

Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central Tonnage: 12,825/4,545 Last week: 12,823/4,731 Last year: 13,559/3,111 Hay trade slow. Demand moderate to strong for grinding alfalfa, alfalfa pellets and dairy alfalfa, moderate for stock cow quality hay and prairie hay. Eastern Kansas has dried out enough to allow fertilizer application and field preparation for row crops. Pasture burning in Eastern Kansas and stalk burning in Western Kansas have been active when the wind dies down. Corn planting has begun in Southeast Kansas. Alfalfa producers are keeping a close watch for cutworms and alfalfa weevil. Irrigators are watering alfalfa and wheat in Western Kansas. 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 dairy active, ground moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small square, 150.00-200.00, mostly 180.00-200.00; Dairy, Supreme 160.00-175.00; Premium 150.00-165.00; Good, 120.00-150.00; a little new crop Dairy contracted 95.00-100.00 standing in the field; Stock Cow, Fair to Good 110.00-125.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 100.00-105.00, some 90.00-100.00 shipped in, a little new crop contracted 110.00-115.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 120.00-135.00, a little new crop contracted 140.00-145.00 clock (12 month contracts). The week of 3/17-22, 12,825T of grinding alfalfa and 2,625T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, good large square bales 50.00.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Hay movement moderate, alfalfa pellet movement active. Alfalfa: Horse, scarce, small square 200.00-210.00, mid square 175.00-185.00; Dairy, Supreme 145.00-165.00; Premium 130.00-145.00; Good, 100.00-130.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 70.00-85.00, 85.00-95.00 delivered, Utility 60.00-65.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 105.00-120.00. The week of 3/17-22, 4,545T of grinding alfalfa and 1,180T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 150.00-160.00; Sun Cured 17% 160.00-170.00; Dehydrated 17% 210.00. Straw, good large square bales 45.00-50.00. Sudan, large square 55.00-65.00, large round 50.00-65.00. Milo stalks large bales 45.00-

55.00. Cornstalks 40.00, or 55.00 delivered.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement variable, slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, small or mid square 155.00-160.00, clippings in mid square 180.00-200.00. Dairy alfalfa scarce, 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 90.00-110.00, Good mid and large squares 85.00-100.00, Good large round 60.00-70.00. CWF Grass Mulch, large round 50.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. 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 the field 90.00-100.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 115.00-130.00.

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; 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: 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 2.50-3.50/bale, large bales 45.00-60.00/T. Sudan, good large round 65.00. Corn stalks 35.00-40.00. Milo stalks, large round 40.00.

The Kansas Hay Market Report is provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture with technical oversight from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.



Merlyn Larson, Marquette cattleman, has been doing business at Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commissions Company, Inc., Salina, for nearly three and a half decades. He congratulated Col. Roger Johnson during a 40-year retirement reception.

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AUCTION: Saturday, April 12, 2008 ~ 9am

9949 S Meridian Rd, Peck, KS

Body shop equip; hand/power tools; Dupont Premier paint mixing system; collectibles: glassware; household; '63 IHC Scout rag top, 63000 mi; '66 IHC winch trk; '82 Ford svc trk; '75 GMC Astro 95 tractor trk, Detroit dsl eng; shop-blt 30' 5th wheel drop deck dozer trlr; alum 5th wheel hopper, sgl axle, grain trlr; RG LeTourneau dirt carryall; wrecked vehicles incl '66 Ford Mustang & more; lg quan vehicle parts, scrap iron.

REAL ESTATE: 3BR/1BA, 1120sf brick home, built 1958, partially fin full bsmt, 3600sf body shop w/8 OH outside doors, addl equip bldgs, all on 5 ac, incl DOT salvage storage license.

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REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 2:00 P.M.

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(14) nice 10' church pews; (3) 6' pews; (2) pulpits; 4 drawer oak stacking bookcase; very nice ornate antique piano - Tryber Piano Co.; (2) piano benches; Bellevue Piano; (10) antique wooden children chairs; children's Sunday school desk; (2) oak captains chairs; oak end table w/ claw feet; Radio Shack Microphone w/ 40 watt speakers; old 7' pine serving table; oak wall clock w/ stained glass; blackboard; 10' lighted oak cross; (2) old leather bound Holy Bibles; religious pictures; old religious books; refrigerator; (6) folding tables; metal folding chairs; vacuum sweeper; other miscellaneous items and dishes.

