

Momentum builds among farmers for ‘climate credits’

MARTELL, Neb. (AP) — You could count it as a Martell farmer’s contribution to controlling global warming. And Joel Douglass gets paid to do it. As a dedicated no-tiller south of Lincoln, Douglass doesn’t disturb the soil between planting seasons with tillage equipment. He plants the next crop right into the leftover plant residue. That traps carbon dioxide underground that would otherwise be re-

leased into the atmosphere. And here’s the pocketbook plus: His farming methods will earn him about \$2,000 in 2007 from the Chicago Climate Exchange. “I’m glad I’m doing it,” he said, “and it’s not just for the money.” Under a trading format put together in 2000, companies with global reputations have voluntarily agreed to a ceiling on their carbon emissions. When they would other-

wise exceed it, they can buy credits that arise from no-till farming, rotated grazing, planting trees and other means that keep carbon dioxide tied up at the Earth’s surface. By signing up as a credit accumulator with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Douglass gets recognition and a bit of spending money from the climate exchange. “I’m still going to no-till,” he said, “but having people know I’m a no-

tiller, that’s good. That’s very important to me.” There is definitely some momentum building in Nebraska, and Graham Christensen of the Nebraska Farmers Union is among those trying to measure it from a Lincoln office. “I’d have to say it’s really catching fire,” said Christensen, public affairs director for one of Nebraska’s mainstream farm organizations and a promoter of farmers collecting on carbon credits.

“When you’d go across the state and talk to people about this program, say nine months ago, a lot of people had not heard of it. Now everybody has heard about it, and they want to know more about it.” Between Nov. 4, 2006, and Sept. 15, Nebraska’s crop producers signed up 105,500 acres for carbon credits. Those with grazing ground and good conservation habits have filled out applications on 185,500 more acres. “There’s a market value in carbon,” Christensen

said. “That’s the basic thing that people need to understand. It’s all set up through a private-sector company —not the government — called the Chicago Climate Exchange.” The North Dakota Farmers Union and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation are functioning as national aggregators of agricultural acres for the exchange. At compensation rates of \$2 an acre, this is not the sort of income that will buy you a new tractor every couple years.

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STEER CALVES — 450-550 LBS.

Larry & Reece Honig	Onaga	7 blk str	510 @ 116.00
Line Cattle Co.	Wamego	7 blk str	542 @ 114.00
Winterman Farms	Westmoreland	5 blk str	468 @ 113.90
Spencer Farms LLC	Rantoul	9 blk str	535 @ 113.00
Terry Hale	Frankfort	6 blk str	541 @ 111.00

FEEDER STEERS — 550-975 LBS.

Mayer Ranch	Alta Vista	89 blk str	607 @ 115.25
Larry & Reece Honig	Onaga	13 blk str	590 @ 112.00
Mike Farrell	Frankfort	6 blk str	555 @ 110.00
Line Cattle Co.	Wamego	8 blk str	573 @ 110.00
Spencer Farms LLC	Rantoul	38 blk str	622 @ 109.50
Mark Strathman	Goff	24 blk str	612 @ 109.25
Larry Cattrell	Circleville	10 blk str	583 @ 108.25
Line Cattle Co.	Wamego	13 blk str	661 @ 106.25
K Bar Ranch	Randolph	34 blk str	644 @ 106.10
K Bar Ranch	Randolph	15 blk str	574 @ 105.50
Berges Ranch	Onaga	5 blk str	621 @ 105.00
Larry Cattrell	Circleville	10 blk str	665 @ 104.50
Ray Oneil	Beattie	5 blk str	612 @ 103.00
Steve Kroll	Easton	5 blk str	665 @ 102.00
Line Cattle Co.	Wamego	5 blk str	722 @ 101.25
Kenneth Britt	White City	6 blk str	610 @ 101.00
Mike Farrell	Frankfort	12 blk str	688 @ 100.75
K Bar Ranch	Randolph	62 blk str	736 @ 100.75
Winterman Farms	Westmoreland	6 blk str	596 @ 99.75
Alan Fischer	Wheaton	18 blk str	825 @ 98.70
Mark Strathman	Goff	31 mix str	824 @ 98.50
Ron Bredemeier	Pawnee City, NE	6 blk str	741 @ 98.25
Nick Lichter	Havensville	9 blk str	842 @ 98.25
Curt Porter	Clay Center	22 blk str	675 @ 98.00
Spencer Farms LLC	Rantoul	13 blk str	777 @ 98.00
Gary Hargrave	Randolph	6 mix str	732 @ 98.00
Kenneth Britt	White City	5 blk str	722 @ 98.00
Mike Ehrlich	Marion	7 mix str	683 @ 98.00
Ron Abitz	Wheaton	12 blk-x str	785 @ 97.75
K Bar Ranch	Randolph	10 cross str	790 @ 97.60
Mike Farrell	Frankfort	5 blk str	823 @ 97.50
Mark Strathman	Goff	50 mix str	705 @ 96.75
Les Olsen	Mayetta	12 blk str	750 @ 96.00
Greg Vering	Marysville	7 blk str	880 @ 95.25
John Leo Farrell	Frankfort	36 blk str	954 @ 93.25

HOLSTEIN STEERS

Gary Gasche	Olpe	13 hol str	798 @ 72.25
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HEIFER CALVES — 375-550 LBS.

Larry Cattrell	Circleville	6 blk hfr	399 @ 108.00
Spencer Farms LLC	Rantoul	8 mix hfr	421 @ 107.00
Tony Klam	Bonner Springs	8 blk hfr	441 @ 107.00
Spencer Farms LLC	Rantoul	37 blk hfr	533 @ 105.60
Larry Cattrell	Circleville	10 blk hfr	535 @ 100.25

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-875 LBS.

Ray Oneil	Beattie	9 blk hfr	566 @ 104.00
Dale & Neva Handley	Onaga	15 blk hfr	564 @ 101.25
Kenneth Britt	White City	8 blk hfr	578 @ 101.00
Curt Porter	Clay Center	9 blk hfr	557 @ 100.00
Les Olsen	Mayetta	5 blk hfr	593 @ 95.25
K Bar Ranch	Randolph	19 blk hfr	644 @ 94.75
Mark Strathman	Goff	72 mix hfr	750 @ 94.70

Perry Thompson

Osage City

60 cross hfrs

843 @ 93.90

Spencer Farms LLC

Rantoul

25 blk hfrs

665 @ 93.75

Perry Thompson

Osage City

7 blk hfrs

805 @ 93.60

Mark Strathman

Goff

61 mix hfrs

676 @ 93.50

Miek Ehrlich

Marion

7 blk hfrs

605 @ 93.50

Alan Fischer

Wheaton

9 blk hfrs

790 @ 93.40

Mark Strathman

Goff

21 mix hfrs

606 @ 93.25

Perry Thompson

Osage City

65 cross hfrs

839 @ 93.10

Curt Porter

Clay Center

5 blk hfrs

638 @ 93.00

Ron Bredemeier

Pawnee City, NE

5 blk hfrs

682 @ 93.00

Herb Rogers

Alta Vista

20 blk hfrs

717 @ 92.75

Kenneth Britt

White City

9 blk hfrs

728 @ 92.75

Nick Lichter

Havensville

8 blk hfrs

715 @ 92.75

Perry Thompson

Osage City

60 cross hfrs

869 @ 92.70

Gary Hargrave

Randolph

9 blk hfrs

680 @ 92.50

Alan Fischer

Wheaton

7 mix hfrs

711 @ 92.50

Spencer Farms LLC

Rantoul

9 blk hfrs

787 @ 92.25

Mike Farrell

Frankfort

8 blk hfrs

624 @ 91.85

John Leo Farrell

Frankfort

15 blk hfrs

854 @ 91.25

Larry Cattrell

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15 blk hfrs

634 @ 90.75

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Randolph

5 blk hfrs

620 @ 90.00

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Kansas City

8 blk hfrs

571 @ 86.00

BULLS — 1,500-2,025 LBS.

Keith Schaefer	Linn	1 blk bull	1950 @ 53.75
Randy Parker	White City	1 blk bull	2010 @ 53.50
Kirk Goehring	Westmoreland	1 blk bull	1500 @ 50.25

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 1,025-2,025 LBS.

David Hugg	Emporia	2 blk	1115 @ 55.50
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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SPECIAL COW SALE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

70 blk cows (8 yrs & older) bred to Angus bulls to start calving Feb. 10th

30 choice blk bfw cows (3-8) with big Aug. & Sept. Angus calves by side. Cows running back with Mill Brae Angus bull since Nov. 1, calves all worked

25 blk & bfw older cows with Sept/Oct. Angus-Gelbvieh cross fall calves by side

18 blk older cows bred Blk Angus, Blk Gelv, & Blk Simm bulls to start calving Feb. 15th.

15 big fancy Angus cows (3 to 5 yrs) with Sept. Angus calves by side, running back with Angus bull since Dec. 2nd, calves all worked

12 homeraised Herf cows & 8 Red Angus x cows (4-8) with Sept. & Oct. blk & bfw calves by side, Mill Brae Angus bull turned in Nov. 20th. Calves all worked.

10 choice fancy blk 1st calf hfrs bred to LBW K State Retail Product Angus bull to start calving Feb. 1.

10 Angus 1st calf hfrs with 3 week old calves by side.

9 Angus cows (5 to 6 yrs) bred to horned Herf bull 60 days for Feb. 10 calving.

9 fancy Angus 1st calf hfrs with bull calves by side

8 blk 1st calf heifers with Dec. Angus sired calves by side

6 big Angus 1st calf hfrs with Dec. Angus calves by side

4 Angus cows (3 to 5 yrs old) with Angus calves by side.

K-Bar Ranch of Randolph, KS will completely disperse their spring calving cowherd consisting of 220 fancy, homeraised, OCV, Angus and a few bfw cows, 80 of these are (3 to 5 yrs. old) with the balance (6 to 8 yrs). These cows have had all breeding shots and are bred to Fink Beef Genetics Angus and Boyd New Day bulls. Cows should start calving Feb. 5 for 75 day calving period. This is a good set of cows with many years of Fink Beef Genetics breeding.

19 big fancy blk bfw OCV Simmental cross 1st calf heifers, bred to calving ease Moser & Sunflower Blk Simmental bulls. All shots including Scourguard. Heavy springers to start calving right away

20 choice homeraised (OCV) Angus 1st calf heifers, bred to LBW Angus bulls due to start calving Jan. 26th. All shots included 2 Scourguard

THESE TWO CONSIGNMENTS OF 1ST CALF HEIFERS WILL BE SELLING AT 11:30 AM

219 choice rep. blk & cross str & hfrs, long time weaned, shots 550-700 lbs.

100 choice rep. Hereford str & hfrs, weaned 75 days, all shots, bunk broke, 550-700 lbs.

65 choice rep. Angus str & repl. quality hfrs, 2 rds shots, weaned, 650-800 lbs.

65 fancy blk str & OCV hfrs, all shots & weaned, 600-750 lbs.

65 choice rep. Red Angus & Blk Angus cross str, EID tags, all shots, 800-850 lbs.

64 rep. Angus str & hfrs, weaned, 2 rd shots, 600-700 lbs.

60 choice rep. Hereford str & hfrs, weaned 75 days, all shots, no implants, 600-750 lbs.

60 choice blk & bfw str & hfrs, long time weaned, 2 rnd shots, 650-750 lbs.

60 choice rep. blk & bfw str & hfrs, 700-800 lbs.

50 choice blk str & hfrs, 60 days weaned, no implants & shots, 600-800 lbs.

40 blk str & hfrs, weaned, 500-600 lbs.

40 choice blk & bfw str & hfrs, weaned, shots, 550-700 lbs.

40 blk str & hfrs, long time weaned, 500-550 lbs.

37 blk bfw str & hfrs, weaned, 600-725 lbs.

30 blk str & hfrs, 1 rnd shots, 500-600 lbs.

29 blk bfw str & hfrs, weaned, all shots, 400-700 lbs.

28 blk steers, weaned, 700-850 lbs.

24 fancy Angus hfrs, weaned, shots, 600-650 lbs.

20 choice blk str & hfrs, weaned, no implants, 2 rds shots, 550-650 lbs.

20 blk & bfw hfrs, weaned, all shots, 700-800 lbs.

18 cross str & hfrs, 500-750 lbs.

17 choice Herf str & hfrs, 600-650 lbs.

14 blk Simm str & hfrs, 525-775 lbs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 SELLING AT 11:30 AM

Krouse Brothers of Westmoreland, KS will be selling 135 Choice reputation homeraised (OCV) cows (7 yrs. & older). All cows sired by Good Farms Angus bulls and cows bred back to Good Farms Angus bulls to start calving Feb. 20th. This is a good set of foundation Angus cows.

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

There was no shortage of excitement as we started 2008. Crude oil briefly went over \$100/bbl, gold got within a dime of the all time high, the July soybeans traded in the teens Thursday night, and the March Chicago wheat had two consecutive limit higher closes. It looks like the bull market in commodities is alive and well.

