Given prices, assessing thin, late-emerged wheat stands is especially important

When it comes to wheat has only half a stand, it is yields after that time, but stands, how thin is too thin? In some areas of Kansas, the wheat crop came up late or stands have been unusually sparse this year, according to Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

Where this is the case, producers may want to know if these fields should be kept or destroyed and planted to a summer row crop, Shroyer said.

Crop insurance considerations play an important role in this decision, but there are also agronomic and economic factors to consider, said Shroyer, who is the Extension state agronomy leader.

"Wheat yields are normally only 40 to 60 percent of normal when it is seeded or emerges very late. But even if the field

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probably worth keeping this year," he said. "With the high price of wheat currently, a field with only 15- to 20-bushel yield potential may be worth keeping this year; whereas in previous years that may not have been justi-

One thing to keep in mind is that late-emerged wheat will mature later than normal, and may face more disease pressure, he said. Spring weather conditions are especially critical to the ultimate yield of late-emerged wheat.

"It is too early at this point in the season to make a reasonable estimate of yield potential. The earliest producers can start estimating yields is when the wheat reaches the jointing stage. There are still many factors that can influence

counting the number of tillers present at jointing time can at least provide a rough estimate of yield potential," he said.

To make this estimate, producers can assume that each tiller per square foot will equal about one bushel of grain yield, Shroyer said. For example, if there are 20 tillers per square foot at jointing, producers could estimate the yield potential to be about 20 bushels per

"This is far from precise, but it will suffice as an early ballpark estimate. Normally, only about 70 to 80 percent of the tillers present at jointing will make it to heading, but this is highly dependent on weather conditions and initial tiller density," said

Groups defend safe, valuable management tools

est agricultural technology innovations from around the world, a group of U.S. farmers introduced the American Farmers for the Advancement and Conservation of Technology (AFACT) organization at the 2008 World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif.

AFACT was organized by farmers who are frustrated by the loss of safe and valuable management tools as a result of inaccurate labeling and marketing practices that mislead the consumer.

As the organization's name implies, AFACT is dedicated to supporting producer choice of existing, safe management practices and new technologies. **AFACT** members represent a variety of producers in and level of technology

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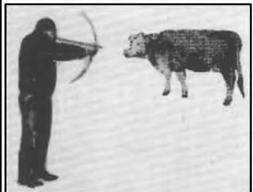
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The Farm Bureau Safety and Health Network's Agricultural Safety Awareness Week, dedicated to farm safety education with a particular emphasis on children, begins in a few days. In recognition of this, Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer proclaimed March 2-8 as Agricultural Safety Awareness Week. The 2008 theme, "Growing the Most Important Crop," emphasizes making farms and ranches safer

for farmers, their family members and employees with special emphasis on children.

In the proclamation, Schafer noted people of all ages, but children in particular, are at risk of injuries on the farm. He also encouraged farmers and ranchers to learn more about preventing workplace hazards.

"In observance of this week, I call upon all Americans to respect safe farm practices and to increase their understanding of agriculture in their states and local communities," said Schafer. "Farmers and ranchers are vital contributors to our nation's wellbeing, providing high-quality food, fiber and fuel at a reasonable cost."

AFBF President Bob Stallman said educating adults about reducing risks to the children in their care is critical to preventing farm

and ranch injuries and deaths.

"During Ag Safety Awareness Week and throughout the year, state Farm Bureaus across the country are focusing on making farms and ranches safer for farmers, their family members and employees," said Stallman, adding that several farmer and rancher Farm Bureau members are helping spread the word as official spokespersons.

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PRIMITIVES: Flax spinning wheel; Ig. wooden yarn wheel; wooden cobblers bench; 35 iron trivets; many kitchen primitives; crock 50 gal. Waconda Springs water jug, Red Wing; 2 gal. F. B. Norton blue slip design jug, chip; salt glaze crocks one blue ship design; Minnesota stoneware rW wax jar; other crocks; Bennington Ware; dough bins; lots copper & brass primitives; Vanstans Stratena weight; cabinets; butter molds & stamps; many washboards; wash bowls & pitchers; cigar molds; wooden grain scoop; brass barn lantern; pierced tin lantern; iron & glass string holders; wick trimmer

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ITEMS SELLING SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - 10:00 A.M.