Auctioneer Notes: The building and all church items will be sold. Terms: Cash or good check. Not responsible for accidents or theft. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed material.

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Auctioneers: Gerald Gray, Gary Yocum
Phone 785-632-3465

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas — 159 acres m/l.

LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY: From the Intersection of Highways #99 and #56 north of Admire, Kansas — go 1 mile west on Highway #56 to Road P, turn north on Road P and go 1 3/4 miles. Property is on the east side of the road. Watch for signs.

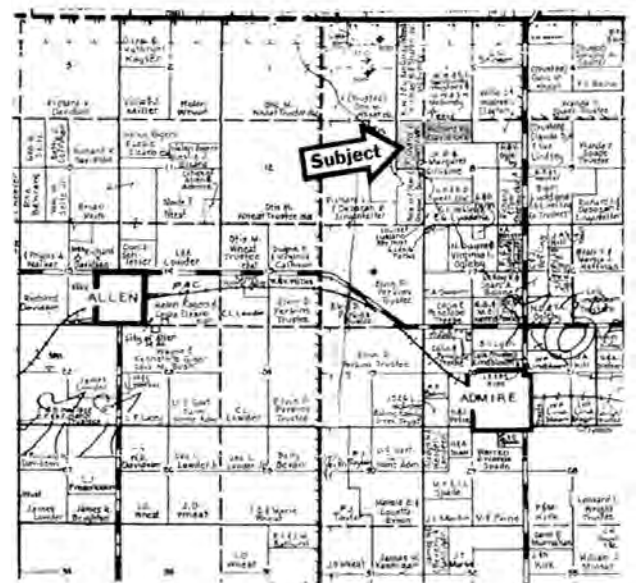
TYPE OF PROPERTY: This property consists of approximately 1/2 Brome and 1/2 Native Bluestem Grass. This parcel is 90% hayable and has been hayed the last two years. This is a very scenic tract with some roll to the land and the livestock do well on this parcel. There is a pond and heavy wildlife traffic across this track. Lots of deer and turkey.

TERMS: Seller requires 20% earnest money payable on the day of the sale with the balance due in full at the time of closing-approximately 30 days.

CONDITIONS: This sale is subject to all easements, restrictions, covenants, leases and zoning regulations of record.

MERCHANTABLE TITLE: The Seller agrees to furnish a Title Insurance Policy for the amount of the purchase price with the costs split equally between the Buyer and the Seller.

POSSESSION: The Seller's will give immediate possession upon signing of the contract and earnest money payment.



MINERALS: All the Seller's mineral interests transfer with the Real Estate at the time of closing.

TAXES: The Seller will pay the 2007 taxes. The Buyer will pay the 2008 taxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: To obtain more information or make arrangements to view the property please call the selling agent at the listed phone numbers. All announcements the day of the sale take precedence over all previous printed material or advertising. Joe Biggs and Associates, Inc. is the agent for the Seller in this transaction and does not represent the Buyer. All information is obtained from sources deemed to be reliable but are not guaranteed by the Seller or the Selling Agent. This sale is not subject to the Buyer obtaining financing. All financial arrangements should be made prior to the sale. The Sellers and the Selling Agent are not responsible in case of accidents.

AUCTIONEER'S REMARKS: This is a nice, clean scenic tract of land located 2 miles north of Highway 56 between Topeka and Emporia. The property offers rolling land with a view of the countryside plus the serene peacefulness of the Flint Hills. There is a nice pond plus springs for water and good fences. If you are a sportsman, hunter, outdoorsman, investor or cattleman, take a hard look at this land. It is one of a kind. COME TO THE SALE—WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING THERE.

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2008 Flint Hills Beef Fest cattle contests entry deadline Concert to be staged in Clay County

Entries are being accepted for the 2008 Flint Hills Beef Fest Cattle Contests. This is the 22nd year for the Flint Hills Beef Fest, which is headquartered in Emporia, Kansas.

What is the Flint Hills Beef Fest? The Flint Hills Beef Fest is a celebration of the Kansas Flint Hills grass cattle industry to promote the kind and quality of cattle that graze the Kansas grasslands. Four contests for stocker cattle are conducted in pens of three head with separate divisions for steers and heifers. The contests are:

Grass futurity — measures weight gain on grass; live stocker show — quality judging on muscle, confor-

mation & overall performance on grass; Feedlot — weight gain in the feedlot; carcass — carcass quality on grade & yield.

