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Renay Gaglead, of Lenox Township in Macomb County, shops at Westborn Market in Berkley.

a new high Friday, rising to \$126.20 a barrel.

"I can't see how any crop can get less expensive," said Bernacchi. "If there were ever a reduction in prices, it's probably artificial.

"The middle man does the best he can not to pass those

costs on (to customers), but inevitably those costs will make a difference, and they are right now," Bernacchi said.

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