Friday is the January Supply and Demand report. It is called the "Final" report because it is supposed to be USDA's final estimate of 2007 production, but the reality is that it is only final until they need to make changes. This time around I don't expect to see changes to corn, wheat or soybean production. We did have a bullish surprise in the corn last year, so you can't completely rule out the possibility, but major changes are unlikely. There is, however, the potential for changes on the demand side of the equation. Increases in the corn, wheat, and soybean export estimate are all possible. It isn't likely because adjustments were made last month, but since export sales are still very strong, an increase in the export estimates is possible. The change to watch for is corn feed usage. Due to the way that USDA handles new crop production that occurs before the beginning of the new crop year, USDA may be understating feed usage. It will be interesting to see if there is a bullish surprise there.

We will also get the winter wheat seedings report on Friday. Everyone expects an increase in acres, and I am sure we will get one. I haven't seen the average

trade guess yet, but I assume traders are expecting a significant increase. This report has the potential to be a market mover if the acreage estimate isn't close to expectations.

The corn market had another great week. The March contract gained 141/2 and the December picked up 13 3/4. In some areas of SW Kansas we are very close to being able to forward price \$5.00 corn at the elevator.

The \$4.70 area is acting as resistance in the March corn and with technical indicators being overbought we could see a correction at any time. However with a potentially bullish crop report next Friday and the threat of Index fund money coming into the corn market it is unlikely that we see a change in trend now. Set

backs are buying opportunities and a close above \$4.73 in the March corn will be very bullish.

Export sales were lower than expected at 700,700 MT, but this is still more than we need to see each week to meet the USDA estimate. In other words, even during the Christmas holiday we still sold too much corn. I don't see a reason for lower prices until the export pace slows down and even if it does slow down we may be in for a repeat of last year's trading pattern where the market peaked out about the same time the insurance planting price was established.

The wheat market made solid gains last week. The March KW picked up 311/2 cents and the July nearly made a new contract high

while gaining 31 cents.

Export sales were below expectations at 118,700 MT, but this is the level of sales we need to see to avoid a shortage of wheat this spring. We really can't stand to see sales consistently over 120,000 MT. The fact that sales were still adequate through the Christmas holiday leads me to believe that we still haven't rationed enough demand. I think that we will at least see another test of the contract highs in the old crop wheat and there is a very good chance that we move higher than that. Much bigger than expected new crop acres may put a damper on things in the short run, but long term we will have to see the old crop wheat move higher as long as we keep seeing these large export sales.

What can you say about the soybeans other than don't underestimate the upside potential of this market. The January soybeans gained another 411/2 cents last week and the July contract traded in the teens.

Export sales were poor last week and that is a concern because we need to see the sales pace maintained. Each addition or subtraction from the current ending stocks estimate means that the soybeans will need more or fewer acres this spring. It is interesting to note that with the recent strength in the corn, it is questionable whether or not the beans are getting any acres bought. With a new crop soybean to corn price ratio of 2.4:1 it is not a guarantee that the soybeans are going to get the needed acres. I think that the trend is going to stay up in the soybeans until the acreage question gets answered.

Perhaps this week the February live cattle futures will respond to the higher cash trade. They sure didn't last week. The trend is still down in the February LC, but the charts look better each month you go out in the future. That makes me optimistic for the future.

The trend in the feeder cattle is still down and I think that the live cattle -

feeder cattle spreads are going to keep working for a while. We could see a great deal of strength in the corn in the next month and if the live cattle don't get moving the feeder cattle are going to really suffer.

For information on the markets or our marketing service you can contact Bret Crotts at 888-437-9131 or bret@swbell.net.

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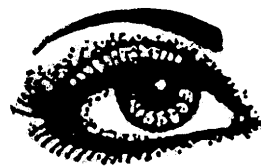
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Informational meetings slated in three Kansas locations in January to discuss carbon credits

Kansas Farm Bureau and AgraGate Climate Credits Corp. will host a series of informational meetings on carbon credits for farm operators and landowners in the state.

Chad Martin, cropland soils aggregation specialist with AgraGate, and Steve Swaffar, Director of Natural Resources with Kansas Farm Bureau will present the sessions January 16 in Holton, Topeka and Lawrence.

"The emerging carbon credits market is a new revenue opportunity for farm operators," Martin says. "Farmers with no-tillage or strip-tillage practices or those with new grass plantings since 1999, are eligible to participate. There also are programs for forestry and riparian buffer strips and agricultural methane. This meet-

ing is open to any farm operator or landowner who is interested in learning more about this new market."

Kansas Farm Bureau is the newest contract facilitator for AgraGate and is enrolling producers in the program beginning this month. KFB will conduct additional meetings in February and March throughout Kansas.

"This is a win-win and we are excited about this opportunity for our members to become involved," Swaffar says. "It will enhance soil quality by capturing and storing carbon and at the same time put money in their pockets."

The meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

Wednesday January 16 — Holton: 10 a.m. at the Jackson County Fair-

grounds Building, Upstairs Room, 5th & Dakota Street.

Wednesday January 16 — Lawrence: 2 p.m. at Building 21 North, Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper Street. Co-sponsored by Douglas County KSU Research & Extension.

Wednesday January 16 — Topeka: 7 p.m. at the Shawnee County Farm Bureau office, 3801 SW Wanamaker Road.

Additional information on the meetings is avail-

able from Kansas Farm Bureau at (785) 234-4535, swaffars@kfb.org or AgraGate (toll-free) at 866-633-6758 or by visiting www.agragate.com.

AgraGate, a subsidiary of the Iowa Farm Bureau, is the leading aggregator of carbon credits from agriculture. On behalf of farmers, ranchers and private forest owners, the company has marketed carbon credits from more than 1.5 million acres in 24 states on the Chicago Climate Exchange.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 — 10:00 AM
4-H Building, Marion Co. Fairgrounds.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 — 10:00 AM

At the Green Café, GREEN, KANSAS.

These farms are located generally 4 1/2 miles north and 1 1/4 miles east of Green, Kansas. 26th Road (County Road 376) borders the northwest part of Tract 2 and the north side of Tract 1.

TRACT 1

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 SW 1/4 27-6-4, Goshen Township, Clay County, Kansas. 80 acres, more or less, with 35 acres cropland, 1/2 bottom land & 1/2 upland, 35 acres good native grass, with the rest of the farm being creek and wildlife habitat. West Fancy Creek runs through the east end of the farm, and provides some excellent wildlife habitat. All the cropland is in wheat. At the old farmstead site there is a very good 40x54 round top steel building with a concrete floor, built in 1970.

This farm is a nice mix of creek and upland cropland, good native grass, and some excellent wildlife habitat, with the steel building as a bonus.

The 2007 taxes are \$422.52. The estimated FSA bases and yields are 18 acres wheat, 32 bushels; 11 acres milo, 58 bushels; and 1 acre oats, 16 bushels.

TRACT 2

North 42.5 acres of the W 1/2 NW 1/4 34-6-4, Goshen Township, Clay County, Kansas. All native and brome pasture, with some wildlife habitat. Three fields, about 15 acres, were farmed years ago and are now in grass. This place has mostly good native grass with areas of good wildlife habitat.

The 2007 taxes are \$102.06. The estimated FSA bases and yields are 8 acres wheat, 32 bushels; and 5 acres milo, 58 bushels.

TERMS ON BOTH FARMS: Ten (10) percent down, the balance due in 30 days. Possession will be given at closing on all the land except the cropland; after the 2008 wheat harvest on the cropland. The Buyer of Tract 1 will receive the cash rent on the wheat ground.

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Community-supported ag and high tunnels the focus at High Plains Vegetable Grower Workshops

Two day-long workshops Jan. 10 will precede the 2008 Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference Jan. 11-12 in St. Joseph, Mo.

One pre-conference offering will be a new short course on community-supported agriculture (CSA) — a subscription-based approach to marketing produce. The other will be an update on managing high tunnels, which conference organizers are calling “essential equipment for the market farmer.”

Both workshops will open with an 8 a.m. registration in the Ramada Inn and end at 4 p.m.

Leading the CSA school will be producers who have succeeded in organizing and maintaining the approach. CSA requires a “community” of member-buyers to buy a share of a market farm’s annual production before the growing season even begins.

“We hope to help people learn how to avoid the organizational pitfalls that can plague a CSA grower. We’ll also be covering everything from getting started to handling harvested produce. The course should be useful for growers who’d like to improve an existing CSA setup, as well as those considering the idea,” said Rebecca Graff, who with Tom Ruggieri manages Fair Share Farm in northwest Missouri.

In addition to Graff and Ruggieri, the workshop’s leaders will include Elizabeth Henderson of Peace-work Farm in western New York State. Henderson has been in the CSA business 15 years and is coauthor of the recently revised and expanded CSA classic for consumers: “Sharing the Harvest.”

Rounding out the leader team will be Chris Blanchard of Rock Spring Farm in northern Iowa.

Each CSA workshop participant will receive a 40-page training manual and a

CD of crop planning guides. During the workshop, participants also will get direct training on such subjects as:

1) deciding whether a CSA is right for you; 2) understanding why some CSAs work and others don’t; 3) considering a cooperative of growers; 4) deciding what and when to plant; 5) defining a member share; 6) developing a budget and prices; 7) finding members and establishing a core group; 8) selecting among distribution options; 9) using the Internet; 10) dealing with legalities; and 11) managing labor.

The high tunnel workshop’s lead speaker will be Alex Hitt, co-owner of Peregrine Farm near Chapel Hill, N.C. Hitt and his wife, Betsy, won the Southern Region’s 2006 Patrick Madden Award for Sustainable Agriculture. During a National Public Radio piece about the award, NPR reported:

“The farm — which has had up to five acres in production during its 25-year history — now grows 160 varieties of flowers and 80 kinds of vegetables on just

three-and-a-half acres. It’s a prime example of how a small, environmentally sound farm can work — and be profitable. (Alex Hitt says) ‘When we refine what we do and ... get smaller, we actually make more money.’”

The Hitts have been erecting 16 x 48-foot high tunnels — sometimes on rails — since 1997. They started the endeavor to reduce outbreaks of foliar tomato diseases, but soon found the tunnels also could expand the flower varieties Betsy grows. Each tunnel has been bringing in about \$1,000 per crop.

The registration fee — which includes materials, refreshments and a meal — is \$60 for the CSA short course and \$50 for the high tunnel workshop.

More information about either one or the Great Plains Vegetable Conference itself is available by contacting K-State Research and Extension’s Ted Carey at (913) 854-2335, Ext. 120 (e-mail: tcarey@ksu.edu) or Christy Dipman at (785) 532-6173 cdipman@ksu.edu).

Workshop on prescribed burning planned for Hillsboro

It is well documented that prescribed burning is a very effective rangeland management tool. It maybe the most efficient method we have to control invasive brush and weeds, while we also improve wildlife habitat, grazing distribution, and increase livestock gains.

The Marion Co. Extension Council along with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and Marion County Conservation District will host a Prescribed Burning Workshop on January 23 at the Marion County Fairgrounds inside the 4-H building.

The school will be presented by Walt Fick, a Range and Pasture Management specialist with Kansas State University. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the workshop will conclude by 3 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge to cover meal and course materials.

Please RSVP by Jan.18

by calling the Marion County Extension Office at (620) 382 2325 or roberts@ksu.edu.

Topics that will be addressed include why and when to burn, how to plan a burn, weather and fire and also safety and fire control. Also there will equipment on display that is used in prescribed burns.

If you manage range-land, pastures, or CRP but don’t use prescribed burning, this workshop is a must. If you already use burning as a management tool this will be a great opportunity to learn alternative burning techniques and how to better apply fire to reach your management goals.

LAND AUCTION

160 acres Charleston Township, Washington County, Kansas land

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 — 10:00 AM

At Mayberry’s Restaurant, WASHINGTON, KANSAS

This farm is located 3 miles west, 1/2 mile south, 1 mile west and 1 mile south of the west edge of Hanover, at the intersection of 21st and Victory Roads. This is the northwest corner of the farm.

The NW 1/4 23-2-4, Charleston Township, Washington County, Kansas.

160 acres, more or less, with 129 acres cropland which is nearly all gently sloping Crete soils in 3 fields. The rest of the farm consists of hay meadow, waterways, an old farmstead and the former railroad right of way. There are 2 ponds. The non cropland area has a considerable amount of brush and trees that provide excellent wildlife habitat There are 43 acres planted to wheat. The rest of the farm is open for spring crops. This farm is well located, with a high percentage of excellent upland cropland, together with some very good wildlife habitat.

The FSA bases and yields are 41.5 acres wheat, 34 bushels; 64.1 milo, 64 bushels; and 16.6 acres soybeans, 16 bushels. The 2007 taxes were \$1,202.83.

TERMS: Ten (10) percent down, the balance due on March 1, 2008. Possession will be given at closing on all the land except the wheat ground. Possession on the wheat ground will be after the 2008 wheat harvest, with the buyer receiving the cash rent.