For this year's contest, the cattle will be received on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Emporia Livestock Sales. The cattle will be turned out to grass and will graze until August 14th. The cattle will graze at the Highland Ranch near Olpe again this year.

On August 14th, the cattle will be gathered and weighed off grass. The winners of the Grass Futurity and Live Stocker Show will be announced during the evening awards banquet on Saturday, August 16th.

Those cattle entering the Feedlot and Carcass contests will be shipped to the feedlot where they will be fed for 120 days. For this year's cattle contests, over \$15,000 in cash awards will be handed out!

Entries are being accepted on a first come, first served basis and only 40 pens of steers and 40 pens of heifers will be accepted for this year's contests. To ensure your spot, be sure to return a completed entry form by April 16, 2008.

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Cathy Lieber, at (620) 344-3849 or by e-mail at catlpat@hotmail.com

The Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce will present the Community Chamber Orchestra in a multi-media concert to honor the farm heritage of Kansas on Saturday, April 5, at both 4:30 and 7 p.m. The "Agriculture and the Arts" presentation will take place in the historic Rex Theater on the Clay Center town square, with free parking, handicap accessibility, and area restaurants open after both concerts.

For a year volunteer photographers have been recording scenes of rural life in Clay County, and these over 450 photographs will be shown as the musicians of the orchestra perform popular American music.

Come and enjoy the changes of the seasons, a community rodeo and fairs, harvests and farm work, wild and tame animals, plants, insects, and even the ice storm, all captured in real time from 2007 and 2008.

Tickets for this family-friendly concert are priced at \$5 for individuals, or \$13 for families. The photographers, musicians, and planning committee members of "Agriculture and the Arts" are from Morganville, Clay Center, Wakefield, Green, Manhattan,

Olsburg, Wamego, and Clifton. Included among the music will be songs from "The Wizard of Oz," as well as swing and jazz standards and tunes by Gershwin, Berlin, and Herbert.

Advance tickets for each of the April 5 concerts are available through the Orchestra's website (kansasmusic.net), or from the musicians. The Community Chamber Orchestra includes youth through adults and plays without a conductor. New members are accepted year-round.

For more information, contact Dr. Anne Clark at (785) 926-4725 or through the website. "Agriculture and the Arts" was first presented in Clark County, Ohio (the birthplace of 4-H) with the Springfield Symphony and leadership from Ohio State University.

Robert and June Bargar were involved in that experience, and are acting as advisors to the Community Chamber Orchestra.

This project is presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

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Note: The Friesen's had a special talent for refinishing oak furniture. This list includes many items they restored over the years and they are in very nice condition.

ANTIQUÉ FURNITURE & MISC.

Oak 4-dwr curve drawer dresser w/tilt beveled mirror, ornate frame (nice) - Pine 5-dwr dresser w/tilt mirror; Heavy square table w/drawer; Approx. 21+ oak chairs (some matching), straight back, curve back, etc.; 3) Press back oak chairs; Several captain's chairs; Several oak rocking arm chairs; Mission oak rocking arm chair; Small round oak table; Approx. 7 parlor tables (several w/claw feet); Oak twin bed w/fancy headboard; Master Bilt large metal egg cooler, 5' wide, 4 1/2' tall, 32" deep (works); Antique baby bed; 9) Wooden wash boards; Keg type butter churn w/stand; Chrome kitchen table w/6 chairs; 2) Rendering kettles, 1 large, 1 small; Copper boiler; Steel trunk; Wash tubs; Cream can; Coal bucket; Cast skillet; Numerous granite pans & bowls; Old cigar boxes; Kerosene lamp; Crock; TOYS: Structo Cattle Farms metal semi-trailer; Metal fire truck; McCormick Deering cast threshing machine; Wood spoke wheel wagon pulled by 2 horses; Other misc. toys & parts.

TRACTOR, EQUIPMENT, CAR

Ford 9N tractor, 3 spd., 12 v., 3 pt., pto, good paint, good rubber, runs good; 3 section drag springtooth; 3 pt. 6' blade; 3 pt. 2 bottom garden plow; 1998 Buick Century 4 door car, 93,000 mi., silver/taupe color.

