

February 21-23 event will be first Kansas Natural Resources Conference

On February 21-23, 2008, several professional societies that promote the wise use and management of Kansas' natural resources are sponsoring the first Kansas Natural Resources Conference, at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. The theme of the conference is "Where do trees belong in Kansas? The Role of Trees in Kansas Landscape."

"There's still time to register," said Dan Meyerhoff, steering committee chairperson. "Registration information is available on the website at www.k-state.edu/fisheries/KNRC/RegistrationKNRC.pdf.

Those interested in the conference theme should find that the conference speakers, concurrent sessions, and tradeshow provide a variety of information."

Other plenary session speakers are Dr. Jim Sherow, Professor of Environmental History at Kansas State University and Larry Rutter, retired from the Kansas State Historical So-

ciety. Speaker biographies are on the website. "There will be over 50 papers presented during the concurrent sessions throughout the conference," said Meyerhoff. "We are excited about the number of papers and posters to be presented at this conference, and the wide range of topics should appeal to a broad spectrum of people interested in environmental and natural resources topics."

Presentations are divided among eleven subjects, according to Craig Paukert, Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at K-State University, who is handling presentation scheduling. A few titles include: Cedar Tree Removal and Its Effect on Hydrology and Sensitive Fish and Wildlife Species; Landscaping Agriculture with Conservation Buffers for Multipurpose Benefits; The Kansas Forest Stewardship Program Spatial Analysis Project: Methods and Outcomes;

Management of Canada Thistle and Musk Thistle with Milestone® (Aminopyralid) Herbicide; Tree Invasion of Our Prairies: A Product of Our Affinities, Fears, and Ignorance. Check out the rest on the Web site.

Conference brochure, registration form, concurrent session topics, tradeshow exhibiting information, committee chairs, and hotel information is available on the Web site at www.k-state.edu/fisheries/KNRC. Or, contact Dan Meyerhoff, at (785) 625-2588 or email at dan.meyerhoff@ks.usda.gov.

The sponsors of the conference are the Kansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, the Great Plains Society of American Foresters, Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the Kansas Section of the Society of Range Management, and Kansas Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Web addresses changing

K-State Research and Extension, which operates offices in every Kansas county, will implement new Web site addresses on March 1, 2008.

University officials said the new addresses, or URLs, for each county, district or area office will more closely reflect the local office's connection with Kansas State University.

For counties, the new Web addresses will read, "www.countyname.ksu.edu." As an example, the new Web address for Harper County will be www.harper.ksu.edu.

For district offices, the new Web addresses will read, "www.districtname.ksu.edu," or as an example, www.centralkansas.ksu.edu.

K-State Research and Extension area offices across the state also will change to reflect the region in Kansas each office serves, such as www.northeast.ksu.edu. Area offices are located in the northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest parts of Kansas.

All previous Web addresses for local offices will continue to work after March 1, though these will no longer be promoted by the organization.

The change is based on feedback over many months, and supported by surveys with more than 320 Kansas citizens and 176 K-State employees in Fall, 2007. The change does not affect email addresses for K-State Research and Extension employees.

K-State's research last fall indicated that nearly 70 percent of Kansas citizens use the Internet to access information on a weekly or daily basis. The numbers for Kansas are consistent with national estimates.

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We had a nice run of high quality cattle for our sale Friday, Feb. 1 with a good attendance of local and out-of-state buyers. Grass weight cattle were selling at \$3 to \$4 higher prices with the most advancement on the heifers. Stocker feeder weight steers and heifers sold mostly \$2 to \$3 higher. Cull cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on the kind offered. Following is a partial listing.

STEER CALVES — 500-550 LBS.

Gene Eidman	Emporia	8 blk str	515 @ 131.50
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FEEDER STEERS — 550 LBS. & UP

Sunshine Farms	Morrill	11 Angus str	555 @ 127.50
S&H Farms	Randolph	12 blk str	587 @ 126.00
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Gene Eidman	Emporia	22 blk str	617 @ 117.85
Mayer Ranch	Alta Vista	90 blk str	609 @ 117.60
Sunshine Farms	Morrill	13 Angus str	700 @ 106.00
Dale Bosse	Hiawatha	6 Hereford str	580 @ 106.00
Russell Stover	Hiawatha	5 blk str	639 @ 105.50
Dale Bosse	Hiawatha	8 mix str	586 @ 105.00
Gene Eidman	Emporia	64 blk str	725 @ 104.60
Allan Wegner	Onaga	20 blk str	701 @ 104.35
Robert Riat	Wamego	7 blk str	749 @ 104.00
Russell Reichart	Holton	12 blk str	716 @ 104.00
Umshoeid Farms	St. George	28 mix str	717 @ 102.85
Allan Wegner	Onaga	42 blk str	786 @ 102.35
S&H Farms	Randolph	10 blk str	790 @ 101.90
Robert Riat	Wamego	8 blk str	789 @ 100.50
Dornberger Farms	Leonardville	6 blk str	727 @ 100.50
Russell Reichart	Holton	18 blk str	820 @ 99.10
Dornberger Farms	Leonardville	7 blk str	840 @ 97.85
Sunshine Farms	Morrill	13 Angus str	824 @ 97.25
Clinton Jost	Burdick	63 blk str	875 @ 96.20
Perry Thompson	Osage City	60 blk str	892 @ 95.00
Allan Wegner	Onaga	5 blk str	945 @ 92.50
Sunshine Farms	Morrill	5 Angus str	757 @ 90.00

HOLSTEIN STEERS

Eugene Sperflage	Seneca	16 hol str	727 @ 66.35
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HEIFER CALVES — 450-550 LBS.

Sunshine Farms	Morrill	6 Angus hfr	528 @ 114.50
Umscheid Farms	St. George	7 blk hfr	534 @ 112.50
Jamie Betts	Frankfort	5 blk hfr	466 @ 109.00

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550 LBS. & UP

Gene Eidman	Emporia	33 blk hfr	569 @ 116.75
Dan Coates	Baldwin City	13 blk hfr	551 @ 116.00
Allan Wegner	Onaga	16 blk hfr	570 @ 115.00
S&H Farms	Randolph	6 blk hfr	554 @ 115.00
Sunshine Farms	Morrill	14 Angus hfr	622 @ 111.00
Pat Donnelly	Wamego	7 blk hfr	595 @ 100.75
Dornberger Farms	Leonardville	8 blk hfr	649 @ 99.00
Robert Riat	Wamego	5 blk hfr	623 @ 98.75
Allan Wegner	Onaga	17 blk hfr	700 @ 98.25
Gene Eidman	Emporia	52 blk hfr	687 @ 96.50
Allan Wegner	Onaga	20 blk hfr	664 @ 96.00

Umscheid Farms	St. George	21 blk hfr	709 @ 95.25
Dornberger Farms	Leonardville	6 blk hfr	722 @ 94.85
Umscheid Farms	St. George	9 xbred hfr	662 @ 94.25
Gene Eidman	Emporia	12 blk hfr	689 @ 92.25
Robert Riat	Wamego	7 blk hfr	716 @ 92.00
Umscheid Farms	St. George	5 blk hfr	833 @ 90.50

BULLS — 1,500 LBS. & UP

Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk bull	1935 @ 63.25
KSU Cow Calf Unit	Manhattan	1 blk bull	2200 @ 63.25
KSU Cow Calf Unit	Manhattan	1 blk bull	2425 @ 63.25
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk bull	1975 @ 62.00
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk bull	1655 @ 62.00
KSU Cow Calf Unit	Manhattan	1 blk bull	1920 @ 61.75
KSU Cow Calf Unit	Manhattan	1 blk bull	2020 @ 61.75

COWS & HEIFERETTES

Craig Good	Olsburg	1 blk cow	1275 @ 85.00
Nick Porter	Clay Center	1 bwf cow	830 @ 79.00
Bill Herrman	Sabetha	1 blk cow	940 @ 69.00
Randy Wolf	Silver Lake	1 blk cow	975 @ 62.00
Lazy N Ranch	St. George	1 blk cow	1095 @ 61.00
Mike Ehrlich	Marion	1 xbred cow	985 @ 61.00
Earle & Jason Evans	Alma	1 bwf cow	1115 @ 55.50
Mushrush Ranch LLC	Strong City	1 xbred cow	1000 @ 54.00
Matt Bacon	Council Grove	1 blk cow	1395 @ 51.75
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk cow	1340 @ 51.25
Downey Ranch	Wamego	1 blk cow	1205 @ 51.25
Bill Herrman	Sabetha	1 bwf cow	1245 @ 51.00
Cole Mushrush	Strong City	1 xbred cow	1280 @ 51.00
Dave Nichols	Manhattan	1 char cow	1600 @ 50.25

SPECIAL STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SALE, FEB. 20TH STARTING AT 11:00 AM

35 Angus Fink Beef Genetics fall calving cows, 2-8 yrs old w/Sept-Oct. calves by side. Running back w/Fink Beef Genetic bull since Nov. 22

34 Angus OCV cows, 6-7 yrs old, some w/calves by side, balance calving now

13 homeraised blk Sim cows, 5 are 3-5 years, 4 are older. Bred bk Simm bull for March 1 calving

11 Angus OCV 1st calf heifers, bred Angus, calving now

10 blk cows, 4 years bred to blk bull for March calves

(1) 3-year-old New Haven Angus bull, semen checked

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:

- River Creek - February 13th
- Mill Creek - February 26th
- NE Ks. Herf. Assn - March 15

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

105 blk str & hfrs, green, all shots, weaned Nov., 500-700 lbs.

90 choice rep. blk & bwf str, weaned 60 days, 2 complete rds shots, elec. fence & bunk broke, 575-600 lbs.

75 choice blk & red Limo str & hfrs, 600-700 lbs.
75 choice blk Sim & blk Angus x str & hfrs, weaned, shots, 700-850 lbs.

70 blk & bwf str & hfrs, weaned Nov. 1, 600-750 lbs.

65 choice Red Angus & Blk Angus x steers, 800-850 lbs.

62 blk & bwf feeder heifers, 800-850 lbs.

54 blk & bwf str & hfrs, preweaning shots, 550-700 lbs.

50 fancy blk hfrs, weaned, green, all shots, 550-600 lbs.

25 fancy Angus heifers, 700-800 lbs.

20 Shorthorn str & hfrs, weaned green, 600-700 lbs.

34 blk cows, 2-6 yrs old, 7 are 1st calf heifers, 7 are 2nd calf heifers, balance 4-6 years old, bred bk, heavy springer

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

Next Friday is the February supply and demand report. Be prepared to see bullish numbers out of the USDA. The export sales pace for the corn, wheat, and soybeans is much too strong and the USDA may increase the export estimate in all three markets. Price has not slowed demand and we have proven that the United States has the logistical capability to consistently ship over 100 million bushels of grain out of the US every week, so exporting more grain is certainly possible.

Increases in the export estimate should result in decreases in the ending stocks estimate. Decreases in ending stocks will mean that the corn has fewer acres to give up and the soybeans and spring wheat will need more. It is a very bullish set up for the market. I don't see any other way to put it.

The March corn seems to be stuck in a sideways pattern. The March contract gained 2 1/2 cents this week while the December picked up 9. The new crop chart looks very friendly right now and it is the new crop that needs to move higher to establish a higher base price for revenue insurance.