GLASSWARE: (10:00 a.m.) 52" crystal walking cane w/twist design; 40" rope twist cane w/amber glass core; 32" red, white & blue cane, end damage; reclining horse inkwell; glass inkwells; 12 place setting Duncan & Miller Sandwich pat. dishes; Mary Gregory vases; barber bottle bases; 54 pcs.: Ruby Flash glass; custard glass; Belleville Ks. toothpick; Piedmont, Ks. pitcher; Fenton glass; pk. cased glass brides bowl; amber Fine Cut & panel cake stand; Paneled Daisy & Button; frosted fish pedestal compote; other old pattern glass; yellow Cambridge Apple Blossom ice bucket; blue quilted art glass perfume, no bulb; Royal Ruby, Depression Era glass, Cut glass; Cranberry Coin Dot pitcher; early 1900's glass; other

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House Bill 2897, a bill Wheat Growers. "We apthat would increase the assessment cap on wheat, corn, grain sorghum and sunflowers sold in Kansas, passed out of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee vesterday. The bill also includes a provision that suspends the state assessment while a national checkoff program for any of the five commodities is in effect.

From there, the bill will go to the floor of the House where it is expected to pass.

The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers approached the 2008 Kansas Legislature for an increase in the wheat assessment authority from 10 mills per bushel to 20 mills per bushel. The Kansas Wheat Commission plans to use any increase for additional investment in research and biotechnology, cellulosic ethanol and consumer education.

"Current wheat shortages are reinforcing the need for advanced and expanded wheat research," said Joe Kejr, President of the Kansas Association of

proached the Legislature because increased funding of research is necessary for the long-term viability of the Kansas wheat industry."

The proposed increase is a legislative authority increase only; essentially raising the assessment cap from one penny to two pennies per bushel. This does not raise the actual assessment to two pennies. If this legislative authority is approved. Kansas Wheat will then ask for producer input before any decision is made by the Commission to collect a higher amount. The last time the wheat assessment authority was changed in statute was 1982. At this time, the authority was raised from 3 to 10 mills. It has been 26 years since the wheat assessment authority was changed. Many changes have occurred at home and around the world during this time. The wheat industry must change as well.

Please contact your Representative in support of HB 2897. A complete listing of Kansas Legislators with their contact information is

available at www.kslegislature.org.

Kansas Wheat has developed a long-term strategic plan to help Kansas wheat producers meet the challenges of the future. Kansas Wheat is the cooperative agreement between the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association

of Wheat Growers who have joined together to be leaders in the adoption of profinnovations for wheat. Through several below average harvests and decreasing wheat acres, the Kansas Wheat Commissioners have done their best to maintain essential investments. Even with dramatic cuts in expenditures, reserves have been depleted.

Maintaining essential investments is important, but to enhance the competitiveness of wheat by facilitating the development and adoption of innovation for wheat producers, additional investment is needed.

"Wheat is currently losing ground to corn and soybean production. In spite of their lack of environmental

compatibility for much of the state, corn and soybeans currently offer a short-term economic advantage to producers," said Kansas Wheat Commissioner Dean Stoskopf. "Because of this, profitability for dry-land farmers is at risk, and groundwater resources are being depleted. Research is the key

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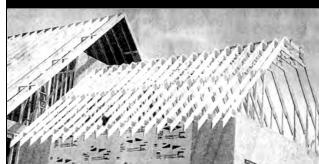
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to unlocking the maximum potential of crops grown for the benefit of the state's economy and the world's consumers." Since 2001, Kansas State University has experienced a loss of 15 -20% in state support, just in wheat research. For the past few years, wheat producers have been asked to fill in this gap. This struggle for funding is making it harder and harder to keep young, aspiring scientists interested in wheat.

Advances have been made in crop science to utilize biotechnology traits such as plant resistance to insect or disease as well as tolerance to herbicide and environmental conditions such as drought. Yet wheat has not enjoyed any of these new traits because of consumer perceptions about this technology.

One developing valueadded area is the use of biomass for ethanol production (crop residues such as wheat straw and dedicated biomass crops). Kansas



Steve Olsen of Louisburg and Ed and Greg Moore of Excelsior Springs, Mo. looked over the horse offering before the 44th annual Titus and Stout TS Herefords & Quarter Horses sale at the ranch in the center of the Flint Hills south of Cottonwood Falls. Quarter Horses produced by Olsen and the Moores were represented in several bloodlines of the sale offering.

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The 2008 NCBA Convention resulted in a vote to double the Beef Checkoff to \$2.00. Attending several meetings throughout Kansas last year, KCA asked thousands of producers how they felt about increasing the checkoff to \$2.00. So many questions and concerns were raised.

