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ACROSS

1. Agriculture is Missouri’s top industry, providing more than 400,000 ___.
5. Sound from the sheepfold.
8. “…sed libera ___ a malo” (e.g., “…but deliver us from evil”).
11. Boeing is the world’s largest ___ company. Its plant in St. Louis has 14,500 employees.
14. Every ambulance should be staffed with at least one.
15. A sailor’s yes.
16. The ___ Valley area in Iron County in southeast Mo. is noted for its charming small towns, historic sites and proximity to wilderness areas.
18. ___ the Sailor is a fictional mariner and hero of seven voyages in Middle Eastern folk tales.
21. A very long time.
22. Davy Crockett served as a Representative of this State in the U.S. Congress for three terms (abbr.).
23. Mao ___ Tung.
24. I know what you saw and ___ what you think (2 wds.).
28. Genetic material.
29. He’s a menace in the comics.
31. Second largest flightless bird in the world. Oil from these birds is reputed to have benefits for arthritis, burns and skin conditions. Such oil from a flock of these birds is produced in Missouri, at Back Country Natural Products near Sparta, Mo.
33. Winnebago, for ex.
34. Fast flier.
35. Annoyed; irked.
38. ___ Lingus, Irish airline.
40. One should recoat their flat roof with ___ every five years.
42. ___ and grain sorghum, used for livestock feed, are important Mo. crops.
43. Miracle-___ plant food.
44. Killer whale.
46. Egyptian canal.
48. “All you birds of the ___...” (Daniel 3:80).
50. “Christ learned the ___ of warfare when He overcame the world,” —St. Hilary of Poitiers, 315-368 A.D.
52. Anger.
53. Female goat.
54. Other Mo. field crops include hay, ___ and wheat.

DOWN

1. “We give glory to You Lord who raised up Your cross to span the ___ of death like a bridge,” —St. Ephrem, Syrian deacon and hymn composer, died in 373 A.D.
2. Letters for Old English, the earliest historic form of the English language, spoken in the early Middle Ages.
3. ___ and the Tri-Lakes area is within a day’s drive of 50% of the U.S. population.
4. Mo.’s most important crop is ____, from which oil is made.
5. The ___ oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 is by far the largest oil spill in history.
7. Mo. agriculture covers 28.3 ___ of farmland on nearly 100,000 farms.
8. Homer’s neighbor.
9. Leave out.
10. From 1870 to 1911, the ___ Oil Company controlled almost all oil production, marketing & transportation in the U.S. Strong antitrust policies finally broke it up into 34 companies, including what would become Exxon, Amoco, Mobil and Chevron.
12. The ___ of Galilee is the lowest freshwater lake in the world.
13. Mo. agriculture provides our State with an incredible ___ contribution of $88 billion.
17. This word hovered over with a tilde means year in Madrid.
19. ___ occurred to me that he might be lying (2 wds.).
20. Lady ____, Princess of Wales.
25. Six points in football (abbr.).
27. “It is a paradox of ___ that each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it the most,” —G.K. Chesterton.
29. St. George famously slayed such a beast. His story symbolizes the successful struggle by God’s holy ones over the ancient serpent, the devil, and satan (Revelations 20:2).
30. “Like a ___ shining among the clouds, like the full moon at the holyday season,” (Sirach 50:6).
31. Dorothy’s Auntie.
32. Alien vessels.
36. Mo.’s most valuable ___ crops are apples, peaches, grapes and watermelons.
41. Brand name of many early radios and TVs.
45. Shape of a rainbow.
47. A method of meditation, esp. in Buddhism.
49. Prefix for come or sane.
51. Hummingbirds are native only ___ North and South America.