Demand is still the driving force in this market. In the last export sales report we sold 74.3 million bushels of corn and we only need to

sell about 20 million each week to meet the USDA projection. The world needs our corn and \$5.00 futures isn't deterring the buyers. As long as sales stay strong, the trend will stay up.

I have touched on this already, but if ending stocks are reduced very much more, the corn may not have any acres to give up. That would put the soybeans in a big bind and demand would have to be rationed because there is no way we can produce enough soybeans unless we have a significant increase in acres.

The March Minneapolis wheat was up \$1.36 last week. That is just 14 cents short of being limit up for the week. From the January 10th low to the close of February 1st the market is up \$3.80. The Kansas City wheat was higher last week, but not quite that much. The March KW was up 24 cents and the July was up 22 and it made a new contract high.

Demand for wheat is too strong as well. We have already sold more HRS than the USDA projected, so there will have to be some tinkering to make those numbers work. We have a larger supply of HRW than HRS, but not that much more. The price spread between Minneapolis and Kansas City has gotten to the point that the Kansas City wheat should start following Minneapolis very closely. If there is very much demand shifted to HRW before harvest, we could see the front months of the Kansas City wheat behave very much like the Minneapolis. The key is to not try and pick a top.

Friday marked the 6th consecutive higher high in the March soybeans. For the week the March contract gained 44 1/2 cents and finished almost \$1.00 off of the previous week's low. The new crop November contract gained 22 cents last week.

There was talk about improving weather in Argentina, but that didn't really slow the market down. Neither did a weaker crude oil market. Talk of a slowing economy didn't hurt either. Why? Because despite all the negative talk, demand hasn't slowed at bit. World demand for vegetable oil continues to rise. The developing world has money to spend and they want to eat better. Bio-diesel is not going away. In the last report, we sold over 97,000 MT of soybean oil, which is an astronomical total. Until we see demand slow, or until we have the acreage mix figured out, the trend in the soybean will have to stay up.

Every time I think the market is finally going to break out, the cash market fails to perform. Even the hogs are looking good on the charts, but the cattle aren't even being a good follower, let alone leading the livestock higher. For the

week the February LC lost \$1.20 and the April lost about .30.

The feeder cattle, on the other hand were solid. We had good strength in the deferred live cattle and the price of corn didn't rise too much, so the feeders had a good week. The April contract was up \$3.30. The charts look good and we are above the 50-day moving average for the first time in months.

The Inventory report was pretty much as expected. All cattle and calves were down slightly from a year ago. The herd is not growing, which is long term bullish.

For the first time in quite a while I think you should hold off on the Feeder cattle puts. You should also be patient with hedges in the deferred months of the live cattle.

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Kansas company lands federal grant for project

Kansas continues to lead the nation's evolution from grain-based ethanol production to ethanol derived from cellulosic sources, Governor Kathleen Sebelius said today when she learned that the U.S. Department of Energy will award up to \$30 million to ICM Incorporated of Colwich, Kansas, for a demonstration-sized plant to make renewable fuels from nonfood plant matter.

"The next generation of renewable fuel production will involve cellulosic sources, so I applaud ICM, Inc. for positioning itself to be a leader in this arena and in the Midwest, where sources of cellulose are

readily available," Sebelius said.

ICM, Inc. is one of four companies with a small-scale biorefinery project that will share up to \$114 million from the U.S. Department of Energy. USDOE Secretary Samuel Bodman made the announcement yesterday while delivering keynote remarks at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Biofuels Dialogue Series, "Outlook for an Emerging Global Biofuels Market."

ICM's proposal is to build a plant in St. Joseph, Missouri, that will use diverse feedstocks, including agricultural residues like corn fiber, corn stover, switchgrass and sorghum,

to make biofuels and other chemicals substituting for petroleum-based products. "ICM's visionary leadership will enhance our already growing renewable fuels industry, and I am pleased that a Kansas-based company would choose this role as the nation moves toward increased renewable fuel production and use," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky.

Secretary Bodman said these small-scale projects advance the long-term strategy of increasing the nation's energy, economic and national security by reducing our nation's reliance on foreign oil through increased efficiency and diversification of clean energy sources. They also further the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which requires that renewable fuels supply at least 36 billion gallons of U.S. motor fuel by 2022.

"Since its inception in 1995, it has been ICM's mis-

sion to sustain agriculture through innovation. Our key employees have been achieving that goal primarily through engineering safe, clean and efficient ethanol biorefineries for more than thirty years," said Dave Vander Griend, president and CEO of ICM, Inc. "The Department of Energy funding opportunity will help us continue to achieve unprecedented results in the advancement and improvement of the bioenergy industry through innovation, with the benefit to society reaching far beyond the agricultural sector."

Though it requires a more complex refining process, ethanol from cellulosic sources will enhance existing grain-based ethanol production. Ethanol has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 85 percent relative to gasoline. E-85, an ethanol-fuel blend that is 85 percent ethanol, is already available at 27 fueling stations across Kansas.



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FSA INFORMATION:

Cropland	Wheat	Milo
Acres	Base Yield	Base Yield
157.7	76.8	41.7
	39	48

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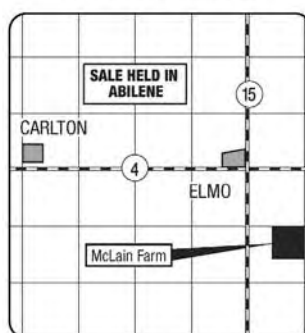
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central Tonnage: 13,735/5,073 Last week: 13,814/4,437 Last year: 10,807/5,268 Hay trade moderate. Demand moderate to strong for alfalfa pellets and dairy Alfalfa, moderate for grinding alfalfa, stock cow quality hay and prairie hay. Winter weather continues to hang around. The entire State experienced cold and wind, the Southeast third of Kansas had snow from a trace up to 10 inches in far Southeast corner. Two large grass fires took place early in the week, the first South of Clark and Meade Counties in Oklahoma (5,000 Ac) and the second in Clark County. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange website: www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement of Dairy active, Ground moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small square, 150.00-215.00, mostly 180.00-215.00; Dairy, Supreme 150.00-170.00; Premium 140.00-150.00, a little 170.00; Good, 120.00-140.00; a little new crop Dairy trade 95.00 standing in the field; Stock Cow, Fair to Good 100.00-120.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 90.00-100.00, mostly 100.00 some 80.00-90.00 shipped in. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 110.00-120.00, mostly 115.00. The week of 1/21-26, 13,735T of grinding alfalfa and 3,350T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, large squares 50.00.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement moderate to active. Alfalfa: Horse, small square 200.00, mid square 175.00; Dairy, Supreme 145.00-165.00; Premium 120.00-145.00; Good, stock cow 100.00-120.00, grassy 90.00-100.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 70.00- 85.00, 85.00-90.00 delivered, Utility 55.00-65.00. Ground and delivered locally to

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Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement moderate to active. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, small or mid square 155.00-160.00, clippings in mid square 180.00-200.00. Dairy alfalfa, Premium, 125.00; Good, Stock cow 100.00-125.00. Bluestem: Good, small squares 90.00 to mostly 100.00, mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, a little 100.00, large rounds 45.00-60.00. Brome: Small square Good 90.00-120.00, mostly 100.00-110.00, Good mid and large squares 85.00-100.00, Good large round 60.00-70.00. Sudan Mid square 90.00. CWF Grass Mulch, large round 50.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement moderate to active. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 180.00-200.00, Mid squares 160.00-175.00; Dairy, Supreme 140.00-150.00; Premium 125.00-135.00; Good, 110.00-125.00; Good Stock cow 95.00-115.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of

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North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse small square 185.00-200.00, Mid square 165.00-185.00; Dairy, Supreme 140.00-170.00, an instance 180.00; Premium 130.00-150.00, Good 95.00- 135.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 65.00-75.00, alfalfa ground-on-the-truck 80.00-100.00. Grass hay: Bluestem small square, Good 90.00-100.00, Mid square 75.00-90.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00. Brome: Premium, small square 110.00-130.00/T; Good, small square, 90.00-110.00, Mid squares, 80.00-100.00, large round, 60.00-80.00, fair large round 50.00-60.00. Straw small square 2.50-3.00/bale, large bales 35.00-60.00/T. Sudan, good large round 65.00. Corn stalks 35.00-40.00. Milo stalks, large round 40.00.

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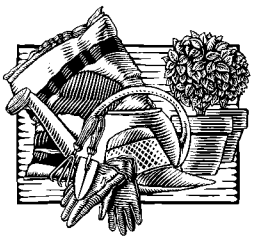
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Stay off the wet grass

Staying off the grass or out of the landscape when the soil is wet is good advice. When temperatures in winter allow for some visitation to the landscape, it is a real temptation. I admit to giving in but I tried to walk lightly. Walking or driving on wet soil causes it to compact. Mud brought in the house is another predicament but not the issue at hand.

Soil compaction is a result of compressing the soil particles together which reduces pore spaces. Reduced pore space means less room for water and oxygen vital for healthy roots.

Compaction can be caused by heavy rain, flooding or my curiosity. The weight of people and equipment are preventable causes if you have the will power to stay off the wet soil.

Plant problems caused by compaction are slow to reveal themselves. Stunted growth and even death are results of compaction. An extreme example of compaction is death to plants in a walking path. The grass or

groundcover dies from lack of oxygen due to the compacted soil. Desirable trees around construction sites often decline years after the equipment has left.

Prevention is the best strategy. When the area is wet, stay off of it. Work the soil only when a soil ball is crumbly. If the soil stays in a ball, then you will be causing compaction as you stay in the garden. Keep heavy equipment off of plant root zones.

Plants grow much better

with adequate oxygen in the soil. This is why we turn the soil in the vegetable and annual flower gardens each year. Oxygen filters in the open spaces in the tilled soil.

The use of raised beds is a strategy to prevent compaction and reduce soil disturbance. Compaction takes place around the bed instead of in it. Raised beds also increases surface area to get more oxygen to the roots.

Fortunately, the com-

paction I made by walking around will most likely be fixed by nature's freeze-thaw cycle this time. It will be less of a sure fix in April.

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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Marion, char	1300@53.00	Newton, 3 blk	577@97.00
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"These meetings are intended to inform producers about the emerging carbon credits market and the new revenue opportunities in the carbon market for farm operators," says Swaffar. "All of the state is eligible for the no-till and grass planting options and 78 counties are eligible for the rangeland management option. There also are programs for forestry and agricultural methane." The meetings are open to any farm operator or landowner interested in learning more about this new market.

February 5: Marysville, 1 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 302 North 15th.

February 7: Independence, 10 a.m., 4-H building, 1736 North 5th Fort Scott, 2 p.m., Fort Scott Inn, 101 State Street; Iola, 7 p.m., Townhouse West, 217 North Washington Street.

February 11: Marion, 10 a.m., Marion

City Building, Basement Meeting Room, 203 North 3rd, Co-sponsored by Flint Hills RC&D; Abilene, 3 p.m., Dickinson County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room, 109 East 1st. Co-sponsored by Flint Hills RC&D; Jamestown, 7 p.m., Community Room Co-sponsored by Kansas Crossroads RC&D.

February 13: Great Bend, 10 a.m., Barton County Community College Fine Arts Room F-30, 245 Northeast 30th Road; Hays, 2:30 p.m., Fort Hays State University, Memorial Union Trails Room, 600 Park Street.