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phones and answering machine; Genie diaper pail; kitchenware and cutlery; portable vacuum; kitchen appliances; air purifier; pots; pans; 8 place setting Christmas dishes; books; what-knots; blankets; bedding; hampers; drapes; lamps; luggage; VCR; back massager; fax machine; videos; vacuum; Sessions mantel clock; 30 pcs. Carnival glass; cups and saucers; Fenton; crystal; sterling shakers; Depression glass; lots of Russian hat pins; Hallmark book; head vase; doll stands; Vintage pens; mugs; binoculars; Germany pieces; Pfaltzgroff; Pyrex; Gone with the Wind lamp, small; plaques; Schlitz beer sign; sad iron; paper umbrellas; cocktail blender; lots collectible bowls and dishes; wood butter mold;

aluminum ware; Thomas Kin-cade cup and saucer; Lefton; crystal; Terry Redlin mug with deer; cast iron pieces; Haeger and other vases; Barbie and other dolls; Christmas items; old toys; Frankoma; pressure cooker; meat grinder; watches; letter openers; bolo ties; wood bowls; Noritake; creamers and sugars; records; magazines; collector plates; candle holders; Disney glasses; post-cards; feather pictures; Tootsie toys; many pictures; Oriental items; Lenox bell; Homer Laughlin; silverplate; Indian items; candy dishes and com-potes; figurines; Espresso machine; decanters; baseball cards; carvings; Ruby Red; 53 thimbles and display cases; bar ware; many, many more items.

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Researchers say it's too soon for conclusions on feeding ethanol byproduct to cattle

Scientists at Kansas State University who are studying the effect of feeding distiller's grains to beef cattle said that more research is needed before cattle feeders and the public should reach definitive conclusions.

In three separate studies conducted over the last two years, T.G. Nagaraja, a professor of microbiology in K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, and Jim Drouillard, K-State professor of animal sciences and industry, found that feeding beef cattle a diet that included 25 percent distiller's grains (DGs) increased the prevalence (number of cattle positive) of E. coli 0157 in those animals' manure.

"In cattle, our previous research has shown that the

hind gut -- which consists of the cecum, colon, and rectum -- is the site of persistence of E. coli 0157," Nagaraja said. "Cattle feed passes through the rumen before it reaches the hind gut.

"We can't yet make any recommendations to the cattle industry with regard to our findings."

"We'll need to look at the entire body of evidence before we can make any recommendations," Drouillard said, noting that other universities also are studying this issue and that the research is far from finished.

Distiller's grains are a byproduct of the ethanol production process. A surge in ethanol production in recent years has led to in-

creased availability of wet and dry distiller's grains, which have become a common ingredient in livestock and poultry rations.

"It's important for people to know that not all cattle have E. coli 0157," Nagaraja said. "In fact, usually a relatively small percentage of cattle carry detectable levels of this organism in their manure."

"It's also important for people to know that distiller's grains do not contain E. coli," Drouillard said.

In the first of the three K-State studies, wet distiller's grain was fed to the test group of cattle. In the second and third studies, dry distiller's grains were fed. In all

three studies, the cattle fed DGs all had increased prevalence of E. coli 0157.

Numerous questions remain to be answered in future studies, including the effect lesser amounts of DGs would have on E. coli in cattle rations.

"Is there a component in the product (DGs) that sets up the growth of E. coli 0157?" Nagaraja said. "That's something else that needs to be determined."

The researchers said that there is no evidence to suggest that a recent increase in the number of meat recalls related to E. coli 0157 has any connection to the practice of feeding distiller's grains.

Cattle session on tap for Ottawa County on Jan. 15

A cattle program will be held January 15, 5 pm at the VFW Hall in Minneapolis.

K.C. Olson, KSU associate professor, cow/calf nutrition, will discuss winter grazing for cows. Larry Hollis, KSU Research and Extension beef production medicine, will talk about a replacement heifer health program and scours management. Mark Spire, technical services manager for Schering-Plough Animal Health, will discuss how to control inflammation when using vaccines and other injectables.

Reservations for the meal can be made by calling the Minneapolis Extension office (785) 392-2147 or the Salina Extension office (785) 309-5850 by

noon January 11. There is a charge for the meal.

The meeting is sponsored by the Central Kansas Extension District, Ada Grain, Bank of Tescott, Bennington State Bank, Delphos Coop, Mid Kansas Coop, Farm Credit Services of Salina, State Bank of Delphos, Ottawa County Bank, and Schering-Plough Animal Health.



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K-State, other universities working on vaccine to combat E. Coli

Kansas State University researchers are evaluating a vaccine that, if successful, could help manage E. coli 0157 in cattle, said T.G. Nagaraja, a microbiologist in K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Scientists at other universities also are working on vaccine possibilities, he said.

"We've seen some promising results," said Nagaraja, who added that researchers are optimistic that the scientific community will be able to develop pre-harvest intervention strategies to manage E. coli 0157.

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1755 w/ 1855 diesel motor, 4531 hrs; 1976 IHC 1066, new tires, new overhaul, open station; White American #80, cab and air, 5800 hrs, 2wd; Great Bend 440 loader; 10 Sets rear wheel weights, fits White; MM and Adco tractors.

FIELD & TILLAGE

Unverferth 4500 grain cart 20.8/38 radial tires, used one season; Unverferth 335 Gravity wagon, dual compartment w/16' Unverferth hyd auger; Parker 230 Bu Gravity wagon w/16'; Unverferth Brush hyd auger; White 226 24' Field Cultivator; 3 pt BestWay 300 Sprayer w/ 50' hyd folding booms, RHS foam marker, good condition; 300 Gal. Pull type sprayer; John Deere 8300 Grain drill; JD 3800 Silage chopper; JD Chuck wagon; AC 18' Disc, w/ wings.

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2005 Featherlite 24'x6'8" steel stock Trailer, 2 center gates w/slides; 14' Flat bed bumper hitch trailer, single axle w/drop tail gate; 2005 Bush Hog 2315 Brush Cutter; Gehl Model 65 Grinder-Mixer.

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 Lincolnvill, bwf 1435@39.75
 Hillsboro, blk 1830@39.75

Butcher bulls weighing 1535-2040 were selling \$47.00-\$67.00 per cwt.

Sows weighing 410-650 were selling \$18.00-\$24.00 per cwt.

HEIFERS

Hope, 8 blk 610@93.25
 Potwin, 7 blk 619@92.75
 Dwight, 32 blk 759@92.00
 Hope, 6 mix 645@91.50
 Potwin, 21 blk 572@90.00
 Herington, 8 blk 733@90.00
 White City, 7 mix 784@90.00
 Chapman, 5 blk 565@85.00

COWS

Scandia, blk 1045@70.00
 Hillsboro, blk 1125@63.00
 Hillsboro, blk 1180@51.50
 Lincolnvill, blk 1525@45.25
 White City, bwf 1265@45.00
 Hillsboro, blk 1350@45.00
 Lincolnvill, blk 1180@44.00
 Lincolnvill, red 1360@43.00
 Hillsboro, blk 1465@43.00
 White City, white 1570@41.75
 Hillsboro, blk 1580@41.25
 Lincolnvill, red 1605@41.25
 Lincolnvill, bwf 1485@41.00
 Lincolnvill, red 1765@40.75
 Durham, blk 1105@40.50
 Lincolnvill, blk 1820@40.50

STEERS

Potwin, 8 blk 459@119.00
 Herington, 129 blk 850@100.00
 Potwin, 22 blk 593@99.00
 Potwin, 19 blk 665@98.25
 Hillsboro, 3 blk 772@97.50
 Hope, 13 blk 678@97.00
 Burdick, 84 mix 867@96.75
 White City, 9 mix 774@95.75
 Herington, 4 blk 913@94.25
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40 blk steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs.
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Re-evaluate traditional post-weaning heifer development

Traditional approaches to postweaning development of replacement heifers during the last several decades have primarily focused on feeding heifers to achieve or exceed a target weight to maximize pregnancy rates. But changes in cattle genetics, economics and research may suggest it's time to re-evaluate those traditional approaches.

"Intensive heifer development systems may maximize pregnancy rates, but not necessarily optimize profit or sustainability," Rick Funston of the University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center at North Platte told attendees of the 2007 Range Beef Cow Symposium Wednesday, Dec. 12. The cooperative extension services and animal science departments of Colorado State University, South Dakota State University, the University of Wyoming and the University of Nebraska hosted the symposium Dec. 11-13 at the Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex near Fort Collins. "Developing heifers in this manner requires significant use of fuel and feed, and high capital investment in equipment and facilities," Funston continued. "The fuel requirement to harvest and deliver feed to cattle creates high energy demands in the system. Cereal grains used in heifer diets detract from the system's sustainability due to growing demand for human food and ethanol production."

Studies in numerous species provide evidence that diet during development can partially control physiological changes necessary for puberty. Energy balance and other nutritional factors influence reproductive performance in heifers and cows. In addition, previous research indicated that rate of postweaning growth was thought to be an important factor affecting age of puberty, which in turn influenced pregnancy rates.

The universal thought process has been that "puberty occurs at a genetically predetermined size. Only when heifers reach their target weight can high pregnancy rates be obtained," he said. "Replacement heifers have been fed to achieve 60% to 65% of expected mature body weight by the time breeding started in order to reach puberty." Fast-forward three decades, and more contemporary research has shown the pattern of growth heifers experience prior to achieving critical target weight could be varied. In fact, heifers may be developed to lighter-than-traditional target weights without any negative effects on profitability or future productivity.

"Numerous studies have been performed to determine how energy inputs affect heifer development program success," he said. "Limited research has been performed to determine whether inherent differences in development systems affect reproductive efficiency or future productiv-

ity of heifers ... And some studies provide evidence that heifer development systems can influence reproductive performance, but do not provide evidence of effects independent of energy intake and/or growth rate."

Funston says producers can decrease feed costs by altering rate and timing of gain, which creates periods of compensatory growth and allows producers to limit supplementation to critical periods. Total energy intake, and possibly costs, may be reduced by limiting heifer gain early postweaning followed by accelerated gains before breeding season.

"Ongoing research evaluating lifetime productivity of heifers developed with either unlimited or restricted access to feed during postweaning supports the potential to reduce target weights when developing replacement heifers," he said. "Age at the beginning of the breeding season may be more critical for a successful pregnancy than body weight."

LAND AUCTION

120 acres Franklin Township, Washington County, Kansas Land
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 — 10:00 AM

At Mayberry's Restaurant, in WASHINGTON, KANSAS

This farm is located 1 mile west and 2 miles south of Hollenberg, Kansas, on the east side of Sunflower Road.

The SW 1/4 SW 1/4 20 & the W 1/2 NW 1/4 29-1-4, Franklin Township, Washington County, Kansas.

120 acres, more or less, with 54 acres cropland in 3 fields, and 36 acres good native grass pasture on the south end. The rest of the farm is creek, timber and wildlife habitat, and old farmstead. The cropland is about 1/2 bottomland and 1/2 upland. Joy Creek runs through the north end of the place. The cropland is all open for spring crops. This farm is a nice mix of productive cropland, good native grass, and some excellent creek and upland wildlife habitat.

The FSA bases and yields are 12 acres wheat, 31 bushels; and 22 acres milo, 64 bushels. The 2007 taxes were \$722.32.

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Calving schools coming

Cattle producers know the investment of time, money and physical work that goes into achieving a high percent calf crop, and to help them hone their skills, K-State Research and Extension will host several calving schools just ahead of the calving season.

"Timely, correct obstetrical assistance has been estimated to reduce calf death losses by over 50 percent," said K-State Research and Extension northwest area livestock specialist Sandy Johnson.

At each calving school, featured speaker Bob Mortimer, who is a veterinarian with Colorado State University, will demonstrate proper ways to assist with various calving difficulties, said Johnson, who coordi-

nated the sessions. Mortimer has trained veterinary students in obstetrics in the process of calving 3,000 or more heifers per year for more than 20 years.

Also on the program will be Pfizer Animal Health veterinarian Dale Grotelueschen, who will speak about management methods to improve calf health.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations to the hosting county office are requested by Jan. 11 to ensure enough workshop materials and food for meals.

Times and locations of

the calving schools include:

Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building, St. Francis (785) 332-3171.

Jan. 15, 9:30 a.m., Phillips County Fairgrounds, Phillipsburg (785) 543-6845.

Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m., Jackson Co Fair Building, Holton (785) 364-4125.

Jan. 16, 10 a.m., Community Education Conference Center, Cloud County Community College, Concordia (785) 243-8185.

Those interested in attending should register by calling the telephone number at the location at which they plan to attend.

Kansas Graziers' Association 9th ANNUAL WINTER GRAZING CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008 8:30 A.M.-4:00 PM
Assaria Lutheran Church, 124 W. First Street
Assaria, KS

- * Gary Kilgore, KSU professor emeritus, will speak and answer questions on how to select the right mix of forages and manage those forages to maximize profits.
- * Brad Windholz will talk about stockpiling forages for winter grazing on his farm near Marquette.
- * Producer panel on experiences with low stress animal handling
- * Educational displays.