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Without fixing any other aspect of the Checkoff program, would you be in favor of paying an additional dollar per head? Would you like to see your payment ... your dollars ... benefit your business? Would you be in favor of using a portion of the Beef Checkoff funds to promote USA BEEF? Let us know at cowsrus10@sbcglobal.net

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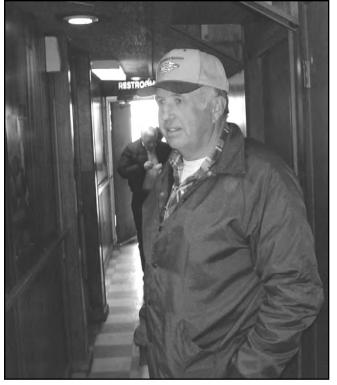
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Pioneer heralds growth, touts increased need for detasslers

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Pioneer Hi-Bred International announced recently it needs 30 percent more land this year for seed corn production — a significant jump even as some predict that corn plantings will ebb in 2008.

The Johnston-based company said the increase will mean more demand for a mainstay of corn production: detasslers.

Detasslers — whose ranks are usually filled by high school and college students looking to earn summer cash — remove pollenproducing tassels from corn plants. They typically walk through corn fields removing the tops of corn plants that machines miss.

"Detassling is something very familiar to a lot of people in the Midwest especially," said Pat Arthur, a spokesman for Pioneer. "It's a great opportunity for school kids to make some money.

Pioneer employed a little less than 30,000 detasslers in seven states and Canada last year and expects that number to swell this year. The same is expected in Iowa, where Pioneer employed nearly 7,000 detasslers last year.

Because of competition concerns, Pioneer does not release the specific number of acres it plants each year. But outside sources said the increase in land requirements indicated a heavy investment in corn this year.

"If you look at the national estimates for corn acres, they're down about 6 percent nationwide this

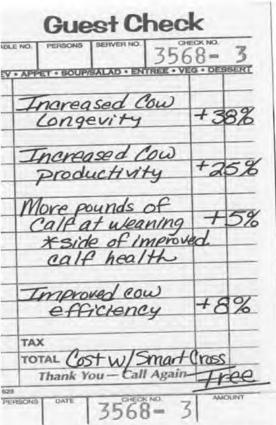
year," said Roger Elmore, an extension corn specialist at Iowa State University. "We won't know until it gets into the ground, but this news would suggest that they're being very aggressive in trying to maintain or gain in their market share."

Elmore said the increased need for detasslers was a positive sign. He said that in some households detassling was a family tradition.

"I did it back in the '70s, and today ... you know, kids still have to walk those fields and make sure that they get everything.

"There's a lot of automation in corn production, but that's something that they still haven't gotten

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Farm land values rise as crop prices soar rections on the chart," said have more than doubled in tural economist at the Uni- comes with a dose of

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Real estate values in cities around the country have been falling or remaining flat, but prices for agricultural land in Kansas and Missouri remain strong, thanks largely to high crop prices.

"In 2007 and probably continuing into 2008, agriculture is back in the driver's seat," said Rodney Jones, a farm management economist at Kansas State University.

A survey from the Federal Reserve said the price of agricultural land was up more than 20 percent in Kansas and the western third of Missouri in the last quarter of 2007, compared with a year earlier, according to The Kansas City Star.

Urban real estate values, however, have not fared so well.

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Larry Kueser, a Miami County, real estate agent who specializes in rural property. "It's a very interesting dynamic."

Although rural land has been attractive for some time as an investment or for recreational use, the recent surge is due to booming crop prices driven largely by the demand for biofuels, according to The Star.

Jones said corn and soybean prices had doubled and wheat prices tripled in the past two years. There is also an improved foreign market created by the weak dollar and growing demand for U.S. farm products.

Pasture land prices are also up because the high price of feed and grain makes grazing a cheaper alternative to feedlots, Jones

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western Missouri and nearly doubled in Kansas, according to the Federal Reserve. The average value of an acre of cropland was \$2,325 in western Missouri and \$1,178 in Kansas, the survey showed.

Better rural real estate prices also means good news for some small-town businesses.

"The Ford dealer or Chevy dealer will benefit. The farmer may remodel his house, put in new furniture," said Ron Plain, an agricul-

versity of Missouri-Columbia. "The kids may get a new rifle and a four-wheeler. When the farmers have more money, everyone benefits."

In Beloit in north-central Kansas, factories that make tillage equipment are so busy they can't find enough employees, said Murray McGee of the Mitchell County Community Development office. A farm vehicle tire supplier is in the same situation, he said.

The good news, however,

caution.

Ron Kuglin, a rancher and farmer in the Holton area, north of Topeka, said the income boost for farmers was partly offset by higher costs. Fertilizer made from price-sensitive petroleum products has doubled in price in the past three years and costs \$50 to \$60 an acre to apply, he said.

Rising values increase a farmer's net worth but don't put more money in his pocket unless the land is sold. Kuglin said.

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