February 20: Wichita, 9:30 a.m., Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 East 29th Street North.

February 26: Hiawatha, 10 a.m., Fisher Center, 201 East Iowa Street, Co-sponsored by Glacial Hills RC&D; Emporia, 3:30 p.m., Lyon County Extension Office, 2623 West Highway 50. Co-sponsored by Glacial Hills RC&D.

March 5: Colby, 1 p.m., Colby Community Building Little Theatre, 285 East 5th; Hoxie, 7 p.m., Midwest Energy Offices, 916 Sheridan Street.

March 6: Dodge City, 9:30 a.m., Civic Center VIP Room, 2110 1st; Garden City, 1:30 p.m., Kansas State University Experiment Station, 4500 East Mary Street.

Additional information on the meetings is available from Kansas Farm Bureau (toll free) at 888/811-0002, swaffars@kfb.org or AgraGate (toll free) at 866-633-6758 or by visiting www.agragate.com.

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Keeping an inventory of financial information — checking, savings and/or credit card account numbers and current balances — can be helpful if a wallet or purse is lost or stolen, said Marilyn Bischoff, Extension family economics specialist, University of Idaho, Boise.

Copying the front and back of a credit or debit card, which often will include a toll

free number for reporting a lost or stolen card, is recommended, said Bischoff, who cautioned account holders to store the inventory in a secure place.

More information on money management is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on the Extension website: www.oznet.ksu.edu.

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DILLER,NE	11 MIX BULL	515	@\$121.00
RANDOLPH	2 BLK STR	570	@\$120.50
WATERVILLE	3 BLK STR	525	@\$120.00
SENECA	3 BLK STR	553	@\$118.00
BREMEN	5 BLK STR	558	@\$117.50
DILLER,NE	3 MIX BULL	486	@\$116.50
HOME	2 BLK STR	572	@\$116.00
BLUE RAPIDS	2 BLK STR	590	@\$116.00
AXTELL	3 RED STR	575	@\$114.50
WATERVILLE	2 BLK BULL	500	@\$110.50
WAMEGO	6 BLK STR	674	@\$107.25
RANDOLPH	16 BLK STR	701	@\$105.00
BLUE RAPIDS	4 BLK STR	736	@\$102.50
SENECA	4 BLK STR	693	@\$102.50
WATERVILLE	3 BLK STR	681	@\$100.50
BLUE RAPIDS	22 MIX STR	749	@\$99.35
HANOVER	16 BLK STR	800	@\$98.85
SUMMERFIELD	10 MIX STR	764	@\$98.85
WAMEGO	6 BLK STR	809	@\$98.25
WATERVILLE	28 BLK STR	790	@\$98.00
RANDOLPH	12 BLK STR	857	@\$95.35
AXTELL	5 RED STR	823	@\$94.85
MARYSVILLE	60 BLK STR	862	@\$94.85
SUMMERFIELD	45 MIX STR	899	@\$93.75
RANDOLPH	6 MIX STR	871	@\$93.75
BLUE RAPIDS	5 MIX STR	868	@\$93.50
BAILEYVILLE	57 MIX STR	903	@\$92.75
SUMMERFIELD	3 MIX STR	890	@\$92.00
HEIFERS			
STEELE CITY,NE	2 BLK HFR	362	@\$121.00
BLUE RAPIDS	3 MIX HFR	343	@\$110.00
SENECA	7 BLK HFR	521	@\$108.50
STEELE CITY,NE	2 BLK HFR	495	@\$106.00
RANDOLPH	6 BLK HFR	553	@\$105.85
SENECA	13 BLK HFR	610	@\$105.00
WATERVILLE	3 BLK HFR	511	@\$105.00
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STEELE CITY,NE	4 BLK HFR	556	@\$103.00
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RANDOLPH	10 BLK HFR	716	@\$91.50
BLUE RAPIDS	18 MIX HFR	703	@\$90.85
SENECA	21 BLK HFR	765	@\$90.60
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HANOVER	1 BLK HFRETTE	1,210	@\$70.50
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WYMORE,NE	1 XBRD COW	1,675	@\$58.75
BEATTIE	1 BLK COW	1,655	@\$57.25
WYMORE,NE	1 XBRD COW	1,665	@\$56.75
HANOVER	1 BLK COW	1,425	@\$56.00
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BAILEYVILLE	1 BLK COW	1,525	@\$56.00
OKETO	1 RED COW	1,335	@\$55.25
HANOVER	1 BLK COW	1,425	@\$53.75
BAILEYVILLE	1 BLK COW	1,280	@\$53.25
ADULT BULLS			
HANOVER	1 BLK COW	1,670	@\$52.75
BERN	1 WF COW	1,210	@\$52.25
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BLUE RAPIDS	1 BLK COW	1,310	@\$51.75
BERN	1 BLK COW	1,705	@\$51.75
BAILEYVILLE	1 HOL COW	1,390	@\$51.75
BAILEYVILLE	1 HOL COW	1,635	@\$50.75
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RANDOLPH	1 BLK COW	1,570	@\$49.75
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BLUE RAPIDS	1 BLK COW	1,445	@\$46.75
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SENECA	1 HOL COW	1,560	@\$44.25
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Sprayer calibration and GPS school planned for February 20

Over the last few years, the Golden Belt Residue Management Alliance has put on a winter ag technology conference. This year's location and format will be slightly different, but hopefully just as informative and well attended. On Wednesday, February 20, the Barton County Extension Council will be teaming up with the Golden Belt Residue Management Alliance (GBRMA) to hold an all day educational program at the Barton County 4-H Grounds on Highway 281, 5 miles north of Great Bend or five miles south of Hoisington. The morning program will focus on sprayers and the afternoon will be on GPS.

Today's typical farmer owns his own sprayer and several have Global Positioning Systems (GPS). Nearly every farmer has suffered through having fertilizer or herbicide skips through his field where the coverage was not what it should have been. Some have accidentally drifted herbicide on the neighbor's crop or garden. Others have mis-calibrated the sprayer and put too much product on, wasting money. Many have had the experience of waiting for a custom applicator to kill weeds, apply insecticide or fertilizer, but because of so many other customers, the job got done too late. All of these situations are reasons for our meeting coming up on Wednesday, February 20.

Robert Wolf, K-State Research & Extension Agricultural Engineer will be the instructor for the morning. It will begin at 8:30

a.m. We will have coffee and doughnuts. The sprayer program will run until 11:30 a.m.

Some of the topics that will be covered will include: Basic Equipment, nozzle type (including a demonstration), calibration (audience needs to bring in some of their application scenarios and calculator), droplet size discussion — coverage vs drift, review of studies on efficacy and drift, calibration for droplet size and new technology.

In the afternoon, starting at 12:30 p.m. or right after lunch is over, representatives from several companies that deal with GPS and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will be on hand including Great Bend Farm Equipment and John Deere — Green Star, Straub International — Case IH and Trimble, Simpson Farm Enterprises with Tee-Jet and Raven.

GPS units are mounted on tractors, combines and/or sprayers to pinpoint their location in the field. This allows operators to drive straighter, stay on the row and use precision farming. As this technology progresses we get more questions related to sprayer calibration and how to utilize precision farming and mapping in their operation.

This school will benefit the veteran sprayer or the beginner. There will be a lunch at noon. Registration fee will be \$5 per person. Checks should be made out to the GBRMA.

Please call (620) 793-1910 for more information. Please call by Monday, February 18 if you plan to attend so we can plan for how many doughnuts to buy and how much to prepare for lunch. Those who pay in advance will be eligible for a prize drawing.

TRACTORS

1992 JD 4455, Quad, C/A, 3 Remotes	\$28,500
1993 CASE 7120, 3/V, 540/1000, Duals.....	\$26,500
CASE 885, 4247h, ROPs	\$5,500
JD 4430 Power Shift	\$11,900

TRUCKS

1978 KW-900, D-Cab, 3406 10 Sp.....	\$8,500
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SPRING MACHINERY AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — 9:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: At our location at 109 South 4th Street in CLAY CENTER, KANSAS. One block West of Deli Truck Stop at the South end of Clay Center on Harriett Street & Highway 15.

TRACTORS: Allis 7030 tractor, cab & AC, AC changed to 135, duals & front weights, new hydraulic pump, rebuilt starter in 07, 4,000 hrs total on tractor, 70% rubber, only two owner tractor, very clean; MF 175 gas tractor w/hydraulic loader, runs great; Oliver 1550 gas w/Oliver loader, good older tractor; Int. 504 gas, utility tractor w/power steering & hydraulic loader w/hydraulic bucket, fast hitch, live PTO, runs great; Farmall M tractor w/good rubber front & rear; Ford 9N w/hydraulic loader and hydraulic bucket.

CRAWLER/LOADERS: Cat 950 w/electric start, track loader, sounds great.

LOADERS: GB 800 loader w/6' hydraulic bucket, mountings for JD 3020; JD 148 loader w/6' bucket.

SKID LOADER ATTACHMENTS: Meyer 7 1/2' snow plow, hydraulic angle, Model ST-7.5 w/Industry Standard skid loader mountings & I.D.S. hydraulic ends to plug into skid loader.

ATV'S: 1996 Polaris 300, 4x4, very good; 1991 Kawasaki Bayou 220, 4 wheeler, good.

COMBINES & ROW CROP HEADS & CORN HEADS: Combine: Int. 715 combine, 15', gas, gear drive, cab, runs good; **Row Crop Heads:** JD 653A row crop head, very good; 2 JD 653 row crop heads, both field ready; **Adapters for combines:** Bish head adapter MF to JD; **Corn Heads:** MF 422 corn head.

IRRIGATION ENGINES & MOTORS: MM 4 cylinder, 330 bu. in. irrigation engine on propane or natural gas, on two wheel trailer; irrigation engine frame for Chevy small block, with clutch, bell housing, gauges, and propane intake; 30 HP Textile motor 3 phase, 220/440 with Westinghouse box, 60 cycle, 7672/36 amp continuous duty, newly rewired.

IRRIGATION PIPE: 60 joints of 8"x30" alum. irrigation pipe; plastic irrigation pipe 20 joints, 8"x30" and 40 joints 6"x30"; plus various aluminum irrigation pieces and valves.

SEMI TRACTORS: 1996 Kenworth T-600 semi tractor w/64" standard sleeper, 430 Detroit, super 10 engine w/900,000 miles, Eaton Super 10 spd., new batteries, new starter, virgin tires on back, PTO kit, AC & heater both work, DOT inspected, runs great.

SEMI TRAILERS: 4,700 gal. tanker trailer, last used to haul water w/2" cam lock outlet in rear; fifth wheel dolly with pinto hitch.

SEMI ACCESSORIES: Pair of fenders for single axle semi.

TWO TON TRUCKS: Int. 2 ton truck w/13' bed & hoist, 6 cylinder, 4 & 2 spd., runs great.

PICKUPS: 1996 Ford F-150, XL, 2x4, 5 spd., straight six bed cover, 164,000 miles, power windows & locks, cruise, AM & FM radio w/cassette, runs great; 1993 Ford F-350, crew cab w/new flatbed, 460 V-8, AT, 168,000 miles, looks sharp; 1984 Chevy K-10 Silverado 1/2 ton pickup, 4x4, diesel 6.2, automatic; 1979 Ford F-

150, 2x4, AT, 302 V-8, 80,000 miles.

