural roots stretch back to Washington’s time. Seven generations later, they’re still raising the crops of their ancestors; among them, peanuts. The business is changing rapidly, but this family’s determined to build on its 200-year legacy. Correspondent Pat McConahay travels to Texas to dig up the facts about prairie dogs – how they live, how they spread, and why they’re perpetually at the top of ranchers’ “enemies” lists.

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- SHOW # AH-117 -

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SYNOPSIS

Host Paul Ryan visits the legendary Parker Ranch in Hawaii, where the stories of explorers, kings and cowboys intertwine. Today, it’s the home of the paniolo, Hawaii’s own brand of cowboy. Paul learns how founder John Parker Palmer came to the island in 1809 and went to work for King Kamehameha. He rounded up herds of wild cattle and eventually married a Hawaiian princess. Paul discovers that the ranch has undergone many changes, but retains its majesty while the roundups still go on. Correspondent Pat McConahay explores the only vanilla plantation in the United States.

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