For more information, please contact Mary Howell, 785-363-7377 or marshallcofair@networksplus.net. To help us plan for lunch, please register with Mary by Saturday, Jan. 12. The conference registration and lunch costs \$25 per person.

This conference is organized by the Kansas Graziers Association. This conference receives support from the Kansas Rural Center and the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD: Faberware convention oven, like new; Toastmaster, B&D and DeLaght toaster ovens, all like new; Faberware electric pastry toaster; Cuisinart electric toaster; GE integrated digital stereo system with AM/FM radio, dual cassette, CD player and 2 speakers; Presto Mini Max processor; Hamilton Beach drink mixer; George Foreman Lean Mean Machine; Presto Minnie griddle; lots of pictures; lots of yarn and crochet thread and several boxes of sewing notions; lots of cassette and CD's; lots of 45 records; lots of Avon perfume bottles; large assortment of Christmas decorations; 31 scrapbooks with greeting cards; lots of women's gloves; lots of office supplies;

good assortment of cookbooks; several hard back books; work basket magazines in binders; wood TV tray set; Durham round card table and 4 chairs; Corningware electric hot plates; 13 pcs. of Corningware; 11 pcs. of Vision cookware, large roaster, skillets, sauce pans and more; 16 place Fry set of milk glass dishes with platter; 8 place setting Corneille dishes with 2 platters and butter dish; Universal Cambridge sewing pieces; Mal Mac set of dishes; Taylor, Smith & Taylor roaster dishes; molds and measuring cups in copper; bar set in presentation box; numerous butcher knives; numerous kitchen-ware; 3 roasters; touch lamps and numerous other items.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 — 6:00 PM

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Model	Hours	Was	Now Loc.
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2004 Case IH MX285 MFD	1078	\$112,000.00	\$104,500.00 MA
2004 Case IH MX270 MFD	SOLD	\$79,500.00	\$76,500.00 MA
2000 Case IH MX200 MFD	SOLD	\$78,500.00	\$76,500.00 MA
2005 Case IH MX210 MFD	SOLD	\$79,500.00	\$76,500.00 WA
2005 Case IH MX210 MFD	901	\$99,500.00	\$96,500.00 WA
1998 Case IH MX120 MFD		\$57,500.00	\$54,500.00 MA
1997 Case IH 8920 MFD	4069	\$58,000.00	\$55,500.00 MA
1988 Case IH 7110 2wd w/ldr	SOLD	\$47,500.00	\$43,500.00 MA
1994 Case IH 7210 2wd	SOLD	\$51,500.00	\$47,500.00 MA
1988 Case IH 7110 2wd	7533	\$34,500.00	\$32,500.00 MA
1994 Case IH 7240 2wd	SOLD	\$45,000.00	\$42,500.00 WA
1992 Case IH 7130 MFD	5924	\$48,500.00	\$46,500.00 MA

Case IH Maxxum			
2004 Case IH MXU110 MFD w/ldr2037		\$55,500.00	\$51,500.00 MA
2000 Case IH MX110 2wd	SOLD	\$36,500.00	\$31,800.00 WA
2001 Case IH MX110 MFD w/ldr4225		\$51,500.00	\$48,500.00 MA
1998 Case IH MX150 MFD w/ldr3450		\$64,500.00	\$61,500.00 MA
1997 Case IH MX135 2wd	1754	\$49,500.00	\$46,500.00 MA
2004 Case IH MXU135MFD	2020	\$57,500.00	\$54,450.00 CC
2004 Case IH MXU135 MFD w/ldr2346		\$66,500.00	\$63,500.00 MA
2005 Case IH MXU125 MFD w/ldr1100		\$69,500.00	\$67,500.00 CC
2003 Case IH MXM120 MFD w/ldr998		\$56,500.00	\$54,500.00 MA
1997 Case IH 5220 MFD w/ldr 3590		\$29,500.00	\$27,000.00 WA

(no cab)			
1997 Case IH 5230 MFD w/ldr	4985	\$42,500.00	\$39,500.00 MA
1993 Case IH 5240 2wd	3353	\$39,500.00	\$36,500.00 WA
1993 Case IH 5240 MFD w/ldr	SOLD	\$38,500.00	\$36,500.00 CC

Case IH 4WD			
1997 Case IH 9350 4WD	2220	\$86,500.00	\$80,000.00 WA
2002 Case IH STX325 4WD	1458	\$115,000.00	\$110,000.00 WA

IH, Case & Case IH			
1984 Case IH 2294 2wd	7591	\$21,500.00	\$18,500.00 MA
1981 IH 5288 2wd	6119	\$24,500.00	\$21,500.00 MA
1982 IH 5288 2wd		\$19,500.00	\$16,500.00 CC
1981 IH 5088 2wd	7133	\$23,000.00	\$19,500.00 WA
1981 IH 1086 2wd	9000	\$13,500.00	\$11,500.00 MA
1979 IH 1486 2wd		\$13,500.00	\$11,000.00 WA
1976 IH 1486 2wd	7807	\$14,950.00	\$11,950.00 CC
IH 560 Diesel 2wd w/ldr		\$6,000.00	\$5,250.00 MA
1982 IH 5288 2wd w/dozer	7588	\$22,500.00	\$18,500.00 MA
1976 IH 886 2wd	3045	\$19,500.00	\$17,500.00 MA
1976 Case 1070 2wd	4460	\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00 MA
2005 Case IH JX1100U MFD w/ldr213		\$50,500.00	\$47,500.00 MA
1989 Case IH 685 2WD	3825	\$14,850.00	\$12,850.00 MA
1986 Case IH 3394 MFD	3909	\$35,500.00	\$31,500.00 MA

Other Brands			
1993 JD 4960 MFD	SOLD	\$64,500.00	\$61,500.00 MA
1970 JD 4020 2wd diesel	SOLD	\$14,500.00	\$12,850.00 MA
1991 JD 4455 2wd	7923	\$38,500.00	\$35,500.00 WA
2001 JD 4300 MFD w/ldr	1966	\$15,200.00	\$14,250.00 WA
1979 JD 4440 2wd	SOLD	\$20,500.00	\$18,750.00 WA
AC 8050 MFD	8000	\$23,500.00	\$20,500.00 MA
1988 White 160 2wd	4660	\$22,000.00	\$19,500.00 WA
2001 Same Rubin 150 MFD	1600	\$39,000.00	\$34,500.00 WA
1977 White 2-155 2wd	7451	\$10,900.00	\$8,950.00 CC

PLOWS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
IH 6500 9 shank consertill		\$4,850.00	\$4,250.00 MA
IH 730 4 bottom vari-width		\$4,500.00	\$3,350.00 MA
Landoll 2215 5-30 WPI		\$12,500.00	\$9,500.00 MA
1994 Landoll 2227 9-24 WPII		\$19,800.00	\$15,800.00 MA
Landoll 2225 5-30 WPII		\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00 WA
2002 Landoll 1557 7 shank ripper		\$11,500.00	\$9,500.00 CC
2001 Landoll 1200 11 shank		\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00 MA
Sunflower 4301-14 7 shank		\$4,650.00	\$3,650.00 MA
2002 Krause TL-3000 disc-ripper		\$18,950.00	\$14,950.00 WA

DRILLS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
1997 Case IH 5300 13' drill w/ dry		\$6,500.00	\$4,000.00 CC
Case IH 5500 30' drill w/liquid		\$8,500.00	\$7,500.00 MA
2002 Case IH 5500 30'		\$36,500.00	\$37,500.00 WA
Case IH 5400 15' Soybean Special		\$16,500.00	\$12,500.00 MA
Case IH 5100 13' plain drill		\$2,950.00	\$2,500.00 WA
1981 GP 35F30 30' plain		\$7,500.00	\$4,750.00 MA
GP 1500 15' no-till w/cart		\$23,500.00	\$21,500.00 MA
Great Plains CPH1500 15' no-till		\$17,500.00	\$14,500.00 WA
1998 JD 455 30' plain drill		\$19,950.00	\$17,500.00 WA

PLANTERS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 900 8RN w/ liquid		\$11,500.00	\$8,500.00 MA
1993 Case IH 900 8RN w/liq		\$10,500.00	\$7,650.00 WA
1993 Case IH 900 12RN RHF w/liq		\$23,500.00	\$20,000.00 MA
Case IH 950 12RN FF		\$23,500.00	\$21,500.00 MA
Case IH 900 6RN w/liquid		\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00 WA
1992 Case IH 900 12RN RHF	SOLD	\$16,500.00	\$14,500.00
2003 Case IH 1200 12RN		\$59,500.00	\$51,500.00 WA
Case IH 955 12/23RN FF w/dry		\$38,500.00	\$33,500.00 MA
1996 Case IH 950 12RN mtd.		\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00 MA
Case IH 955 12RN mounted	SOLD	\$16,000.00	\$12,800.00 WA
IH 800 8RN semi-mtd		\$9,500.00	\$4,500.00 MA
Case IH 900 6RN w/liquid		\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00 MA
IH 800 6RN w/dry		\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00 MA
Case IH 900 6RN w/dry		\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00 MA
IH 800 16RN RHF		\$14,500.00	\$12,500.00 MA
JD 7200 6RN w/dry		\$10,000.00	\$8,500.00 CC
2001 Kinze 3600 16/31 w/liquid	SOLD	\$56,500.00	\$54,500.00 MA
1998 Kinze 2600 16RN w/liquid		\$42,500.00	\$38,500.00 MA

2000 Kinze 3500 8RN w/liquid	\$28,500.00	\$25,500.00	MA
1996 White 6300 12/13 w/liquid	\$27,850.00	\$22,850.00	WA

TILLAGE			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 3950 33' disc		\$19,000.00	\$17,500.00 CC
Case IH 496 22.5' disc 7.5" spacing		\$9,650.00	\$8,500.00 MA
Case IH 596 227" disc		\$23,800.00	\$21,500.00 MA
Case IH 3900 26'6" disc		\$13,500.00	\$12,500.00 WA
Krause 4918 24' disc		\$8,950.00	\$6,650.00 MA
Krause 2420 22'11" disc		\$11,500.00	\$9,500.00 MA
1998 Krause 4494W 34' disc		\$19,500.00	\$17,500.00 WA
Krause 1904 21' disc		\$4,500.00	\$2,800.00 WA
Krause 4900 25' disc		\$5,800.00	\$4,800.00 WA
JD 235 24' disc		\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00 MA
Miller Series VI 24.5' disc		\$3,800.00	\$3,000.00 CC

CULTIVATORS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 4300 35' FC		\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00 CC
Case IH 4800 30' FC		\$5,950.00	\$4,500.00 CC
Krause 4236 39' FC		\$9,500.00	\$7,500.00 CC
Krause 4231 30' FC		\$9,500.00	\$7,500.00 WA
Wil-Rich 2500 26.3' FC		\$6,950.00	\$4,800.00 MA
1995 Baker 40' FC		\$14,500.00	\$10,500.00 MA

HAY HARVESTING			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Windrowers/Swathers			
1997 Case IH 8370 14' swather	SOLD	\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00 MA
2000 Case IH 8880 16' windrower 1010 (disc cutter)		\$52,500.00	\$49,000.00 CC
1997 NH 1470 14' swather		\$10,500.00	\$9,000.00 MA
2004 NH 1475 14' swather		\$17,500.00	\$15,500.00 WA
1983 Gehl 2262 14' swather		\$8,500.00	\$7,000.00 MA
1990 Hesston 1160 14' swather		\$7,850.00	\$6,850.00 MA
1990 Gehl 2270 14' swather		\$8,500.00	\$7,000.00 MA
1992 JD 1600 14' mo-co		\$4,500.00	\$3,250.00 WA
Hesston 1345 12' swather		\$18,700.00	\$16,400.00 CC
1996 Gehl 2275 14' swather		\$9,500.00	\$8,000.00 MA

Balers			
2000 Case IH RS551 rd. baler		\$6,850.00	\$5,750.00 WA
2005 Case IH RBX562 rd. baler		\$24,500.00	\$22,500.00 CC
2005 Case IH RBX562 rd. baler		\$23,500.00	\$21,500.00 WA
1990 Case IH 8460 rd. baler		\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00 WA
2000 Case IH RS551 rd. baler		\$9,250.00	\$8,000.00 WA
1994 Case IH 8465 rd. baler		\$15,800.00	\$13,500.00 WA
1997 Case IH 8465A rd. baler		\$7,250.00	\$6,200.00 WA
1996 Case IH 8465 rd. baler	SOLD	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00 WA
1991 Case IH 8480 rd. baler		\$7,500.00	\$5,500.00 CC
1996 Case IH 8480 rd. baler		\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00 MA
IH 1100 9' sickle mower		\$2,000.00	\$1,650.00 MA
2001 Gehl RB2880 rd. baler		\$16,500.00	\$10,000.00 MA
2004 Hesston 956 rd. baler	SOLD	\$15,800.00	\$13,000.00 MA
2001 Hesston 856A rd. baler		\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00 WA
1981 Hesston 5800 rd. baler		\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00 WA
1992 NH 660 rd. baler		\$12,500.00	\$11,000.00 MA
1998 NH 595 big square baler		\$36,700.00	\$32,000.00 WA
NH 688 rd. baler		\$17,500.00	\$15,500.00 CC
2006 NH BR780 rd. baler		\$19,500.00	\$17,500.00 WA
1994 Vermeer 605K rd. baler		\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00 MA
1983 Vermeer 605 Super F rd. baler		\$3,750.00	\$2,500.00 MA