STOCK TRAILERS: **Goose-neck:** 1998 Trailman goose-neck, 80"x20' stock trailer, new springs and shackles; Flying L gooseneck stock trailer, 7x20'; gooseneck 6x22' stock trailer; **Bumper Mount:** 6x16 stock trailer, bumper pull, good useable trailer.

HAY TRAILER: 8'x16' flatbed on good JD running gear with good tires.

GRAVITY WAGONS: Dakon gravity box, 250 bu. w/good 8 ton running gear, some rust on box, good tires.

4 WHEEL RUNNING GEARS & BOXES: Flare box, only; flare box w/running gear & hoist.

2 WHEEL TRAILERS: Two wheel two ton trailer w/14' bed w/steel floor & 2' wood sides on 700-20 truck tires; gravity box w/truck frame.

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT: **Tandem Disks:** Krause 1400 series, 24' folding wing disc, good blades; **Field Cultivator:** JD 1000, 32' field cultivator; **V Plows:** Krause 15' V plow; **Sub-Soilers:** Sub-Mulcher, #40, 5 shank sub-soiler w/coulters.

ROW CROP EQUIP.: Planters & Accessories: JD 7200, 8 row x 30" vacuum planter, electric seed monitor, no-till coulters, liquid tanks and pump; Int. 4 row, Model 400 air planter, electric seed monitor, soybeans, corn & milo drums; Int. 400, 4 row air planter, corn, bean & milo drums; 6 rows of no-till coulters of White planter; **Cultivators:** Orthman 8 row cultivator, 3 pt.; Lilliston 6 row x 30 cultivator; Weber Weeder, 3 wheel, gas powered, road to weed beans, wick wiper could be installed on it; Ford 4x30 or 36 with Buffalo disc and shanks behind, 3 pt.

DRILLS & ATTACHMENTS: **End Wheel Drills:** **Double Disc:** Great Plains Model 1290A, 15' double disc, grain only; **Single Disc:** 2 JD 8350 grain drills w/fertilizer and factory JD hitch, marker, cylinders, and hoses, good disc and scrapers; JD 8350, 20x8" spacing, grain drill w/fertilizer; JD 8350 grain drill 16x8" spacing w/fertilizer; Int. 620 press drill, 16x8", fertilizer.

HAY & FORAGE EQUIP.: Bale Processor: Hesston BT25 bale processor; **Forage Wagons:** Power Wagon w/rear dump on 4 wheel chassis; **Hay Rakes:** 10 wheel hay rake, 3 pt.; **Bale Mowers:** 2 wheel big round bale mover.

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MANURE SPREADERS: Int. 100 ground driven manure spreader, rubber tired.

GRAIN HANDLING EQUIP.: 8"x53' transport grain auger.

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ORDER OF AUCTION: 9 AM two rings, hedge post then livestock equipment, other selling trailer loads of misc. & shop equipment inside the building; 10 AM Hay; 11 AM one ring selling farm machinery, tractors, pickups & cars, trailers, combines; when all machinery is sold, will sell any rack load items that didn't sell in the morning, inside building.

NEXT AUCTION: Farm Machinery & Construction Equipment and Farm Related, Lawn Care & Recreational, Saturday, April 5, 2008.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Still taking consignments or for more information call Harold Mugler, Auctioneer and Sale Manager at 785-632-4994 or office, 785-632-3994.

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AUCTION

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TRACTORS & COMBINE

1990 John Deere 4555 diesel tractor, 18-4.42 duals, weighted, quick hitch, 4468 hours; 1967 John Deere 4020 propane tractor, dual hyd, 3 pt. w/Kent 400 loader; 1983 John Deere 7720 turbo diesel combine, hydro, w/224 header, 1600 hours, good condition; Farmhand F11 loader; 8' dozer blade; grapple fork; bale fork; shop built combine header trailer; dual swather trailer; set front fenders for JD 7410.

TRUCKS

1976 Ford F500 truck, 4 sp, 2 sp, V8, 13 1/2' all steel bed 40" sides; 1970 Chevrolet C50 truck, 4 sp, 2 sp, 8 cy, 15 1/2' bed 42" sides, power up & down; 1960 Chevrolet Viking 60 truck, w/Ensil mixer box 180 - H side chute; 1977 Ford F350 dually flat bed pickup, V8 automatic; 1985 Ford F250 pickup 4 wheel drive, 4 speed, 8 cy, rough; 1952 Ford F350 truck, 1 1/2 ton, 4 speed, 2 speed, 6 cy. 13 1/2' box w/hoist; 77 Ford pickup box; 60's fire truck bed; 50's Ford short pickup box; 40's F5 truck frame; twin screw rear end.

MACHINERY

Sunflower 20' C flex offset disc; Kent 6330 field cultivator 32'; Crust Buster 3300 DD 39x10 hoe drill; JD 224 T square baler; Case 6-16 semi mounted plow; Melroe 10-16 hoe drill; 500 gal. 3 pt. sprayer 40' boom hyd pump; BMB 5' 3

pt. shredder; Ford 6' 3 pt. shredder; IHC 6 row 400 planter; Gravity box on 4 wheel trailer; Richardson side dump silage wagon; Versatile 54' 7 1/2" PTO auger; Speed King 33' 6" auger w/gas engine; 18' 6" auger w/electric motor; 12 volt drill fill auger; Noble 15' V blade; MF 2 wheel side delivery rake; 300 gal pull type sprayer; big bale mover on wheels; IHC no 10 drill w/alfalfa seeder; Graham Hoeme chisel; 18' Kent spring-tooth; 2-3 section flat harrows; 3 pt. & pull type JD rotary hoes; Moline 5 bottom pull type plow; 6' one way; 4" auger w/electric motor; grain dryer; sweep augers; 2 iron wheel drills; 8' road drag.

CATTLE EQUIPMENT & OTHER

Hay Buster H1000 Big Bite tub grinder; IHC 1150 grinder mixer; Papec roller mill; Lesco squeeze chute on wheels w/head gate; 6 bale tandem side dump goose neck bale trailer; 16' Anderson tandem beaver tail trailer pintle hitch (for dozer); 4' x 8' tandem axle trailer; 500 gal propane tank on wheels; 3 pt. post hoe digger; 3 pt. buzz saw; 1000 gal water tank; 1000 poly transfer tank; 2-12' stock tanks; Lesco head gate; 4 wheel bale feeders; 12-8' flat bottom cement feed bunks; double side 2 wheel creep feeder; tire feed bunks; tractor tire feed bunk

tire turner; 4 wheel flat bed trailer; 70 big round prairie hay bales; 3 pt. bale unroller; 2 pickup stock racks; combine bin on wheels; wooden seed cleaner; 2-500 gal fuel tanks w/electric pumps; 500 gal square fuel tank; 300 gal fuel tank w/electric pump; 300 gal over head fuel tank; Bennett model 766 gas pump; 2500 & 3000 bu steel bins to be moved; cab for Ford 9000 tractor; Polaris 4 wheeler for parts; tandem trailer axle & hitch; duals for 4430 tractor; 4430 fiberglass cab top; 18.4-42 used tractor tires; pickup tool box; tool box fuel tank; calf puller; woven wire fence; hot shots; front weights for 4020 tractor; Ford engine blocks; flat head for Ford engine; Model A running gear; pr. wood spoke wheels; A frame hog shed; air floor jack; power washer; 8" table saw; Quick Way value grinder; end wrenches; sockets; bench grinder; pipe wrenches; engine hones; piston pin; cylinder hones; assortment other tools; chains; boomers; jacks; shovels; rakes; extension cords; grill guard for 04 F150 pickup; pickup receiver hitch; 6 business band radios; 5th wheel plate; shop manuals; tractor chains; forks; double wash tubs; stationary engine trucks; iron wheels; metal chicken nests; duck houses; radiators; assortment iron.

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Growth of wind farms sapping supply of technicians

LINCOLN (AP) — The line of towering wind turbines stands motionless on the ridgeline above Interstate 70 in central Kansas, Y-shaped silhouettes amid the swirling snow.

Despite the weather, dozens of technicians are working to get the 10-mile-long Smoky Hills Wind Farm ready to begin producing electricity.

Jason Martinson, who is supervising the 56-turbine operation on behalf of Enel North America Inc., said after almost a decade in the industry he's still amazed by how fast wind farms like Smoky Hills are going up across the country. But he also said workers like those braving the blizzard-like conditions outside his office are becoming increasingly rare.

"Finding experienced techs is impossible with wind growing as fast as it is," Martinson said. "You get one year's worth of experience, and it's like dog years."

Considered a cheap source of renewable power, wind farms have taken off amid concerns over greenhouse gases produced by coal-fired electric plants and the increasing cost of natural gas and other petroleum products. Some states have encouraged their development by requiring that a certain portion of their future energy be created through renewable resources.

Last year, wind farms installed almost 3,200 turbines, boosting the nation's wind energy capacity by 45 percent and cranking out an additional 5,200 megawatts, or enough electricity to power 1.5 million homes for a year. The industry, which now accounts for a little more than 1 per-

cent of the U.S. electric supply, expects to repeat that surge in 2008.

Critics of wind power have called the mammoth turbines eyesores and environmentalists have fought against them, warning the giant rotors could pose a hazard to migratory birds and other wildlife.

But wind power officials see a much larger obstacle coming in the form of its own work force, a highly specialized group of technicians that combines working knowledge of mechanics, hydraulics, computers and meteorology with the willingness to climb 200 feet in the air in all kinds of weather.

That work force isn't keeping up with the future demand, partly because the industry is so new that the oldest independent training programs are less than 5 years old.

The American Wind Energy Association, a Washington, D.C.-based trade group, estimates the industry employs about 20,000 people, not including those making turbines or other equipment.

Future need is harder to quantify, given the uncertainties of the industry's growth. But with two-man teams generally responsible for seven to 10 turbines, the industry would need up to 800 technicians to serve the turbines expected to be installed this year alone.

Park developers, turbine manufacturers and utilities are investing in training programs, attempting to lure workers with wages of up to \$25 an hour, or teaming up with the growing number of wind energy training programs being offered at community and technical colleges.

At Columbia Gorge Com-

munity College in The Dalles, Ore., seven wind companies are working with the school as academic advisers. Several of the companies are also supporting the college financially, including a three-year, \$150,000 grant from PPM Energy and donated equipment from Arlington, Va.-based wind developer AES Corp.

"They are all just crammed to the gills with students," said Jeremy Norton, operations, maintenance and training manager for PPM Energy.

The industry tends to draw heavily from the military and agricultural areas, which put a heavy emphasis on machinery and technical training. In Oregon, which ranks seventh in the nation for wind generation, many of the wind farms were able to take advantage of the need for jobs and training left behind in some towns where aluminum mills closed years ago.

"We're accepting a lot of

people with technical skills that don't have wind experience," said Norton, whose utility fills out the employee's skills with its own training. "But if you have technical skills and wind experience, you can pretty much write your own ticket in the industry and go anywhere you want to go."

That's what attracted Matt Froese, 19, who just started the wind energy program at Cloud County Community College in Concordia. He said he hadn't heard of wind energy until an uncle who is leasing land for some wind turbines showed him some pictures.