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saw; Craftsman 6" jointer; Picnic table; Gas grill; Wheelbarrow; Step ladder; Workmate alum. ladder; Skil saw; Electric drills; Cordless drills; Hyd. jack; C clamps; Wood clamps; Pipe clamps; Misc. hand tools & wrenches; Assorted shop supplies, bolts, screws, nails, oils, etc.; Garden tools incl. shovels, rakes, forks, etc.; Garden supplies; Lawn sprinklers; Hand sprayer; Garden hose & hose winders; Weed eater; Hedge trimmers; Ice chests; Lawn chairs; BB gun; Shop vac & other misc.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Roper refrigerator; Westinghouse 16 refrigerator; Whirlpool washer & dryer set; Oak double bed, dresser & nightstand; Waterfall style bed & chest of drawers; Divan; Swivel rocker; RCA TV; Dinette table w/4 chairs; End tables; Table lamps; Piano bench; Several knee hole desks; Oak desk w/side drawers; Desk chair; 3-dwr chest of drawers; Ethan Allen plant stand; Quilt frame w/extensions; Electric fans; Luggage; Linens, towels, tablecloths; Lots of fabrics; Craft items; Wall hangings; Knick knacks; Figurines; Sewing supplies; Kitchen items incl.: microwave; pots & pans; lots of Tupperware; lots of Corelle; Stoneware; misc. utensils; baking pans; mixing bowls; small appliances; electric roaster; roasters; Pyrex; water glasses; Corningware; apple slicer; stainless steel cookware set & other misc. kitchen items; Baskets; Board games; Jars; Christmas decorations; Assorted candy dishes; chicken on nest; Vinegar cruets; Other misc. glassware; Other misc. household items.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 — 7:30 PM
Held at the Community Building in NEW STRAWN, KANSAS



TRACT #1:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The West Half of the Southeast Quarter in Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Coffey County, Kansas—80 acres m/l.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This 80 acre tract is all cool season grass with good water, good fences and blacktop road frontage—a nice building site.

LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY: This property is located 10 miles north of Burlington, Kansas on Highway 75 to 22nd Road. Go east 1/2 mile on 22nd Road. The property is on the north side of the blacktop—watch for signs.

TRACT #2:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Coffey County, Kansas—240 acres m/l.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This parcel is excellent cow grass with a good mixture of warm season and cool season grasses. There are several nice ponds with fishing plus good fences and road access on two sides. There is deer plus waterfowl on the ponds and this offers some hunting opportunities. Rural water is in the immediate area. This tract has a good carrying capacity and the cattle do well—good tract.

LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY: Go 10 miles north of Burlington, Kansas on Highway #75 to 22nd. Road. Go east 1 mile on 22nd. Road to Native Road. Turn north on Native Road for 1/4 mile. Property begins on the east side of the road. Watch for signs.

TERMS: Seller requires 20% earnest money payable on the day of the sale with the balance due in full at the time of closing—approximately 30 days.

CONDITIONS: This sale is subject to all easements, restrictions, covenants, leases and zoning regulations of record.

MERCHANTABLE TITLE: The Seller agrees to furnish a Title Insurance Policy for the amount of the purchase price with the costs split equally between the Buyers and the Sellers.

POSSESSION: The Buyer will receive full possession of the property within 10 days of the sale.

MINERALS: All the Seller's mineral interests transfer with the Real Estate at the time of closing.

TAXES: The Buyer will pay the 2008 taxes. All prior years taxes have been paid in full. There will be no pro-ration of taxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: To obtain more information or make arrangements to view the property please call the selling agent at the listed phone numbers. All announcements the day of the sale take precedence over all previous printed material or advertising. Joe Biggs and Associates, Inc. is the agent for the Seller in this transaction and does not represent the Buyer. All information is obtained from sources deemed to be reliable but are not guaranteed by the Seller or the Selling Agent. This sale is not subject to the Buyer obtaining financing. All financial arrangements should be made prior to the sale. The Sellers and the Selling Agent are not responsible in case of accidents.

AUCTIONEER'S REMARKS: These are two nice tracts of mixed grasses that offer good location, easy access, high carrying capacity and the ponds provide excellent fishing and duck and goose hunting. Rural water is available—Super Building Sites. COME TO THE AUCTION PREPARED TO BUY—WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING THERE.

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Harmon earns 2007 Kansas wildlife conservation award

Bob Harmon, Osage City, received the 2007 Wildlife Habitat Conservation Award representing Osage County at the Osage County Conservation District's Annual Conservation Meeting and Banquet on Feb. 11. This award is sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association, Quail Unlimited, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). KDWP and the Kansas Wildlife Commission presented Harmon with a plaque and framed wildlife art print at its March meeting in Topeka.

