



# “AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-118 -

- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 05, 2017 -

## SYNOPSIS

They’re worn by billions around the world, and all the cotton for those denim jeans has to come from somewhere. A great deal of it is farmed in Texas, and Correspondent Pat McConahay finds a farm operation that decided to think big and turn its cotton into jeans right on location. It’s a fascinating story of “vertical integration,” Heartland-style. Pat also visits the Heartland’s leading mushroom-producing state, Pennsylvania, where this major crop is produced year-round – and in the dark.

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# “AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”

- SHOW # AH-119 -

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## SYNOPSIS

Farming was once considered mainly the province of men, but history reveals many instances of successful farms owned by women. Host Paul Ryan meets one Virginia woman who's not only raising crops and cattle; she's turned her farm into a tourist attraction. In Georgia, African American farmer Melvin Bishop found success raising hogs – but wanted to do more. Correspondent Pat McConahay reports on how he became devoted to helping other African Americans learn the business, start their own farms, and duplicate his success. Host Paul Ryan visits an Indiana plant that’s one of the Heartland’s biggest operations for turning juicy young cucumbers into pickles for all tastes.

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**- SHOW # AH-120 -**

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

Host Paul Ryan visits a research center in Virginia where a company named Edenspace is exploring "phytoremediation" – developing plants that actually remove toxins from polluted soil. Some already exist in nature; others are being created through careful breeding. The work could have enormous implications for many Heartland farmers. Paul also travels to New Mexico to witness the October “harvest” at a successful – and remarkable – desert shrimp farm.

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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-121 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 -**

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

Host Paul Ryan visits a cattle ranch in Wyoming. Also, reports on grapefruits and watermelon farms. Paul also visits a rancher raising yaks.

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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-122 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2017 -**

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

Host Paul Ryan features stories on bio-fuel and restoring old tractors.

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