"It kind of got me interested," Froese said. "It's a career that has a good future in it, and it'll help the environment because it doesn't pollute. I figured there'd be a lot of job opportunities when I graduated."

Maybe not even that long. On the very first day of school at Columbia

Gorge, one of the wind companies came to talk to the class, and two students left to take jobs that afternoon.

"We've told them since that day, no more," said Tom Lieurance, renewable energy technology instructor. "We are going to wait till spring before I let any more hungry lions in to get my students."

Wind companies also face competition from other industries, particularly in Texas, the nation's leading wind producer, where wind farms fight for workers with the resurgent oil industry.

"It's not so much an issue of comparable skills (between oil and wind power), but people interested in a mechanical career," said Douglas King, who runs the wind energy program at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

The competition is benefiting new hires as companies have raised salaries to attract better candidates.

Bruce Graham, who runs the Cloud County program,

said he estimates technicians being hired with no training are making \$15 to \$20 per hour while wind energy program graduates can make \$20 to \$25 per hour. He said trained technicians can quickly become supervisors, who he said can make well above \$25 an hour.

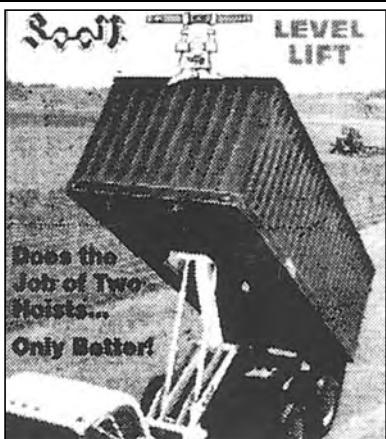
"It's phenomenal," Graham said of the demand. "I could go out on the Internet and find 500 jobs right now that are open and they want someone right now."

Antonio Coutinho, chief energy management officer for wind farm developer Horizon Energy, added that training will only become more important as the turbine technology becomes more complex. The industry has no choice but to get its message out and attract the best candidates, he said.

"The growth is going to continue," Coutinho said. "In every system, every market, supply always meets demand sooner or later."

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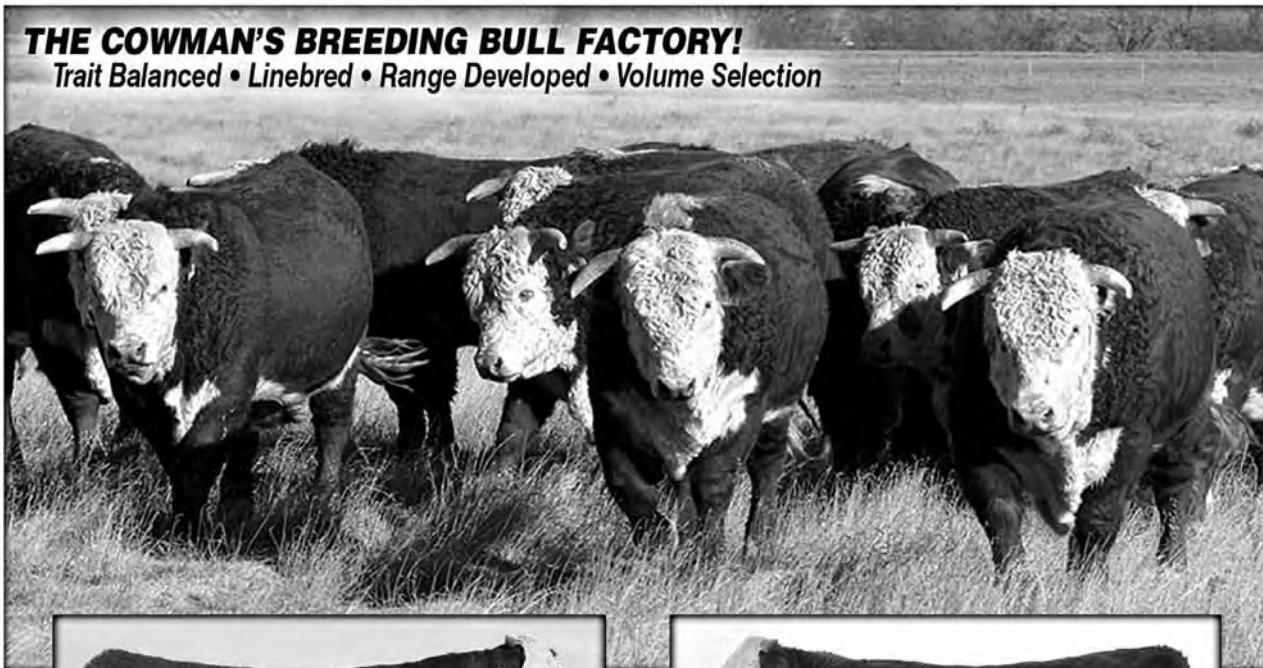
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Kansas Wheat works to exempt farmers from new transportation regs

The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers is working to exempt farmers from a potentially costly new ruling by the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) regarding the definition of interstate transportation.

"We believe that this new definition of interstate commerce will put an unnecessary burden on Kansas wheat producers," said KAWG President Joe Kejr, a wheat producer from Brookville. "We are working with other state and national ag organizations to determine a reasonable solution to save producers from undeserved headaches and expenses."

Farmers are required to apply for an interstate U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) number if they are hauling interstate commerce. The number serves as a unique identifier when collecting and monitoring a company's safety information acquired during audits, compliance reviews, crash investigations and inspections.

This new ruling would require farmers that take wheat or other grains to their local elevator to comply with extensive requirements for interstate shipments. This would include things such as a medical exam, drug and alcohol testing, vehicle safety certification, driver files and hours of service requirements.

Under the new ruling, "interstate" applies to a load that is going to leave the state or country, or picking up a load that has come in from out of the state or country. This would include taking a load of wheat from the farm to the elevator (assuming that the wheat in the elevator will go out of state). Wheat delivered to a Kansas flour mill would be considered intrastate, because it would be processed in-state.

The new ruling means that grain produced in Kansas that does not ultimately stay in Kansas before it is processed to a different form (flour, feed), would be considered interstate commerce. This would apply to any leg of the shipment within Kansas.

A list of upcoming meetings across the state about interstate regulations for farmers will soon be posted at <http://www.kcc.ks.gov/trans/index.htm>.

For more information, contact the Kansas Wheat office at (785) 539-0255.



Young leaders of the Kansas Livestock Association that recently completed leadership training in Topeka included the following individuals: pictured (standing, L to R) are Norm Pilger, Wallace; Eric Fletcher, Lakin; Scott Bollin, Spring Hill; Tom Hopp, Highland; Darren McGhee, Westphalia; Jim Wilson, Effingham; Steve Peterson, Lebanon; Eric Bohl, Ellsworth; Arlyn Wilke, Leoti; Todd Gorman, Meade; Grady Martin, Dexter; Bryan Coons, Salina; Scott Miller, Manhattan; Jim DeGeer, Erie; Steve Jacob, Sedgwick; Lonnie Ruff, Hanston; Rae Luginsland, Hutchinson; Chris Petty, Hill City; Kent Woolfolk, Protection; Daniel Miller, Topeka; Harry Moser, Wheaton; Alan Woodard, Wichita; Keith Martin, Altamont; (Seated, L to R) Donna Martin, Dexter; Jodi Termine, Manhattan; Abby Dechant, Alma; Kim Cerny, Kingman; Trisha Janssen, Geneseo; and Lisa Moser, Wheaton.

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This farm, 160 acres, more or less, consists of 90 acres cropland, 59 acres native pasture, 3 acres hay meadow, with the balance of the farm being old farmstead and wildlife habitat. The 14 acre field east of the old farmstead is open for spring crops. The rest of the cropland, about 76 acres, is planted to wheat. This place is well located, being just 1/2 mile off K-148, and is a nice mix of upland cropland, good native pasture with a pond, a hay meadow, and some very good wildlife habitat.

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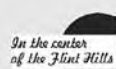
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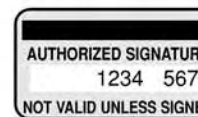
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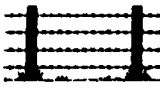
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For the sixth straight year, Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage of the event, which is scheduled for Feb. 6-9, at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev. Salt Creek Ranch of Memphis, Texas, is sponsoring the event coverage.

Attended by more than 5,000 cattlemen each year, the convention is the largest meeting of its kind in the United States. Education, information and a little bit of fun, too, "Rush to Reno" will be the underlying theme of the event. Five industry organizations, including the National Cattlemen's Beef

Association (NCBA), the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB), the American National CattleWomen (ANCW), CattleFax and the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF), are to convene at the event. Throughout the convention, speakers, boards and working groups are scheduled to address issues ranging from cattle handling to political lobbying, from public lands to tax regulations, from market outlooks to advertising schedules and checkoff spending. Export regulations and cattle tracking systems are sure to be essential talking points.

This year's NCBA Trade Show is the largest ever and will feature more than 270 exhibitors.

Added to this year's online coverage at www.4cattlemen.com will be a more dynamic homepage featuring

the latest news from the convention and trade show, as well as video news clips and photo galleries provided by API's Creative Media Department.

The "Newsroom" will feature comprehensive coverage of NCBA, CBB, CattleFax, ANCW and NCF activities, including coverage of policy development, general sessions, the Cattlemen's College®, Issues Forums and committee highlights.

The "Trade Show" page will highlight products and services premiered at the

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Kansas City man grows exotic flowers and tropical plants in cave

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When David Bird was 16, his parents took him on a trip to Hawaii. The teenager became fascinated with the exotic flowers that grew on the island — specifically orchids.

Before the vacation was over, Bird had bought five orchids to bring back to the family's farm in Jamestown, N.D., where they grew and sold pumpkins, zucchinis and other produce.

"I was hooked after that," he said.

Today, Bird operates Bird's Botanicals, a tropical nursery in a multi-chambered cave at the Interstate Underground Storage Building in Kansas City. The lighting, humidity and temperature in the cave are carefully controlled to create an environment that nurtures the more than 6,300 orchids and other tropical plants growing there.

The orchids range from white to yellow to pink to dark purple and are solid or variegated in color.

"Every orchid is different," he said.

Bird studied horticulture at North Dakota State University and soon became the caretaker of the university's neglected orchid collection. When he left college, he took one of the orchids with him. That orchid is among the plants thriving in the underground cave. Orchids, if properly tended, can live

for generations.

"They have plants that date back to the 1800s in Europe," he said.

After college, Bird worked as a horticulturist at a number of botanical gardens before moving to the Kansas City area about six years ago to take a job with Powell Gardens, a 915-acre botanical garden that features native plants and contemporary architecture.

"I brought 800 orchid plants here," he said. "I built a greenhouse at my home (for them)."

The greenhouse quickly became too small for Bird's growing orchid collection. One day, Bird drove past the underground storage complex and wondered if the caves could be adapted to grow his flowers. He called the owner and set up an appointment.

"I brought a plant and said, 'I want to grow this in your cave,'" he said. "To buy land and build another greenhouse would be expensive."

sive. This just seemed like the best alternative." Bird, who left Powell Gardens five years ago to start his business, said he installed electricity, tables, a watering system using garden hoses and fans in the cave, which has a growing space of about 5,000 square feet.