Hay Rakes			
2005 Gehl 600 12 wheel rake		\$8,800.00	\$7,800.00 WA
JD 700 twin basket rake		\$6,500.00	\$4,750.00 CC
Gehl 522 12 wheel rake		\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00 CC
Vermeer R-23 rake		\$7,650.00	\$6,750.00 WA
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COMBINES			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
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2005 Case IH 2388	678	\$166,500.00	\$163,500.00 WA
1998 Case IH 2388	3459	\$75,500.00	\$69,500.00 MA
1990 Case IH 1660	3244	\$36,500.00	\$32,500.00 MA
2000 Case IH 2388	2713	\$96,500.00	\$88,500.00 WA
2006 Case IH 2388	694	\$166,500.00	\$161,500.00 MA
2007 Case IH 2588	967	\$158,500.00	\$153,500.00 MA
2002 Case IH 2388	1554	\$118,500.00	\$113,500.00 WA
2000 Case IH 2388	2206	\$98,500.00	\$92,500.00 MA
1999 Case IH 2388	3566	\$79,500.00	\$72,500.00 WA
2004 Case IH 2388	980	\$142,500.00	\$135,000.00 MA
1998 Case IH 2366	3670	\$67,000.00	\$59,000.00 WA
1996 Case IH 2188	3171	\$75,500.00	\$69,500.00 WA
2001 Case IH 2388	1848	\$112,500.00	\$105,000.00 WA
1987 Case IH 1680	4662	\$29,600.00	\$24,000.00 WA
1986 Case IH 1640	2729	\$27,500.00	\$24,500.00 WA
1981 IH 1440	2625	\$16,500.00	\$13,500.00 WA
1977 Gleaner L2		\$7,800.00	\$5,800.00 CC
1979 Gleaner M2	2810	\$11,500.00	\$8,500.00 MA
1987 Gleaner R60	3024	\$25,500.00	\$20,000.00 MA
1993 JD 9500	2963	\$56,500.00	\$51,500.00 MA
2002 JD 9650	1800	\$107,000.00	\$98,500.00 WA
1995 JD 9600	3965	\$54,500.00	\$49,500.00 WA
1981 MF 860	SOLD	\$3,950.00	\$2,250.00 CC

HEADERS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Flex Heads			
2004 Case IH 2020 25'		\$21,500.00	\$18,500.00 CC
1998 Case IH 1020 25'		\$14,500.00	\$12,500.00 WA
2000 Case IH 1020 20'		\$14,950.00	\$12,500.00 WA

2005 Case IH 2020 30'	\$25,500.00	\$21,500.00	WA
1994 Case IH 1020 25'	\$12,500.00	\$9,500.00	WA
2004 Case IH 2020 25'	\$23,500.00	\$21,500.00	CC
1996 Case IH 1020 22.5'	\$14,500.00	\$11,500.00	MA
1986 Case IH 1020 17.5'	\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00	CC
2000 Case IH 1020 25'	\$18,500.00	\$16,500.00	MA
1998 Case IH 1020 30'	\$19,500.00	\$17,500.00	MA
1998 Case IH 1020 25'	\$17,500.00	\$14,500.00	MA
1989 Case IH 1020 17.5'	\$11,500.00	\$8,500.00	WA
1998 Case IH 1020 20'	\$11,500.00	\$9,500.00	WA
1986 Case IH 1020 22.5'	\$5,500.00	\$3,500.00	WA
1987 Case IH 1020 20'	\$3,700.00	\$2,700.00	WA
1990 Case IH 1020 22.5	\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00	WA
2000 JD 930F 30' flex	\$16,000.00	\$13,500.00	CC
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700-800 lbs.	3 mix, Canton	433 @ 120.50	
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|                        |              |                     |              |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 12 blk, New Cambria    | 556 @ 109.00 | 3 blk, Hutchinson   | 418 @ 105.00 |
| 4 blk, Ellsworth       | 504 @ 109.00 | 3 mix, Lincoln      | 483 @ 101.00 |
| 35 blk, Clyde          | 583 @ 108.25 | 2 blk, Hutchinson   | 500 @ 100.00 |
| 8 blk, Solomon         | 594 @ 108.00 | 26 mix, Brookville  | 779 @ 99.00  |
| 10 blk, Delphos        | 554 @ 107.50 | 8 blk, Lincoln      | 574 @ 98.75  |
| 25 mix, New Cambria    | 598 @ 105.75 | 21 blk, Clyde       | 530 @ 97.50  |
| 13 blk, Falun          | 673 @ 103.25 | 23 blk, New Cambria | 712 @ 97.50  |
| 17 blk, Lincoln        | 616 @ 102.50 | 5 mix, Buhler       | 613 @ 97.50  |
| 95 blk, Lindsborg      | 833 @ 101.85 | 21 blk, Clyde       | 530 @ 97.50  |
| 4 blk, Delphos         | 611 @ 101.50 | 69 blk, New Cambria | 675 @ 97.35  |
| 55 mix, New Cambria    | 696 @ 101.00 | 6 blk, Halstead     | 706 @ 97.00  |
| 61 mix, Hope           | 816 @ 100.35 | 23 blk, Barnard     | 632 @ 96.25  |
| 8 blk, Halstead        | 846 @ 99.00  | 64 blk, Durham      | 777 @ 96.00  |
| 14 blk, Enterprise     | 836 @ 99.00  | 19 blk, Windom      | 674 @ 95.75  |
| 44 mix, New Cambria    | 776 @ 98.85  | 39 blk, Windom      | 728 @ 95.75  |
| 30 mix, Beloit         | 751 @ 98.50  | 8 blk, Halstead     | 776 @ 95.25  |
| 8 blk, Salina          | 759 @ 98.00  | 57 blk, Clyde       | 722 @ 95.25  |
| 23 blk, Lincoln        | 773 @ 98.00  | 4 blk, New Cambria  | 775 @ 95.00  |
| 20 char, Gypsum        | 691 @ 97.75  | 61 blk, Assaria     | 800 @ 95.00  |
| 63 mix, Carlton        | 849 @ 97.25  | 10 blk, New Cambria | 620 @ 94.50  |
| 39 blk, Miltonvale     | 902 @ 96.60  | 9 blk, Claflin      | 658 @ 94.50  |
| 4 blk, Salina          | 939 @ 95.50  | 12 blk, Hope        | 719 @ 94.00  |
| 55 mix, Hope           | 871 @ 95.10  | 62 mix, Assaria     | 775 @ 93.35  |
| 120 mix, Council Grove | 868 @ 76.10  | 12 mix, Ellsworth   | 905 @ 88.00  |
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| 2 bwf, Fortuna, MO     | 428 @ 107.00 | 21 hol, Claflin     | 766 @ 75.75  |
| 4 blk, Delphos         | 449 @ 107.00 | 10 hol, Claflin     | 716 @ 73.25  |
| 2 blk, Canton          | 360 @ 105.00 |                     |              |

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65 blk steers, 600-650 lbs.; 70 steers & heifers, 700-800 lbs.; 50 steers, 750 lbs.; 60 steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs.; 100 steers, 900 lbs.; 15 steers & heifers, 600-800 lbs.; 8 steers, 650-700 lbs.; 58 blk steers & heifers, 700-900 lbs.; 49 blk steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs.; 20 steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs.; 120 blk steers & heifers, 600-800 lbs.; 65 blk steers, 850 lbs.; 35 blk steers & heifers, 600-900 lbs.; 30 Holstein steers, 600-800 lbs.; 100 mostly blk steers, 825-850 lbs.

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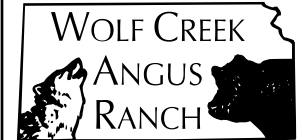


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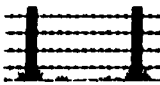


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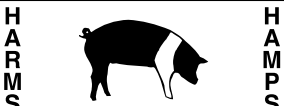
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# KARL receives major gift from 21st Century Alliance

21st Century Alliance, through its successor organization, 21st Century Producers, Inc., a joint venture with an Illinois agriculture farmer alliance, has donated one-half of its remaining funds to the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program.

The donation, called the 21st Century Alliance Endowment Gift for the KARL Foundation, formally signals the end of operations of the Alliance.

"The Alliance has seen KARL as a progressive voice for rural entrepreneurship, vision casting and rural development," said Lynn Rundle, former chief executive officer of 21st Century Alliance. "The farmers who joined the alliance over the past 10 years will reap lasting benefits from their contribution to KARL."

The foundation fund is part of the permanently endowed gifts for KARL, Inc.

The 21st Century Producers and KARL joined forces when the producers group donated \$33,000 to be placed into the endowment account at the Trust Company of Manhattan. The fund principle will be retained with indefinite benefits to the KARL Program derived from income proceeds of the investment.

Special recognition of the endowment gift will take place at KARL's bi-annual Blue Chip and Future of Agriculture Seminars. The gift will help with costs for speakers at the "Futuring" session for each KARL Class, beginning with the newly named Class IX.

"The contribution is the largest single endowment gift that the KARL Program has received to date," said Jack Lindquist, president of KARL, Inc. "The fund will remind us of the progressive philosophy of the 21st Century Producers and their efforts to retain more of the retail dollar on our Kansas farms and in our rural communities. The gift will be a permanent element of citizen education, for socio- economic development of the agricultural industry and for the people of the State of Kansas."

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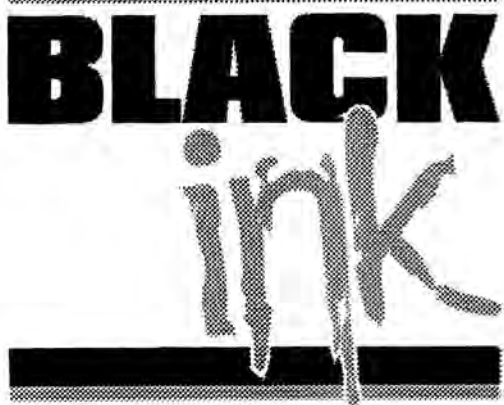


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## Gifts that keep on giving

By Miranda Reiman

For farm and ranch folks, Santa often leaves leather gloves, shiny new pocketknives or something like the latest grease gun. Husbands opened new toolsets and wives unwrapped wool socks and coveralls during the recent holiday season.

Most recipients think these are fine, practical gifts. It's always fun to get a standard piece of equipment with innovative improvements. With all the fresh gadgets and gizmos you have going into this new year, it might be time to evaluate tools you're not using that could improve your cowherd.

It would be no surprise to find some of last year's gifts still in their packaging under the shop bench, but some of the most significant unused tools are less tangible.

In agriculture, there would be distinct advantages in predicting the future. Unfortunately, you can't be certain when the market is going to spike or how that nice-looking heifer will calve. But you can use more than hunches to estimate how a bull will fit your herd.

Breeders work hard to collect accurate information, and the associations provide you with expected progeny differences (EPDs). Maternal, weaning and carcass traits are all assigned numbers that can predict what a sire will pass on to his offspring, compared to other sires.

If your wish list included higher weaning weights or better quality grades, Santa could only drop some EPD hints in your stocking. Search for bulls with above-breed-average EPDs. Carcass traits are becoming more important if you feed your calves or even if you sell them and want repeat buyers. You can look at specific EPDs to increase your ribeye size or marbling.

Perhaps you've been doing that, but like an old-fashioned grease gun, your methods haven't kept up with the advancements.

The industry keeps generating new tools to help you make money pleasing beef consumers. Just as youngsters got the latest MP3 player or Nintendo gaming system under the tree, EPDs have evolved.

Many associations make selection indexes available now. By crosschecking that marbling EPD with the bull's index for grid or feedlot value, for example, you can simultaneously include a host of traits in selection pressure.

Other advancements can sneak up on you. While you're worrying about calving, hay harvest and feeding the cows, research and development teams are increasing the effectiveness of everyday products.

Today there are more vaccines and dewormers on the market than ever before. It may be time to reevaluate what you're giving to your cows and calves, and when. Call your veterinarian for a New Year's chat. Depending on your location and environment, this could be the year to try an injectable wormer to attack internal parasites. This fall, you might give your calves that booster shot you've never found the time for.

There are unique marketing options every year, including special sales at the local auction market. You might find benefits to partnering on retained ownership of your calves, or see if a feeder will buy them based on a premium-sharing equation. If you already have a focus on performance and quality, these options can put more gifts under your tree.

Topping the video auction or local market requires a little more homework than it used to. Enroll in some combination of a health-, genetic-, source- and age-verified program or find another way to add information to make those critters worth more to potential buyers.

None of these suggestions are as novel as that battery-free flashlight Santa left, but they could be even more useful. Think of what other tools are still lying on the bench, unopened. You might be surprised at how much value they bring in 2008.

