



# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-109 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 04, 2017 -**

## **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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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-110 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017 -**

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

Correspondent Jason Shultz visits the Kansas prairie where the American bison is making a comeback, and they’re more than an historical curiosity – they’re a new agricultural opportunity. Correspondent Pat McConahay visits Pennsylvania to get a local variation of a growing national story: fuel from agriculture. One of the Commonwealth’s oldest farms – it was established in the late 1700s – is at the leading edge in employing technology that converts manure from its dairy cows into energy.

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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-111 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 -**

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

Correspondent Pat McConahay visits an affluent Florida couple and the farm they built to better the lot of farmers everywhere. The aim of their “Harvest for Humanity” project is to demonstrate that farmers can and should earn a decent living, and that it’s also the responsibility of the food consumer to choose food coming from producers who compensate their farmers adequately. The Harvest for Humanity farm has grown into a full-fledged community in which farmers are offered the additional opportunity to own a home.

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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-112 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 -**

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

Correspondent Dawn Smith visits California’s San Joaquin Valley to discover how new machinery is bringing down walnuts from trees. Dawn shows how walnuts are processed to move from farm to market, and finds that new information about walnuts’ medical benefits have local walnut growers excited about the future. In Montana, home to vast ranches and hard-nosed wheat farmers, a new industry is blossoming: organic farming. Correspondent Jason Shultz profiles a company which started as a small organic garden in the 1970s and now ships its products worldwide.

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# **“AMERICA’S HEARTLAND”**

**- SHOW # AH-113 -**

**- INITIAL FEED DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 01, 2017 -**

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

Two brothers and their families are running sheep on their vast 50-thousand acre Wyoming spread much as their grandparents did at the turn of the century. Host Paul Ryan discovers why these hard-nosed ranchers in their 70s still love what they do – and why they’re concerned about the future of their business. Correspondent Jason Shoultz visits to find out just how difficult things were for America’s early farmers in Minnesota.

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