Overhead lights are the cave's only heat source.

"It took six months for the rocks to warm up," he said.

An environment of 80 percent to 85 percent humidity and at least 70 degrees is maintained in most of the cave.

The blooming room, where plants with buds are

kept until the flowers unfold, is kept at 65 percent to 85 humidity. In the summer, the humidity rate might climb to 100 percent.

Hoses hooked up to a hot water heater allows Bird to deliver a warm water-fertilizer mix to the plants each day.

"These orchids are spoiled," he said.

Bird said it's a myth that orchids are difficult to grow. Other than regulating the temperature, humidity and air flow of the space where they are being grown, the plants only need to be watered and fed once a week.

"You can give them good humidity by putting them in

the kitchen or bathroom, or misting them or putting them on a pebble tray," he said.

Because orchids are "air plants" and don't require soil, Bird grows his plants in moss or a fir bark mix. Most are grown from seeds.

"It takes seven to nine years for them to go from seed to flower," he said, adding that's one reason the exotic plants are expensive.

Orchids will set enough buds to bloom continuously for two to three months. A pea-size bud will bloom in about four weeks; a grape-size bud will open in about two weeks.

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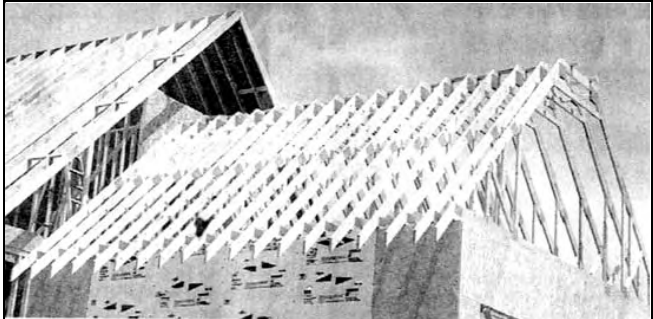
to 15 or more flowers per spike. If the spike is cut back while a few blooms are still on it, Bird said, the plant will grow another spike and rebloom.

Bird sells his orchids to florists and nurseries in the Kansas City area. He also participates in a number of lawn and garden shows in the Midwest. In mid-February, he will bring his orchids to the Kansas Garden Show at the Kansas Expocentre.

He also travels to shows in Wichita; Omaha, Neb., and St. Louis and Springfield, both in Missouri. In the summer, he can be found at the City Market in Kansas City, Mo.

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Kansas Farmers Union speaks out on climate change

Delegates to the Kansas Farmers Union Annual Convention, held Jan. 11-12 in McPherson, spoke out in support of efforts to reduce emissions and reverse climate change, adding that statement to the organization's official policy.

The adoption of a policy statement on climate change was just one of several additions and amendments to Kansas Farmers Union official policy statement which address issues that face agricultural producers today and have ramifications for the future of the family farm in Kansas and the United States.

The statement on climate change was proposed by the Marion County Farmers Union and brought to the Kansas Farmers Union (KFU) policy committee, which accepted its inclusion for consideration in the KFU 2008 Policy Statement.

KFU President Donn Teske prefaced discussion on the statement by emphasizing the importance of Kansas Farmers Union taking a position on climate change in its policy.

"(Climate change) is going to be significant in this next legislative session," Teske told the delegates. "We are taking responsibility for global warming as a human race. ...When you are voting on this consider that it is a significant topic and make your wishes known."

Teske stated that, as KFU president, he had been asked for the organization's position on climate change and global warming at various times during the past year and he needed direction from the delegates, adding that it is a given that there will be government emission standards and regulations set.

Debate on the statement and its final wording was spirited, with some delegates expressing concern that such a statement supported passing of legislation which might have a detrimental affect on agriculture.

Herb Bartel of Hillsboro, a Marion County voting delegate, spoke in support of the policy statement stating that the family farm is a model for land use that can be climate neutral. Ed Reznicek, delegate from Nemaha County, added that using the carbon trade market is one way that agriculture can benefit from measures to reduce emissions, while also helping mitigate climate change. The National Farmers Union has been in the forefront of developing the carbon trade market, a program which allows entities which emit

carbons at a high level to purchase carbon credits on the market. Farmers who sell carbon credits agree to follow farming practices which aid in carbon sequestration.

Delegates who voted for adoption of the statement as policy believe that this is a critical time for the Kansas Farmers Union to enter into the climate change discussion as there are several bills dealing with the issue currently under consideration in Congress. Legislation being considered details cap-and-trade policy and regulations as well as other methods to affect climate change.

While the statement is a broad-based call for action to reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases to reverse climate change without endorsing specific remedies, it is a place to start, delegates believed. There was a call for further study, investigation and possible workshops to educate KFU members on the issue.

Tom Giessel, Larned, who presided over the policy discussion, spoke for a number of delegates when he said, "To expect someone else to make all the changes while we do nothing is irresponsible."

Other changes and additions to policy made by the delegates included:

Opposition to any efforts by the Risk Management Agency and USDA allowing

premium discounts which promote the use of specific crop inputs and/or farm equipment/technology. The policy statement is in response to a move by the RMA which would allow premium discounts for producers who plant a percentage of their crop acres to specified genetics, such as triple-stack corn in the upper Midwest states, or who use specific technology provided by private-sector seed companies or other businesses. The rationale behind the policy statement is that the USDA and RMA should not use a federally funded program, working with private enterprise, to point people in a direction which would benefit specific private enterprises.

A call for parity prices, fair trade and humanitarian aid to be established by the United States and promoted around the world. To aid in that effort, guidelines were outlined for a farm policy which would rebuild agriculture and rural communities. Those guidelines included a farmer-owned reserve, a farmer safety net to include affordable crop insurance and a permanent disaster program, farm program payment limitations at \$250,000 adjusted gross income, supply management, conservation programs and stewardship, renewable energy, food and nutrition programs, rural development, country of origin labeling,

fair and competitive markets, transportation, accessible and affordable agricultural credit, full funding of programs, GMO liability, and a beginning farmer program.

Support of federal legislation which would allow smaller, independent meat packers, which meet state meat inspection standards, to market their products interstate. A statement that the current system of commodity futures trading is bankrupting family farmers, ranchers and consumers and is not a prudent risk management tool. The

Kansas Farmers Union has had a long-standing policy calling for reforms in the way the commodities future trading system is regulated and utilized, calling for restrictions on trading by entities not directly involved in the production and marketing of commodities. The policy, as amended, strengthens that position.

A Special Order of Business was approved calling for reconsideration and reversal of a decision by the USDA which allows the import of Canadian cattle over 30 months of age into the United States. The KFU is

adamantly opposed to this decision because of the threat of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) being introduced into the United States cattle herd.

The Kansas Farmers Union is a grassroots organization which develops its policy from the individual farmer up through the county and state organizations. Policy statements brought by the county organizations are considered by the KFU Policy Committee and submitted to the delegates for final approval and determines the direction of the organization.



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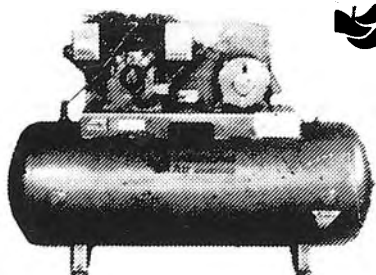
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Members of the Kansas Auctioneers Association recently met in Salina for their annual meeting. The following individuals were selected to serve on the KAA Board of Directors. Pictured on the back row are: Eric Blomquist, Andy Conser, Aaron McKee and Dave Webb. Front row: Robert Haley, Jim Hollinger, Bob McBride, Lance Fullerton, Ron Shivers and Dennis Wendt.

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Weather wonders: just how much snow can Kansas get?

With winter still stretching on for several more weeks and with it, the prospect of even more snow, some Kansans might be wondering, just how much snow can Kansas get?

"Snowfall in Kansas can vary quite a bit, not only from location to location, but year to year," said State of Kansas climatologist Mary Knapp. "The average annual snowfall in

Kansas is 19 inches. It ranges from 11 inches a year in Parsons to over 40 inches a year in Goodland."

Knapp, who runs the Kansas Weather Data Library based in Kansas State University Research and Extension, said the greatest 24-hour snowfall recorded in Kansas was on October 26, 1997 when Norcatur received 24 inches.

St. Francis holds the record for a single season with 99 inches during 1983-84. On the other side of the scale, many stations have years with no snow at all. Even Goodland has had years of little snowfall, Knapp said.

During 1998, 1999, 2000

and 2001, Goodland saw less than an inch of snow each of those years.

"In contrast, on the national scene, Mount Baker Ski Area, near Seattle, set the U.S. record in the 1998-99 season with 1,140 inches. That's a lot of snow," Knapp added.



For 2008 members of the Kansas Auctioneers Auxiliary board of directors include: back row, Cindy Haley, Ann Conser, Viola Beatty and Debra Brock. Front row: Stephanie Fisk, Cathy McBride, Jean Oswalt, Holly Conser and Doris Shivers.

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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Country life: A romance thing tempered with reality

Why is living in the countryside so special to farm women? Here are some thoughts I gathered from farm and ranch women who talked about the deep bonds they feel toward their distinctive way of life.

Love of nature:

"The land is a friend."
 "The spring is the greatest of all. Everything out here comes to life. I feel rejuvenated to start all over again. The robins and meadow larks return. I appreciate every bird."
 "The sounds. There are so many things to hear. The sounds of geese flying over, the planes that go over."
 "The smells. The smell of cut hay."
 "The stars. The first

thing my children missed in town was the stars."

"An electric storm. The northern lights in winter, they are glorious. There is something peaceful about a blizzard, it is out of your control."

"Sunsets, sunrises, the moon."

"I ride my bike. I hoof it across the fields. I take walks."

"I go stand in the wind and it blows my troubles out."

Love of animals:

"I look forward to calving. It is exciting to see calves born."

"I would go horseback riding to get refreshed. I had a horse for 16 years. She was a friend."

"We bring the newborn calves right into our home

and in the bathtub. City people don't understand it."

"The animals are just like people to you. It is sad when they die right in front of your eyes."

"Our children learn to love animals. It helps them learn to love others."

Privacy, independence and freedom:

"I can go outside and scream if I want to."

"This is my territory. I don't have to be careful how I look. I can run around in my nightgown if I want to."

"In the city, feel so closed in. I miss my privacy. All there is a house and a yard. There is no space to get away."

"We make our own decisions. I don't know how we could work for someone else."

"You can't place a dollar amount on the independence we have."

Family heritage:

"There is a feeling of power. Someday this will all be yours."

"It is a family heritage thing. We are building up the farm. It is not for us really; it is for the kids. It is something we want to pass on."

"I can look around and see what I have done. I look

at my husband and know he's done something."

Spending time with husbands:

"We do things together."

"When he is going someplace, I jump in and we sit and visit."

"My mother told me to go along (short trips with husband), no matter what. The work will always be there."

"We have our best conversations in the barn."

"Nobody works harder than our husbands. Farmers are stubborn, ornery, helpful, kind, responsible men who know how to help other people. Sometimes I feel like if I want something done, I should go over to the neighbors and phone him up from there."

Family togetherness:

"It is nice to know where he is and where the kids are."

"We take picnics out to the field. We are together."

"The kids know exactly what their father does. They get to spend more time with him and learn from him."