Next time in Black Ink, Steve Suther will look at keeping your balance. Questions? Call toll-free at 877-241-0717 or e-mail mreiman@certifiedangusbeef.com.

## USDA and the national FFA organization release 2007 census of ag lesson plans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the National FFA Organization today announced the release of classroom-ready lesson plans about the 2007 Census of Agriculture. These resources can be used by junior and senior high school teachers to educate students about the importance of collecting agricultural data, how the data is used, and how to interpret findings in a way that is relevant to their lives.

"Collaborating with FFA on this endeavor is helping to inform and empower students to play an active role in the Census process—a process that benefits them, their families and their entire agricultural communities," said NASS Acting Administrator Joseph Reilly. "FFA members are respected leaders in their communities and the future of agriculture. As such, their support and partnership in the Census will help ensure a greater understanding and participation across the country."

Conducted every five

years by USDA, the Census is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census provides valuable information used to help deliver programs and funding in support of agriculture—crucial resources that will benefit the next generation of farmers and the communities they call home. "We are glad to be assisting with the 2007 Census of Agriculture. These online resources will be valuable products for our teachers as they help educate FFA members," said Dr. Will Waidelich, senior division director for Research, Development and Sponsored Programs at the National FFA Organization.

"The 2007 Census of Agriculture provides farmers and ranchers with a voice in the futures of their operations and communities," added Reilly. "As the beneficiaries of Census data, young farmers and ranchers have much to learn from the information that is collected in the Census."

The Census coursework is aligned with national agricultural education and

academic standards. The five lesson plans address such topics as what the Census of Agriculture is, how surveys are conducted, and the importance of civic responsibility and advocacy.

The materials can be accessed for free at the Team Ag Ed Learning Center (TAELC), [www.agedlearning.org](http://www.agedlearning.org). TAELC was designed by the National Council for Agricultural Education and the National FFA Organization to create a one-stop shop for electronic instructional resources for agricultural education teachers and their students. For more information about the Census of Agriculture visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 500,823 student members—all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture—as part of 7,358 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization

changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) for more in.

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# Oklahoma wheat prices near historic levels

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — High worldwide demand is contributing to a significant boost in Oklahoma wheat prices.

Other factors boosting those prices, according to Oklahoma State University market economist Kim Anderson, are wheat crop problems last year and an uncertain outlook for the 2008 crop.

Oklahoma wheat prices were quoted in the range of \$8.85 to \$9.11 per bushel Thursday, but these very high prices apply to the weather-ravaged 2007 crop that was harvested in June and has already been sold.

Prices for the crop that will be harvested this summer are reflected in the July contract at the Kansas City Board of Trade.

The July contract price touched \$8.55 Thursday and closed at \$8.54 per bushel, coming within a penny of the historic high of \$8.56 set on Dec. 10.

By contrast, the previous record for July wheat was in April 1996 at \$6.95 per bushel.

"You have so much fear in this market that you don't know what is going on," Anderson said. Foreign buyers have already bought more than 23 million bushels of the 2008 hard red winter wheat harvest, which is what is grown in Oklahoma.

"We've probably sold 10 times as much of the new crop as we normally have at this time," Anderson said. "And that's just the foreign buyers. That shows the fear and the despera-

tion or the need the users have and the fear of not being able to get that new crop wheat."

Oklahoma wheat farmers produced 98 million bushels last year, up 20 percent over 2006, but still far below what would be considered a "normal" harvest in the state. Nationwide, 1.52 billion bushels of winter wheat were harvested in 2007, a 17 percent increase over a very poor crop year before.

"The next crop to (be harvested) will be ours in the Southern Great Plains," said Mark Hodges, executive director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. "So, the whole world is really looking at us in the Southern Great Plains and what is happening with this crop from the climate, the

condition of it, and that will drive price. We are at historic lows on stocks."

While Oklahoma is nearly six months from the 2008 harvest, a status check on the growing crop reveals that is it not where industry leaders would like it to be, Hodges said. Root development is lagging and the development of "tillers, or stems that produce the grain, also is underdeveloped.

Even if the historic price levels are maintained through the harvest, higher costs for inputs such as fuel and fertilizers will cut in to profit margins, he said.

"All of their inputs have risen, so when you get down to the net, it is still going to be a tight situation," Hodges said.

## Cattlemen seek changes to beef checkoff program

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cattle producers are pushing for the first significant change to the national beef checkoff program since it started more than 20 years ago.

The beef checkoff program is behind the popular "Beef, It's What's for Dinner" ads that feature the distinctive voice of actor Sam Elliott. At a dollar a head, the checkoff fee pools about \$80 million annually for beef promotion, research and education, among other things.

But more than two decades of inflation have decreased the buying power of that dollar, say checkoff supporters.

Some state chapters of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association want Congress to hike the checkoff to \$2, while others want producers who pay the checkoff to vote on whether it should rise. The program remains much the same since Congress authorized the U.S. Department of Agriculture to start it in the mid-1980s, according to association representative Don Ricketts.

The Colorado-based group administers many of the beef checkoff dollars.

"There are so many more issues today, and the dollar doesn't go as far as it used to," Ricketts said.

Ricketts said that under

one proposal, future hikes in the checkoff would require only a vote of those who pay the checkoff and not approval from Congress.

The association plans to meet in February to vote on proposals and then lobby Congress to approve the changes.

Competition for grocery buyers' dollars has stiffened because there are more non-beef products at the stores, said Michael Kelsey of the Nebraska Cattlemen, which is affiliated with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

That requires more money to develop new beef products and advertise them, he said. He also said consumers are looking for more assurances that what they eat is safe. Under the changes backed by the Nebraska Cattlemen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture would help petition for two votes by people who pay the checkoff.

One vote would be on

whether to increase the checkoff and would be held if the USDA and others were able to gather enough petition signatures. Producers have no vote now.

The Nebraska group also wants to make it easier to hold a national producers' referendum on whether to keep the checkoff program at all. Under the new proposal, producers would have the opportunity to regularly vote — maybe every five years or so — on whether to keep the checkoff program.

Referendums are possible now, but are not conducted because of what Kelsey said is a vague, difficult process in which producers can organize petition drives but without help from the USDA.

A national task force composed of members from different cattle groups made that recommendation, along with a recommendation to increase the checkoff, more than a year ago. But the National Cattlemen's Beef As-



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# Experts warn of the ease of identity theft, steps should be taken to preserve information

With the modern day Bonnie and Clyde duo recently caught for identity theft, it has made many people more aware that being a victim of this type of theft is becoming more common.

According to a recent survey by The Federal Trade Commission, 8.3 million American adults, or 3.5 percent of all American adults were victims of identity theft in 2005.

The survey sited that of the victims, 3.2 million experienced misuse of their existing credit card accounts, 3.3 million experienced misuse of non-credit card accounts and 1.8 million victims found new accounts were opened using their personal information.

"Identity theft can happen to anyone, it doesn't matter who you are or where you live," said Glenn Muske, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service interim associate dean, assistant director family and consumer sciences. "People need to learn to discourage identity thieves and monitor their

records to spot suspicious activity on their financial records." The costs associated with identity theft varied widely according to the survey. The survey looked at the value by looking at the cost of the goods or services that the thieves obtained. Thieves obtained goods or services worth \$500 or less in at least half the incidents, however, in 10 percent of the cases thieves got at least \$6,000 worth of goods or services.

Some thieves may get information from businesses or institutions by stealing records from employers, bribing or conning an employee who has access to the records, or hacking into the organizations' computers.

Muske said these are just some of the ways of stealing an identity. Other identity theft methods include thieves rummaging through trash or stealing mail, which may include bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, checks or tax information.

They also may get information by posing as legitimate business or government officials or by getting consumers to respond to bogus electronic mail messages and reveal sensitive information.

"Once identity thieves have the information, they may go on spending sprees using your credit card or open new credit card accounts using your name, date of birth and Social Security number," Muske said. "When the bills don't get paid, the account is reported back to your credit report. Thieves might use your name to take out an auto loan, establish phone service or open a bank account." Muske said by cautiously managing personal information and being aware of the issue, consumers can help guard against identity theft. For example:

Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or

are sure you know who you are dealing with. Confirm that you are dealing with a legitimate representative of a legitimate company or organization, such as by contacting their Web site or calling customer service using the number on your account statement or in the telephone book.

Don't carry your Social Security card around with you; store it in a safe place.

Secure personal information in your home, especially if you have roommates, are employing outside help or having service done in the home. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at the post office rather than in an unsecured mailbox. Remove mail from your mail box promptly.

Carry only the identification information and the number of credit and debit cards that you actually need.

Ask about security information at your workplace, doctors' offices and at other locations where

personal information is collected from you.

Give your Social Security number only when absolutely necessary. Use other identification whenever possible.

Pay attention to billing cycles and follow-up with the creditor if a statement doesn't arrive on time.

Cancel all unused credit cards.

Carefully and routinely monitor and check your credit card, bank and other financial statements for accuracy.

The FTC has a publication "To Buy or Not to Buy: Identity Theft Spawns New Products and Services to Help Minimize Risk," to help consumers evaluate if they should initiate fraud alerts or credit freezes or invest in identity theft services and products that are for sale.

Muske also suggest the Web site [ftc.gov/theft](http://ftc.gov/theft) to find practical information for businesses with consumer data, consumers and law enforces who prosecute the crime.

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# Research 'N' Review

By Twig Marston and Joel DeRouchey

Steve Boyle and his Ohio State University coworkers conducted a trial to determine the effects of weaning management strategies on performance and health of calves during feedlot receiving. Three strategies were studied: 1) weaned at trucking, 2) weaned 30 days before trucking and confined in a drylot, and 3) weaned 30 days before trucking and pastured with fence-line contact with their dams.

Steers reared in drylot lost about 10 pounds the first week in the feedlot, whereas steers from the truck weaning and pasture-weaning systems gained 8 and 6 pounds, respectively. Body weight gains in the next three weeks were similar among all treatments. However, because of the first week's weight gains, total gains for the month after weaning favored the truck and pasture weaning system as compared to drylot weaning. They also found differences in morbidity rates during the month after weaning.

Only 15 percent of the pasture-weaned calves required treatment for respiratory disease. This incidence was doubled for truck-weaned calves and nearly 2.5 times greater for calves weaned in drylot. Of the system compared, it appears the pasture weaning and allowing fence-line contact with dams will minimize health problems and maximize body weight when calves are delivered to feedlots.

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Researchers from the Forage Animal Production Research Unit, USDA-ARS, near Lexington, Kentucky have been researching the ability of grazing animals to enhance the quality of the diets. In a recent study, they observed the habits of steers grazing monocultures of smooth bromegrass, switchgrass, or big bluestem at different times of plant maturity. They compared ingested rumen to hand-clip samples for the forages.

Steers demonstrated the

ability to select diets that would increase the dietary protein content of their meals. Dietary crude protein was enhanced 3 to 4% for switchgrass and big bluestem, and nearly 8% for smooth brome.

As the forages matured, the steers were able to select the plants and plant parts with greater IVDMD (rumen digestibility or energy) than hand clipped samples, especially when the plant were near or setting seed. The summarized they finding by stating "if adequate forage is available, the selection ability of cattle can provide a superior diet compared with forage-on-offer. When the quality of warm-season grasses has declined, animal selection allows for potentially greater animal gain when grass quality is not optimum."

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John Turner and associates, from two different North Carolina institutions, studied the influence of storage systems on spoilage and the changes in concentration of nutrients during long-term storage of round bales. Five treatments were studied and bales were measured at 3, 7, and 15 months.

Generally, losses were greater for uncovered bales than for bales stored under covers or in barns. Bales stored in barn lost about 2.5% weight after 7 months of storage while bales store outside lost between 12 and 24%. After 15 months of stor-

age, the bales in barns lost an average of 10% while covered bale outside lost 12 to 19%; and uncovered, outside bales lost between 29 -31% of their weight.

Placing bales on wooden pallets with or with covering minimized storage losses after three months, but had no advantages when seven and 15-month data was analyzed. This study reported hay losses much greater than some previous hay storage systems research. It quickly indicates the economic importance of developing round bale storage systems that minimize hay losses.

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Beef has been criticized for containing greater concentrations of saturated fatty acids than some other human dietary protein sources. University of Missouri scientists fed finishing diets containing either 0 or 16% dried distiller grains with solubles (DDGS) and compared beef tissues samples for fatty acid composition. Ribeye steaks taken between the 11th and 12th rib were examined.

They found no difference in fatty acid composition of the triacylglycerol fraction caused by the dietary treatments. However, in the phospholipid fraction, DDGS increased both linoleate and polyunsaturated fatty acids by 8.5 and 11%, respectively. In conclusion, feeding DDGS increased the amount of the preferred unsaturated fatty acids in beef steaks.

## Farmers embracing computers, tech tools

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. (AP) — The changes have come lightning quick in the nearly three decades since state agricultural agents first preached the power of computers to skeptical farmers.