"I loved the summer. I could go and help Dad." (Farm woman reflecting on her childhood.)

"I've developed close bonds with the in-laws. They taught me what I needed to know."

"It is nice to be surrounded by grandparents, the cousins and the family."

Good place to raise children:

"Kids don't grow up as fast. We keep them close."

"Our kids have imagination. They don't get bored like city kids. They can be happy on their own. They are more inventive."

"They learn responsibility. Not busy work. They know they are needed. They know a lot of things. They know they can do something."

"They learn about life and death and how to care for an animal."

"Our children know how much money we have and how hard we have to work to get it."

"We can work the 'devil' out of a mischievous teenager."

"We love to have our children's friends over. We love to show off the farm. We have lots of company in the spring to see the babies born."

Other reflections:

Other comments were made about the specialness of rural neighbors, the laughable things that happen to husbands, kids or themselves as they interact with animals - or all the strange things that can go wrong on a farm.

These women were not kidding themselves. They

know that nature can deal nasty blows. They know that family closeness can lead to problems. They struggle when their children miss out on some opportunities because of distances or the lack of local resources. They worry about accidents and suffer the uncertainty of a troubled farm economy.

Still, for most, the good far outweighs the bad. As one woman summed up, "I love home for its tranquility and lifestyle. It is a romance thing tempered with reality."

For more information on family farming, visit Val Farmer's website at www.valfarmer.com.

Val Farmer is a clinical psychologist specializing in family business consulting and mediation with farm families. He lives in Wildwood, Missouri and can be contacted through his website.

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Nearly 2,000 farmers representing 2.5 million acres of cropland answer best management practices survey

Farmers are adopting best management practices in record numbers, according to a survey just released by the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) and The Fertilizer Institute (TFI). The survey reached slightly less than 2,000 farmers nationwide to gain a better understanding of environmental management measures on U.S. farms and barriers to adoption. The respondents represent 2.5 million acres of farmed cropland.

"The results of this survey have provided us with knowledge of producer practices that will help us best identify how we can continue to increase adoption rates of best management practices and conservation practices," said TFI President Ford B. West. "It is satisfying to know that 60 percent of those surveyed have fully-adopted nutrient management plans and indicators are positive that farmers are using the right nutrient product at the right time, right place and right rate."

Survey respondents had an average of 29 years of farming experience and were typically 52 year-old males. Seventy-five percent of those

answering the survey farm a corn-soybean rotation or a corn-soybean-wheat rotation. Seventy-nine percent had at least some college education.

"These survey results show that many farmers are actively engaged in conservation—in fact, conservation tillage was the most adopted practice among row crop producers," said CTIC Executive Director Karen Scanlon. "We also have a clear picture about why some producers are not choosing conservation practices. That's important because now we can better address their concerns and work to overcome those barriers."

The comprehensive survey netted great results. The top messages taken from the survey follow.

Having a conservation plan is a key predictor of additional conservation behavior. More than half of row crop producers who responded to the survey have fully adopted: conservation tillage, nutrient management, grassed waterways, integrated

pest, disease and weed management.

Farmers indicated that financial assistance is mostly preferred over education and technical assistance, as related to best management practice adoption. In six of the 12 categories, including conservation buffers, GPS yield monitor, irrigation water management, precision agriculture, terraces, and water and sediment control basins, financial assistance was most-preferred.

The top four respected information sources cited are Cooperative Extension, certified crop advisers, agribusiness, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Family members and local farming leaders rated amongst the lowest as preferred information sources.

A positive correlation exists between large scale farms and adoption of conservation tillage and no-till. The survey also showed that large landowners are more conservation-oriented than small landowners.

About half of farmer-

respondents soil test according to state recommendations. Economic concerns and time were primary obstacles to not testing. Twenty-four percent of corn growers, 23 percent of soybean growers and 23 percent of wheat growers cited test costs as a reason they don't soil test.

Based on this initial nationwide survey, CTIC

and TFI anticipate conducting additional surveys that are state-specific, commodity-specific and with retailers across the country.

"This first survey will be used as a starting point in our efforts to better understand farmers' use of nutrient management plans," added West. "As this initiative grows, there's no telling how

much information we'll collect that will help us create programs, materials and perhaps legislation to help implement nutrient management plans."

CTIC and TFI worked with the Certified Crop Advisers (CCA) and the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) in developing the survey questions.

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In tough times, it sometimes pays to look at old ideas in a new light

Market changes tell cattle feeders to take another look at what worked in the past. The rising cost of inputs make some of those dated theories more attractive today, according to Robbi Pritchard, South Dakota State University (SDSU) animal scientist.

“If we talked about stuff 20 years ago and people didn’t pick it up,” he said, “it was either too big of a pain in the neck or corn was so cheap, we didn’t need to chase another option.” Pritchard addressed feeders at a seminar last fall co-sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, Purina Mills, Feedlot magazine and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB).

“The pricing scenario is different than it used to be,” he pointed out. Those feeding cattle or working with a custom feeder have an interest in getting cattle to market quicker with less feed. Most are already doing the big things that improve feed efficiency: feeding ionophores in a more energy-dense diet, and using implants.

Now it’s time to rethink some of the little things and more complicated options we have, Pritchard said.

Matching type of cattle to grain processing method could improve efficiency. “There’s an interaction between the kind of grain processing and the days on feed, the kind of cattle and how much they’re going to be eating,” Pritchard said. “If you want to change efficiency, those numbers are huge.”

Research shows cattle fed for 150 or more days had better efficiencies on whole corn versus rolled corn. Short-fed cattle — 120 days or less — benefit from further grain processing.

“How come everybody that doesn’t own a flaker rolls their corn? Can anybody give me a real good reason for spending money to reduce the energy content of your corn?” he asked.

Pritchard said if a feedlot is flaking grain, tweaking the ration beyond what the computer models suggest might be a way to pick up value.

“Once you put in a flaker, how much do you play with that idea anymore?” he asked. “Maybe exploring the associative effects of flake grains, looking for optimums, can squeeze out some efficiency in the future.”

The example comes from earlier University of Nebraska research on positive associative effects. When moving from high-moisture corn to dry corn, the expectation would be higher intakes, higher feed-to-gain ratios, but higher average daily gain.

“All of our software just connects those dots with straight lines,” Pritchard said. The actual optimum in the five-trial Nebraska summary was a combination of high-moisture and dry corn. The intake went up, but the feed-to-gain ratio dropped significantly; gains improved.

Bunk management subtleties deserve more attention now, too.

“The pen that’s off by 5% on intake is one cost,” Pritchard said. “Part of a pen being off by 20% on intake and the rest of the pen holding their own is the same DMI (dry matter intake) but is way more expensive.”

Both will show up the same when calling bunks, but the ending cost-of-gain could vary by as much as \$2.50

per hundredweight (cwt.).

“Bunk management is something we really have to watch,” he said, “and we can’t just watch to see if they’re staying within 5% from day to day.”

Issues may start before the feed is even delivered. “Batching, mixing, and compositional drift on our ingredients are a big, big deal,” Pritchard noted. “As you go into more alternative feeds, that’s going to become even more problematic.”

At SDSU’s research feedlot, pens of cattle are fed in the same order from the feed mixer batch every day. With one ration, there was a \$20.68/cwt. difference between being fed first and third out of the load. He said it was likely a problem getting feed additives distributed evenly.

“As imprecise as an ionophore test is, you won’t see that on a lab report. If it’s within 20% of what it’s supposed to be, that’s the number,” Pritchard said. “Biologically, the cattle are much more sensitive than that.”

Unless a feedyard has a consistent feeding pattern, these details are lost.

“You can’t see that \$20 in your yard, but that doesn’t mean that the inefficiency isn’t out there,” he said.

Other suggestions for increasing efficiency include feeding lighter cattle and focusing on cattle comfort.

Online copies of the event presentation can be found at http://www.cabpartners.com/events/past_events/index.php.

NALF recognizes longtime members

The North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) hosted about 260 people at its member social Jan. 13 at the Doubletree Hotel Denver. The annual event is part of the Limousin breed’s activities at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

As kickoff for NALF’s 40th-anniversary year, Dale Runnion, Longmont, Colo., NALF Hall of Fame recipient and publisher emeritus of the Limousin World, reflected upon the Limousin breed’s first years in North America and the key players in that history.

Kent Andersen, Ph.D., NALF executive vice president, and Frank Padilla, director of member and commercial relations, then gave special recognition to the 34 members in attendance with at least 30 years of membership.

In total, NALF gave certificates of recognition to

126 enterprises for distinguished service to the Limousin breed through 30 or more years of active membership.

Kansas Limousin breeders that were recognized and the year that they joined the association are as follows: J&C Cattle Co., Baldwin, February 1976; Melvin Gordon, Coffeyville, January 1978; Scott Gordon, Coffeyville, January 1978; Ralph and Virginia Motley, Coffeyville, May 1978; Schilling Limousin, Edson, February 1975 *; GV Limousin, Garnett, July 1978 *; Triple “C” Ranch, Garnett, April 1974; Shipman Cattle Co., Girard, April 1978; Jagels Limousin Ranch, Hepler, May 1977; Sigle Acres, Luray, November 1971; Double JJ Ranch, Tonganoxie, October 1977; Ratliffs Cherry Creek Farms, Westphalia, November 1978.

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55 mix	600-800	Ray Wurtz
65 mix	700-800	Bruce Wurtz
90 blk-x	400-600	Dallas Picolet
40 blk-x	700-800	E&S Rohrer
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Representative sales from last Tuesday, January 29:

STEERS				HEIFERS			
5	386	125.00	15	761	98.80	6	568 105.00
6	498	114.50	57	740	98.50	13	527 104.50
4	530	113.75	14	782	97.50	5	622 100.00
5	588	110.75	28	807	96.90	12	658 98.50
3	630	107.75	22	834	96.50	12	663 96.00
13	627	104.00	65	859	95.90	7	720 94.00
11	652	102.75	51	866	95.50	14	739 93.10
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Feds suspend meatpacker pending probe of animal abuse

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has suspended Westland Meat Co. of Chino, Calif., as a supplier to the agency's National School Lunch Program after the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) posted on its web site a video chronicling abuse of cattle at a supplier's slaughterhouse.

The video shows work-

ers prodding downer cattle — apparently with electric prods — spraying high-intensity water through their noses and ramming them with the blades of a forklift. The workers reportedly were trying to get the cattle on their feet before a USDA inspector arrived for daily inspection.

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service

(FSIS) generally prohibits such abuse as well as the use of downer cattle, or nonambulatory cattle, which pose a higher risk of carrying bovine spongiform encephalopathy and other diseases, and their tissue in human food.

Westland has been suspended indefinitely pending USDA's investigation, which means it cannot produce nor deliver products currently under contract. The company also cannot sign further contracts. The

agency has put on hold all products in or destined for federal food and nutrition programs, Schafer said. Steve Mendell, president and CEO of Westland Meat Co., the second-largest supplier of meat to the National School Lunch Program, said in a statement that two workers violated the company's animal welfare standards and have been fired. Their supervisor has been suspended pending his explanation, he said.