Gone are the bulky main frames, archaic floppy disks and bewildered stares that used to greet agricultural educators as they attempted to persuade farmers to embrace technology.

Now, computer-savvy cattlemen and crop farmers are lining up to try out the latest gadgets, from tractor-mounted mapping systems to market reports delivered as podcasts.

"Farmers are much more technologically savvy than people think," said John Travlos, a University of Missouri extension agent. "They have to be. Agriculture is big business."

From savvy, longtime computer users to novices looking for tips, farmers from across Missouri gathered recently at a Lake of the Ozarks resort for the university's annual farm computer users' conference.

Topics ranged from basic spreadsheet use for managing finances to implementing "precision agriculture" techniques to maximize crop yields through computer-driven soil testing and fertilizer applications.

Ron Sommer, 57, has raised cattle and tended row crops in rural Callaway County for more than 35 years. He primarily uses computers to pay his bills, or to pull marketing data from the Web.

Like many at the conference, he now wants to explore ways to further embrace technology. With an almost childlike wonder, he

described a recent presentation that showed how infrared sensors are used to more efficiently apply nitrogen fertilizer.

Robert Deal, a 57-year-old Malta Bend farmer, attended one of the first farm computer conferences in Missouri in 1979. He recalled the boxy IBM machines that could only store 16 megabytes of data, along with peers who didn't quite understand what all the fuss was about.

Now, he said, "It's about mandatory."

Some participants arrived with a technological zeal that wouldn't be out of place in Silicon Valley.

Norman Brown of Aledo, Ill., is a lifelong farmer whose interest in computers spurred him to start a company that specializes in farm-friendly software to compile crop summaries, cost analyses, livestock feeding schedules and other specialized applications.



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# Sportsmen’s activities have significant impact

When it comes to the economy, Kansas’ 425,000 hunters and anglers are among the most prominent and influential of all demographic groups, spending more than \$607 million a year on hunting and fishing, according to a new report. The report, *Hunting and Fishing: Bright Stars of the American Economy — A Force As Big As All Outdoors*, spotlights the immense impact hunters and anglers have on the economy at the national and state level.

In Kansas, spending by hunters and anglers directly supports 11,400 jobs, amounting to \$300 million in paychecks. Spending by sportsmen in pursuit of these outdoor activities also generates \$61 million in state and local taxes. These latest figures demonstrate that season after season, hunters and anglers are driving the economy from big businesses to rural towns. “Because sportsmen enjoy hunting or fishing alone or in small groups, they are overlooked as a constituency and as a substantial economic force,” says Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation. “When you compare spending by hunters and anglers to other sectors, their impact on the state’s economy becomes more tangible.”

In addition to the above figures, the following are just a few more illustrations of the impact of hunting and fishing on the Kansas economy:

Annual spending by Kansas sportsmen is more than the cash receipts for soybeans, one of the state’s top agricultural commodities (\$607 million vs. \$550 million); Kansas sportsmen outnumber the population of Wichita, the state’s largest city (425,000 vs. 355,000); sportsmen in

Kansas could fill Kansas Speedway five times (425,000 vs. 82,000); and the economic stimulus of hunting and fishing equates to an astounding \$1.6 million a day being pumped into the state’s economy.

“Spending by sportsmen benefits not only the manufacturers of hunting and fishing related products, but everything from local mom and pop businesses to wildlife conservation,” notes Doug Painter, president of National Shooting Sports Foundation. “And because most hunting and fishing takes place in rural areas, much of the spending benefits less affluent parts of the state.”

On the national level, 34 million sportsmen age 16 and older spent more than \$76 billion in 2006, supporting 1.6 million jobs. If a single corporation grossed as much as hunters and anglers spend, it would be among America’s 20 largest, ahead of Target, Costco, and AT&T. And if all hunters and anglers had voted during the last presidential election, they would have equaled 31 percent of all votes cast. If all hunters and anglers living in Kansas voted, they would have equaled 55 percent of all votes cast in the state.

“It is a fairly simple equation. Hunters and anglers mean jobs in states and local communities that have made the effort to maintain their hunting and fishing opportunities,” Crane adds. “The economic impacts that sportsmen have on state economies should be a wake-up call to state governments to welcome and encourage hunting and fishing in their state.”

Hunting and Fishing: Bright Stars of the American

# Product enhancement research teams analyze the future

It may not be found on the first page (or even in the footnote) of a beef history book, but it’s there. Behind new beef cuts, new products for consumers, nutrition and youth education, is checkoff-funded research.

The process of deciding which research to fund and when has always been in the hands of producer committees. Before their work can begin, however, it is important to hear from all segments of the industry to review what is needed, what work is already underway and where checkoff dollars can best achieve desired results.

“Behind the scenes, the checkoff-funded planning process brings together representatives from all points in the beef supply chain to review the needs of their sectors,” says Keith Hansen, chair of the Joint Research & Knowledge Management Group. “After we’ve heard from producers, processors, grocers and restaurant owners and international marketers, joint checkoff committees evaluate the results to decide what producers believe they should implement in 2009.”

At the safety meeting, for example, the group considered research looking at interventions — steps taken to reduce contamination — before, during and after animal harvest and processing. In addition, the group heard about emerging microorganisms that could infect beef, and a need for better understanding of pathogens associated with beef.

“The safety research program has validated a number of intervention tech-

nologies now used in processing facilities, as well as some pre-harvest interventions now in the approval process,” says Duane Theunick, chair of the Joint Industry Beef Safety Committee. “We cannot afford to compromise the safety of our product. Checkoff-funded safety research is an important way for us to maintain and enhance beef safety and ensure consumer confidence.”

At the product enhancement meeting, a number of subjects were considered, including: genomics and feeding to producer better product quality; palatability (tenderness, flavor and juici-

ness) and consumer acceptance; instrument grading to assure consistent products, universal product naming, alternate cutting methods, chilling and aging; and knowledge dissemination.

“Some of the goals of the product enhancement program are to study beef quality, muscle traits and characterization, carcass trait genomics, muscle tenderness and yield, flavor and palatability, and new technologies,” says Glen Dolezal, chair of the Joint Industry Product Enhancement Committee. “Ultimately, producers can rest assured that their checkoff dollars are working through

programs such as these to improve beef quality and consistency and drive demand — or simply stated — ensuring long-range industry success.”

The market research and human nutrition research programs will conduct similar exercises soon to provide direction for planning the 2009 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, 2008.

No, there won’t be a quiz, but do take mental notes. Tactics implemented as a result of research planning are just addendums to the history book of beef.

Economy, was produced by the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation with support from the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, National Marine Manufacturers Association, National Shooting Sports Foundation, and Safari Club International. The report uses the results from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation and statistics provided by the American Sportfishing Association and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

The report is available on the internet at [www.sportsmenslink.org](http://www.sportsmenslink.org) and [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org).

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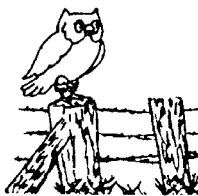
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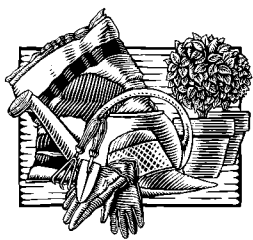
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By Gregg Eyestone

### Uses for Wood Ashes

The fire that kept us warm during the power outage produced a lot of wood ashes. Perhaps you or someone you know has a similar situation. There are several options for their use. The least of these is to put them in the trash.

Of course, the ashes need to be extinguished before tossing them out. Nobody wants to have their trash can ablaze, the garage set on fire, wood fence burnt or favorite plant scalded. Safe handling is the first step in dealing with the ashes.

I actually use my ashes

as a growth inhibitor. It is put around areas where I don't want plants to grow. Under the fence line, on the gravel walk and drive, around the fire pit and other areas are places for weed control.

Wood ashes contain up to 70 percent calcium carbonate (lime), as well as potassium, phosphorus, and many trace elements. My soil test indicates that my soil needs no more of these. To add it to my soil would diminish plant growth.

Since the Extension of-

fice handles soil tests, I know that the majority of our soils don't need or want wood ashes. Most of our soils are already more alkaline then acid. Microorganisms are unable to break down organic matter beneficial for plant growth in high alkaline (lime or pH) soils. Some plants find it difficult to take up necessary nutrients for growth when the soil has a higher pH.

Care must be taken not to put ashes where acid loving plants are located. Ashes definitely should not be put

where you plan to grow plants that like soil on the acid side such as potatoes, blueberries, pin oaks and hydrangeas.

A soil test could determine that wood ashes could be a fertilizer for your plants. If you bought ashes as a commercial fertilizer, the bag would be marked most likely 0-1-8. Remember the figures on the bag indicate nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). The last figure represents the percentage of potassium or potash in the bag, this varies from 1-10 percent.

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Watch the growth of your plants if using wood ashes. Plant growth is likely to diminish if more than 10 pounds is used in a 100 square-foot area for more than 2 consecutive years.

If you have any questions on any horticulture

topic, please contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.

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# K-State continues to put safety first as the university's role in biomedical research grows

For decades, biomedical research has been occurring on the campus of Kansas State University. With that research comes a responsibility for safety.

K-State has been actively involved in progressive research in food safety and security, agriculture and animal health since K-State veterinarians started developing swine vaccines around the turn of the 20th century. Since then, K-State research on plant and animal diseases has grown exponentially, including work on nutrition, vaccines and therapeutics.

Today, the K-State department of environmental health and safety works hand in hand with the university research compliance office and the Institutional Biosafety Committee to monitor and track all research activities across the university. Labs are inspected, protocols developed and

workers trained, all in the interest of conducting high-quality research in the safest environment possible. This partnership helps ensure that researchers are working in safe conditions. K-State's Institutional Biosafety Committee is responsible for overseeing all work involving infectious agents. The committee is currently monitoring some 100 active research projects involving microbial agents, recombinant DNA or toxins. These projects are integral to the teaching and research mission of the university and to the citizens of Kansas.

Each project has custom-designed safety protocols and operational procedures that are specific to the research taking place and the organisms being studied. They detail the proper steps researchers should follow in the event of an accidental or suspected laboratory expo-

sure.

"The protocols and procedures are designed to prevent laboratory accidents, but also detail the appropriate response if an accident does occur," said Jerry Jaax, K-State associate vice president for research compliance.

Presently, microbiological research at K-State involves a wide variety of organisms, ranging from harmless bacteria to infectious agents responsible for plant, animal and human disease.

K-State's new Biosecurity Research Institute will add to K-State's capabilities to work with high-consequence pathogens that threaten the nation's food supply. "The BRI will enable our researchers to develop better ways to confront disease threats to food crops, food animals, the na-

tion's food supply and its people," Jaax said. "Safety in the lab is where it begins; improving health and well-being is the goal."

Steven Galitzer, director of environmental health and safety at K-State, tracks all accidents on the K-State campus. Each year, there are about 750 accidents on campus. Of those, around 4 percent take place in the laboratory.

Of the roughly 5,000 accidents reported at the university since 2000, only two involved possible microbiological exposures. Both involved E. coli, a bacterium that is commonly found in people, animals and the environment. Infection with certain strains of E. coli may cause serious human disease, particularly when they occur in the food chain. Figuring out how E. coli operates is critical to

finding ways to fight it.

The Institutional Biosafety Committee investigated both K-State incidents. Fortunately, neither person involved became seriously ill. In addition, the second case, though suggestive of a laboratory exposure, could not be definitively confirmed as such.

"There is significant effort invested in oversight and safety for K-State's research programs," Jaax said. "Ensuring that this kind of

critical research is done safely is an institutional priority."

Galitzer said that as K-State's research mission evolves, diligence will continue to be important.

"Kansas State University's record illustrates the university-wide commitment to safety," Galitzer said. "We will continue to strive to be conscientious as our expertise grows and our research efforts ramp up with the Biosecurity Research Institute."



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|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| 4 325 111.00  | 6 866 89.50   | 26 727 98.00  |  |
| 6 393 107.00  | 1 960 89.00   | 23 712 98.00  |  |
| 7 454 105.50  | 1 325 126.00  | 25 855 98.00  |  |
| 8 461 105.00  | 2 480 122.00  | 15 827 97.00  |  |
| 8 572 104.50  | 9 539 115.00  | 16 820 96.85  |  |
| 11 579 104.00 | 13 558 113.50 | 22 821 96.85  |  |
| 10 584 98.00  | 13 592 111.75 | 21 819 96.50  |  |
| 21 630 95.25  | 5 602 108.00  | 7 862 96.00   |  |
| 6 637 94.50   | 7 626 107.00  | 62 839 96.00  |  |
| 11 688 93.75  | 46 618 106.60 | 5 919 95.75   |  |
| 7 756 93.25   | 17 635 103.85 | 46 970 95.10  |  |
| 17 686 92.50  | 10 646 101.00 | 31 920 94.75  |  |
| 17 691 92.50  | 25 662 100.80 | 11 1045 93.50 |  |
| 3 817 91.50   | 17 674 99.50  |               |  |
| 10 718 91.50  | 12 706 99.25  |               |  |
| 10 854 90.00  | 10 735 98.75  |               |  |
| 14 807 90.00  | 9 765 98.10   |               |  |

Fat hog top was \$31.25 on 6 head weighing 269 pounds

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

120 blk str & hfrs, 600-800 .....J. Padgett  
40 blk str & hfrs, 700-800 .....Hammond/Graham  
14 blk str & hfrs, 600-700 .....G. Ham  
30 mix str & hfrs, 500-750 .....O & V Farms  
14 mix str & hfrs, 600-750 .....K. Zerbe  
70 mix str, 800-875 .....C. Visser  
20 mix hfrs, 725-775 .....C. Visser  
65 blk cross hfrs, 750-775 .....R. Ryff

Plus many more to come.