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5 blk str	539@121.00				
4 blk, bwf str	507@120.50	3 blk, bwf hfrs	313@115.00		
3 blk str	441@119.50	5 blk, red hfrs	383@114.00		
8 blk, bwf str	581@117.00	11 blk, bwf hfrs	468@113.75		
5 blk, bwf str	548@116.00	9 blk hfrs	523@109.00		
7 blk, char str	567@115.50	15 blk hfrs	567@106.75		
8 blk, red str	582@113.75	9 blk, bwf hfrs	564@104.75		
23 blk, red str	628@113.75	9 mxd hfrs	497@104.75		
5 blk str	620@110.50	7 mxd hfrs	537@104.50		
8 blk, bwf, char str	651@106.10	9 blk, red hfrs	548@104.25		
17 blk, red str	713@103.00	21 blk, red hfrs	561@104.25		
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5 blk str	725@99.50	4 blk, bwf hfrs	651@96.00		
6 char x str	652@97.85	4 blk hfrs	652@95.00		
14 blk, rwf str	801@94.35	2 bwf, rwf hfrs	672@91.75		
		3 blk, red hfrs	745@89.85		

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48 blk bwf s&h	550-750 w&v	25 char x s&h	700-800
50 red angus x s&h	750-950	20 blk bwf s&h	700-850 w&v
25 blk s&h	750-850	25 blk bwf str	600-800 w&v
35 mix s&h	600-750	35 blk bwf s&h	650-800 w&v
25 blk s&h	700-800 w&v	6 blk s&h	700-800
20 blk hfrs	650-700 LMA-Vacc	6 blk str	650-700
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3 hfrs	@446#	\$112.00	5 str	@620#	\$109.10
9 hfrs	@455#	\$108.00	24 str	@618#	\$107.00
4 hfrs	@490#	\$105.75	8 str	@672#	\$104.75
7 hfrs	@515#	\$109.00	22 str	@697#	\$99.00
3 hfrs	@580#	\$107.25	4 str	@710#	\$100.00
2 hfrs	@580#	\$104.00	72 str	@749#	\$98.75
11 hfrs	@540#	\$101.00	9 str	@750#	\$98.00
5 hfrs	@625#	\$97.10	10 str	@792#	\$96.25
4 hfrs	@640#	\$95.75	15 str	@830#	\$94.50
12 hfrs	@600#	\$95.10	5 str	@820#	\$94.10
14 hfrs	@662#	\$94.25	32 str	@892#	\$93.10
4 hfrs	@715#	\$93.00	13 str	@805#	\$93.10
9 hfrs	@729#	\$92.50	38 str	@856#	\$92.50
7 hfrs	@730#	\$92.10	9 str	@918#	\$93.00
20 hfrs	@767#	\$91.75	8 str	@934#	\$92.10
4 hfrs	@915#	\$86.75	43 str	@954#	\$92.50
3 hfrs	@1028#	\$68.00	25 str	@954#	\$92.00
3 str	@455#	\$129.00	13 str	@967#	\$91.50
4 str	@440#	\$124.75	22 str	@994#	\$90.50
3 str	@490#	\$119.00	28 str	@1053#	\$90.10
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3 str	@542#	\$117.10	14 str	@1063#	\$89.75
2 str	@590#	\$114.00	28 str	@1030#	\$89.00

HEIFERS		STEERS	
400-499 lbs. . . .	\$104.00-\$112.00	400-499 lbs. . . .	\$117.00-\$129.00
500-599 lbs. . . .	\$101.00-\$109.00	500-599 lbs. . . .	\$110.00-\$122.00
600-699 lbs. . . .	\$93.00-\$97.00	600-699 lbs. . . .	\$100.00-\$109.00
700-799 lbs. . . .	\$91.50-\$93.00	700-799 lbs. . . .	\$95.25-\$100.00
COWS: \$48.00-\$56.00 •		800-899 lbs. . . .	
\$40.00-\$47.75		900-1,000 lbs. . . .	
SHELLS: \$39.00 & down		BULLS: \$61.00-\$65.50	

Early Consignments for Friday, Feb. 8

20 mix str & hfrs, 400-500 lbs.; 50 blk str, 500-700 lbs., weaned; 55 blk hfrs, 700-775 lbs.; 64 mix str & hfrs, 650-850 lbs.; 60 blk & red str, 800-975 lbs., pending; 120 mostly blk str, 750-800 lbs., pending.

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- 16 Cows, 9 years old
 - 23 Cows, 8 years old
 - 24 Cows, 6 & 7 years old
 - 20 Cows, 5 years old
 - 13 Cows, 4 years old
 - 39 Cows, 3 years old
 - 15 Open cows, 3-9 years old with fall calves at side
 - 12 Cows, 3-9 years old, short bred
- Other consignments:**
- 58 black cows, 4 years old, bred to black bulls to begin calving Feb. 15th
 - 75 blk 3 to 6 yr. old cows, to begin calving Feb. 15th
 - 20 blk & bwf 5 to 7 yr. old cows with 250-350 lb. calves at side, pairs will weigh 1,250-1,300 lbs.
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Former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz dies at 98

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Earl L. Butz, the outspoken U.S. agriculture secretary forced from office in 1976 for making a racist joke, died Saturday morning. He was 98.

Butz was found dead in his bed at his son Bill's Washington, D.C., home, said Randy Woodson, dean of Purdue University's College of Agriculture.

Woodson said Butz had traveled to his son's home last week for a visit and had been in poor health recently.

"He hadn't been in good health during the last week or so and had gone out there to spend time with his children," Woodson said.

His death was announced during the Purdue Agriculture Alumni Association's annual fish fry, an event at the West Lafayette campus Butz rarely missed.

"It's a big loss for Purdue and Indiana agriculture," he said.

The free-market advocate, a longtime dean of agriculture at Purdue University, had a relaxed and earthy style that won him acclaim as an after-dinner speaker but caused problems in his public life.

Controversy began swirling around Butz after President Nixon appointed him secretary of agriculture in 1971. The farm economist figured in public disputes ranging from foreign grain sales to high meat prices.

He was forced to resign his Cabinet post in October 1976 after telling an obscene joke that was derogatory to blacks. The slur was overheard by John Dean, the former counsel to Nixon who was jailed in the Watergate scandal, and Dean's report on it was published in Rolling Stone magazine.

Two years earlier, Butz apologized to the Vatican after criticizing the Roman

Catholic Church's stand on birth control by using a mock Italian accent while referring to the pope.

"Let's be honest, I'm controversial. I don't hesitate to speak my mind," he said at the time.

When Butz left his cabinet post, President Ford said "I have accepted the resignation of this decent and good man."

Butz maintained during his career that farmers should rely on a free market driven by exports and not federal subsidies. As agriculture secretary, he drew the ire of unions and consumer groups when he worked out long-term agreements on the sale of grain to Eastern European nations and Japan. The sales led to a jump in grain prices at home and drew the applause of the farmers who benefited.

When world food prices soared in the 1970s, Butz gained the acrimony of environmentalists by urging the nation's farmers to "plant from fence row to fence row." That policy resulted in vegetation along fence rows being plowed and planted and wetlands tiled and drained.

As ag secretary, Butz also proclaimed that farming "is now a big business" and that the family farm "must adapt or die" by expanding into large operations reliant on industrial pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

In the years that followed his resignation, Butz became one of the most sought-after GOP speakers in the nation, in part because of his salty, humorous delivery.

One Butz observation about environmentalists who complained about chemical use centered on apples. He remarked that most living Americans had

never bitten into a wormy apple and, after seeing the worm hole, wonder whether they had eaten the worm or whether it was still in the apple.

"Let's be honest about it," Butz said. "God put the worm in the apple; man took it out ... Man used poison to get it out — deadly poison. But the good part is that you can't buy a bad apple in your town today."

As a private citizen, Butz pleaded guilty in 1981 to federal charges of failing to report \$148,000 of taxable income for 1978.

"What I have done is wrong. I'm guilty of the crime charged. There's no justification for what has happened," he told a feder-

al judge just before his sentencing.

He was sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$10,000. Butz served only 25 days in jail, however, as the judge commuted all but 30 days to probation and Butz got five days off for good behavior.

He was born July 3, 1909, and raised on a 160-acre livestock farm in northeastern Indiana's Noble County. His first eight years of education were in a one-room school.

His long affiliation with Purdue University started in 1927, when he began studies on a 4-H scholarship. He earned the school's first doctorate in agricultural economics 10 years later.

He then joined Purdue's agricultural economics faculty, and rose through the ranks over the next 17 years to head the department.

Butz married Mary Emma Powell in 1937, and they had two sons, Bill and Thomas. She died in 1995.

Butz was assistant secretary of agriculture from 1954 to 1957, during the Eisenhower administration. He then returned to Purdue and was dean of the School of Agriculture for the next 10 years.

He unsuccessfully campaigned for the Republican nomination for Indiana governor in 1968, his only try for elective office.


After leaving the Cabinet, he was named dean emeritus of Purdue's School of Agriculture.

Butz made his home near Purdue's West Lafayette campus, located in agriculturally rich central Indiana. He termed himself a "farmboy at heart" and attributed his longevity to rising early and keeping busy.

In his later years, Butz remained active in Purdue activities and spoke widely. He hosted his own radio program and worked for several farm-related businesses as a board member or consultant. In 1999, Butz donated \$1 million to Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics.

Visitation will be Feb. 9, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Federated Church in West Lafayette, Ind. A funeral will follow at 11 a.m.

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3 bwf/blk str	533 @ 113.50	6 bwf/blk str	880 @ 96.35
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2 x-bred bulls	543 @ 109.00	8 blk/red str	834 @ 95.35
7 wf bulls	496 @ 106.75	57 blk/char str	898 @ 95.25
2 x-bred bulls	403 @ 105.00	4 bwf/blk str	894 @ 95.00
2 bwf bulls	540 @ 100.00	13 bwf/blk str	892 @ 94.50
		10 bwf/blk str	892 @ 94.50
		119 mix str	882 @ 91.75
		14 bwf/blk str	1010 @ 90.75
		120 mix str	884 @ 90.00
		7 blk str	934 @ 89.50
		24 blk/sim str	1180 @ 85.00
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS			
10 blk str	559 @ 117.00		
6 blk str	556 @ 114.00		
5 bwf/blk str	659 @ 105.00		
5 bwf/blk str	665 @ 105.00		
7 blk/sim str	677 @ 103.50		
4 bwf/blk str	696 @ 101.50		
4 blk str	696 @ 100.50		
4 blk str	694 @ 99.25		
17 bwf/blk str	766 @ 99.00		
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3 bwf str	765 @ 98.50		
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4 bwf/blk hfr	463 @ 106.00		
3 blk hfr	320 @ 105.00		
2 blk hfr	363 @ 105.00		
3 bwf/blk hfr	452 @ 105.00		
3 bwf/bk hfr	532 @ 105.00		
2 x-bred hfr	453 @ 104.00		
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1 bwf hfrt	985 @ 78.00		
1 blk hfrt	1375 @ 68.50		
1 blk hfrt	1175 @ 65.00		
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1 blk cow	1160 @ 45.00		
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2 blk cows	1278 @ 43.50		
1 hol cow	1625 @ 43.00		
1 sim cow	1415 @ 42.50		
1 wf cow	1335 @ 42.00		
1 red cow	1025 @ 40.50		
1 sim cow	1485 @ 40.00		
1 hol cow	1510 @ 38.00		
1 red cow	1140 @ 37.50		
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