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No Sheep & Goat Sale In February  
From March On Sheep & Goat Sale Only  
First Saturday Of Month Starting at 1 PM  
March 1, April 5, May 3 - Etc.

**SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY, TUESDAY, JAN. 8**

9 cross cows 8 running age, w/fall calves .....M. Greenleaf  
12 running age cross cows w/fall calves .....R. Sorrell  
14 cross str & hfrs, 850-925 .....H. Lippe  
36 blk str & hfrs, 625-775 .....G. Sanneman  
80 blk str, 800-850 .....Oehmke  
20 blk str & hfrs, 800-875 .....W. Wilgers  
10 hol str, 850-925 .....W. Wilgers  
14 hol str, 875-925 .....Wohler Farms  
36 blk str & hfrs, 450-650, weaned, vacc. ....M. Sump  
5 blk Char hfrs, 725-750, weaned, OCV vac. ....Ohlde  
5 cross str & hfrs, 550-700 .....D. Ricketts  
40 blk str & hfrs, 650-775 .....D. Adams  
36 blk str & hfrs, 650-775 .....D. Adams  
95 blk str & hfrs, 700-925 .....I&J Weinck

Many more consignments by sale time.

**SPECIAL WEANED & VACCINATED SALE TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

**SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS**

35 blk str, 600-725 lbs.; 70 blk str, 700-785 lbs.; 180 blk str & hfrs, 625-825 lbs.; 40 blk str, 675-800 lbs.; 95 blk str & hfrs, 600-800 lbs.; 66 blk cross str & hfrs, 700-800 lbs.; 100 blk & bwf str & hfrs, 700-850 lbs.; 24 blk str & hfrs, 625-750 lbs.; 30 blk, bwf str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs.; 20 cross str, 675-750 lbs.

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By Val Farmer

# Rural Life

## Readers respond to column on elderly abuse

I received several letters and e-mails about elder abuse, particularly when it comes to manipulation of financial assets with farm estates.

### Letter one. Coddled son.

A coddled and favored son moved back home with his widowed mother. He got her to change the will disinheriting two daughters and hurting another daughter and son. He farms with low cash rent and spends his free time at the tavern. He is bitter and hateful. The mother appears to be afraid of him and also lacks confidence to make her own decisions.

The coddled son has changed attorneys three times to find one that would collaborate in his legal schemes. The rest of the family is fighting back legally but, in effect, are "spending" their inheritance as attorneys on both sides who drag it out and make more money.

The reader shares his impressions of the process. Our legal system is skewed in such a way that as much as the law and the policies are on our side, we will get nowhere until we hire another high priced attorney and

litigate the whole estate away. We have been involved with a couple of different attorneys and they start the old letter writing and phone calls and postponements and we ended up spending thousands and getting nothing but hard feelings.

The state statutes say one thing, but try to get anyone in law enforcement to enforce them. They all tell us it is a civil matter. Because there is no "remedy" spelled out under the law they say they can't enforce the statutes.

Attempts to bring the matter to the licensing board governing attorney malfeasance go nowhere. Mother's land continues to shrink and her monthly income is being used by freeloaders in the family.

The courts don't seem to want to rule in favor of someone as an individual over a licensed attorney. But a lot of what goes on in court is procedural and has nothing to do with the law so no matter how much you have the law and statutes on your side, if you ask the questions or present evidence in the wrong order, you will lose and sometimes lose

your future chances of legal remedy. Anyway we can't afford to fight this anymore.

### Second letter

#### Unscrupulous professionals.

Elderly people with land in Wyoming need not worry about being lonely in their retirement days. There will be plenty of bible toting cowboy realtors who will come visit to gain their trust for financial gain. There are lots of gold diggers in the world. Some may be family members. But if I see a realtor wearing a cowboy hat or one carrying a bible or both, I am going to grab my ^&^!%@ and run like hell.

### Third letter

#### Mother being isolated.

Family visits by out of state siblings are being discouraged by a son and daughter who live locally. There is concern that mother is becoming forgetful and

is being ripped off by the son. It appears that "very expensive" improvements to the farming operation and personal bills are being paid at mother's expense. The out-of-state family members are excluded from health care decisions or discussions. The local children talk of getting power of attorney and restricting visits from other family members.

### Fourth letter

#### Caregivers are the abusers.

A sister and her boyfriend moved mother to a nursing home near them against her stated wishes. They have systematically removed professionals from her life and replaced them with individuals they selected.

By using tactics of intimidation, manipulation, threats, lies, planting seeds of mistrust and fear of family members and friends, mother willingly agreed to conservator/guardian sole legal authority over physical, personal and financial aspects of mother's life.

Armed with conservator/guardianship authority, the sister has barred other family members from seeing or talking to mother. All visits have stipulated rules and are supervised visits. The

quality of care of the nursing home is intimidating and mother has learned to cope as one would expect from an abuse victim trying to survive.

The excluded daughter writes, There is a gap between existing laws/codes and a lack of public knowledge/education which allows abuse to continue.

Many issues can affect the (elderly's) cognitive ability to make decisions or give consent. The decline in decisional capacity may be just on this side of the line in terms of legal competency, yet it is in this gray area that many abusive situations begin.

Forced isolation from other family members is abusive. Not sharing information is abusive. Using the legal status of guardianship or conservatorship as weapons in control of the elderly against others is abusive. The abuser is not a slick salesman or unscrupulous investment advisor, but usually a relative, friend or

caregiver in whom the elderly person has placed trust and confidence.

She also has some unkind words to say about attorneys who feather their nest by agreeing to changes in wills, health care, conflicts of interest, delaying proceedings, and concocting false claims or countercharges. She has spent over \$25,000 thus far trying to get power of attorney for health care decisions to give her mother the kind of care she wanted.

There are more stories to share. I will share them in a future column and give some general themes, guidelines and recommendations for recognizing and combating elderly abuse.

For more information on elderly abuse or estate planning, visit Val Farmer's website at [www.valfarmer.com](http://www.valfarmer.com). Val Farmer is a clinical psychologist specializing in family business consultation and mediation with farm families. He lives in Wildwood, Missouri and can be contacted through his website.

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### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 10

- 36 big fancy blk & bwf bred heifers, start calving Feb. 1 for 75 days, bred to proven LBW blk Limousin bull.
- 35 blk red cows, 4-7 years old, start calving February 15. Bred to blk Simmental bulls.
- 10 mixed pairs, 5-8 years old
- 100 blk red steers & heifers, 400-650 lbs.
- 100 blk bwf rbf steers & heifers, 700-850 lbs.
- 8 bwf bred heifers, starting calving Feb. 15, Pending
- 8 rbf-x heifers, starting calving Feb. 15, bred to Brangus bull, Pending

More consignments by sale time.

### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- 180 mostly blk str & hfrs, 500-800 lbs., weaned & vaccinated

More consignments by sale time.

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  - 80 blk 3 yr. old cows bred to Reg. Angus bulls to calve Feb. 1 for 75 days. Northern origin cows weighing 1100 lbs.
  - 40 mostly blk 4 to 6 yr. old cows bred to Angus bulls, will begin calving in Feb. for 90 days.
  - 60 mixed color cows, 7 to 10 yr. old, to calve in Feb. and March. Nice set of mature cows.
  - 20 blk 6 to 8 yr. old spring calving cows bred to Angus bulls.
  - 80 blk 1st calf hfrs, bred to Reg. Angus bulls to begin calving Feb. 10 for 60 days. Fancy set of hfrs have been calf hood vaccinated. This consignment is pending.
  - 12 mixed color running age cows, bred to black bulls to calve in April.

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11 AM: Light Calves

Noon: Bred Cows, Pairs & Breeding Bulls

Immediately Following: Feeder Calves & Yearlings, Weigh Cows & Bulls

We had a very light run on Wednesday due to extremely cold weather. Cow market was basically \$40.00-\$48.00, 43 heifers 573 lbs. \$92.50.

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55 blk bwf s&h 750-900  
23 blk s&h 500-600 LMA-VACC  
25 blk s&h 500-600 LMA-VACC  
40 mix s&h 750-850  
55 blk & red s&h 500-600 w&v  
40 blk s&h 550-650 weaned & spring shots  
14 mix s&h 500-750

85 blk s&h 600-700 LMA-VACC, HFRS OCV  
25 blk & x bred s&h 600-700 w&v  
32 blk bwf & rwf s&h 550-700 LMA-VACC  
38 blk bwf s&h 650-800 w&v  
30 mix s&h 600-800 w&v2  
40 blk s&h 600-800 w&v  
20 blk bwf str 700-750  
30 blk bwf hfrs 650-750 w&v

many other cattle by auction time

### JANUARY 18--SPECIAL COW & BULL AUCTION - 6 P.M.

Don Alexander Estate Herd Dispersal, Corning, KS  
55 blk bwf cows, 2-6 yrs, bred April Valley angus bulls for March 1 calves  
10 mix older cows, bred April Valley angus bulls for March 1 calves  
2 April Valley angus bulls, 2 1/2 & 3 yrs

other consignments  
9 herf cows, 3-5 yrs, bred angus  
6 char & x bred 1st hfrs  
6 blk bwf 1st calf hfrs, bred blk  
20 blk, red & x bred cows, 3-7 yrs, bred blk or char  
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|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 hfrs @420# \$108.00 | 4 str @435# \$122.00  |
| 2 hfrs @458# \$106.25 | 3 str @446# \$119.25  |
| 6 hfrs @487# \$102.00 | 5 str @470# \$116.50  |
| 8 hfrs @534# \$104.50 | 6 str @469# \$112.25  |
| 3 hfrs @508# \$102.00 | 3 str @525# \$115.00  |
| 5 hfrs @580# \$100.00 | 6 str @542# \$113.75  |
| 17 hfrs @635# \$97.00 | 2 str @540# \$109.00  |
| 38 hfrs @659# \$96.50 | 3 str @578# \$103.00  |
| 11 hfrs @661# \$95.50 | 7 str @621# \$109.00  |
| 5 hfrs @659# \$95.50  | 71 str @640# \$107.00 |
| 8 hfrs @687# \$94.50  | 5 str @620# \$104.75  |
| 36 hfrs @747# \$96.50 | 5 str @623# \$102.50  |
| 11 hfrs @710# \$95.50 | 62 str @663# \$101.00 |
| 57 hfrs @728# \$95.00 | 4 str @675# \$98.00   |
| 6 hfrs @736# \$94.85  | 45 str @738# \$103.00 |
| 4 hfrs @780# \$93.00  | 32 str @737# \$101.75 |
| 8 hfrs @821# \$96.10  | 8 str @730# \$100.00  |
| 23 hfrs @806# \$95.10 | 9 str @754# \$98.50   |
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| 9 hfrs @892# \$91.75  | 16 str @777# \$97.50  |
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| 8 hfrs @909# \$91.25  | 14 str @820# \$96.50  |
| 7 hfrs @956# \$88.50  | 3 str @852# \$96.50   |
| 5 hfrs @1016# \$88.00 | 10 str @860# \$95.75  |
| 3 str @377# \$126.00  | 8 str @910# \$96.50   |
| 2 str @335# \$122.00  | 23 str @901# \$95.85  |
| 4 str @390# \$114.00  | 12 str @976# \$94.50  |

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| 700-799 lbs. .... \$93.00-\$96.50       | 600-699 lbs. .... \$96.00-\$109.00  |
| 800-899 lbs. .... \$91.75-\$96.10       | 700-799 lbs. .... \$96.00-\$103.00  |
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### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 11:

25 mix str & hfrs, 600-675 lbs.; 42 mix str & hfrs, 650-750 lbs.; 60 blk & red str & hfrs, 700-800 lbs.; 120 mix str, 725-775 lbs.; 60 blk & Char str, 800-850 lbs. pending.  
**MORE CONSIGNMENTS BY SALE TIME!**

### SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SALE on JAN. 18th:

25 blk str & hfrs, 400-500 lbs., weaned; 20 blk str & hfrs, 600-700 lbs., weaned; 230 blk & red str & hfrs, 700-800 lbs.; 120 mix str, 725-775 lbs.; 50 blk str, 725-775 lbs.; 60 mix str, 750-850 lbs.; 243 mix str, 875-950 lbs.; 140 fancy blk & red str, 900-1,000 lbs.; 120 mix str, 900-975 lbs.; 54 fancy blk str, 950-1,000 lbs.  
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