Harmon has been implementing wildlife habitat and conservation practices on his land for the last 13 years. Approximately 55 acres is planted to crops each year, and the stubble is left standing through the month of March.

"If you want to judge wildlife habitat, look at my land in January and February, especially if there is some snow on the ground," Harmon says. "This is the

time when you can really see how much cover we have and how well rabbits and birds will survive the winter."

Rabbits are important to Harmon and his farming operation. "I wanted a place to train beagles for rabbit hunting, so providing habitat for these little mammals is a consideration in how I manage the property," he explains. "I try to manage the property to produce some income from crops and haying, but I do some things very specific for rabbits, quail, and other wildlife also."

One of Harmon's first projects was to convert the mainly fescue pasture to native rangeland. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) was used to help pay for the cost of killed the fescue, then seeding a mix of native grasses and forbs (beneficial weeds). The grass took a couple years to establish, but the rabbit population improved almost overnight as they took advantage of the annual weeds

and grasses. In July, much of the restored prairie site is now hayed.

Some of the grasslands were returned to native grasses just by burning and rest. In these areas, the grasses are not as dominant as where they were reseeded, but other native forbs and legumes, along with the grasses, have reclaimed the land. Erosion is not a problem, and these areas provide excellent nesting and brood rearing habitat for quail.

Harmon burns on a regular rotating basis to maintain and improve the grassland. Rabbits and quail both like a lot of grasses and weeds with some shrubs, and fire is the best way to maintain this habitat in grassland. Fire is also useful for keeping out trees and killing any fescue that tries to reestablish.

Harmon planted some cover for rabbits and quail using a variety of shrubs along the edge of the hay meadow. These were plant-

ed as bare root seedlings and included a mixture of plums, cotoneaster, and golden currant that today are 5 to 6 feet tall. This project was also cost-shared through the WHIP program.

Rabbits love brushpiles, so another project has involved half-cutting trees to build living brush piles. Harmon cut numerous hedge trees that have encroached into the grassland area. He left them attached to the trunk just enough that they stay alive. This creates a hiding place for rabbits and eventually gets rid of a tree that is not good wildlife habitat in its upright form.

A windbreak along the road and near the house was established several years ago to help protect the homestead and moderate the winter wind. A mix of red cedar, plum, and cotoneaster were planted and now provide protection and

cover for numerous birds and wildlife.

"We really don't own the land, we just borrow it for a time, and we have a responsibility to take care of it," Harmon says.

For his efforts, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has also nominated Harmon for the National Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Stewardship Award.



Among the hundreds of acquaintances attending the retirement party for Col. Roger Johnson last Thursday at Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Inc., Salina, was Carolyn Peterson of UMB Bank at Salina.

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Researchers hope to measure RFI of cattle on pasture

Texas AgriLife Research scientists hope to develop a means to select cattle that gain the same weight — or more — on less feed than cattle of the same breed-type and history.

At the heart of the subject is the beef-animal measurement technique called "residual feed intake," or "RFI" in research shorthand. What makes the study different is it is designed to develop a means of measuring RFI of cattle on pastures, David Forbes, AgriLife Research animal nutritionist, said.

"We will test cattle on pasture so that we can use this technique to clarify and validate the residual feed intake data we're obtaining from feedlots," Forbes said.

RFI is not to be confused with feed conversion, a measurement used by animal scientists and agricultural producers for decades to improve net efficiency in poultry and swine operations, Forbes said.

Feed conversion is a relatively simple calculation that measures how much feed an animal consumes to gain a pound, Forbes said. It's simple mathematics: weight of the feed consumed daily divided by the weight gained daily. The math behind RFI, however, is more complicated. RFI compares the difference between an animal's actual feed intake and its predicted feed intake. Predicted feed intake is the amount of feed the animal is expected to consume based on its weight, growth rate and the performance of its contemporaries. For ex-

ample, steers that weigh more and gain faster would be expected to consume more than steers that weigh less and gain more slowly.

"Residual feed intake is better than feed conversion as it (residual feed intake) is independent of growth and body weight," Forbes said. "Residual feed intake measures the variation in feed intake that remains after the requirements for maintenance and growth are accounted for, and is calculated as the difference between an animal's actual feed intake and the feed an animal is expected to consume based on its body weight and average daily gain."

For either measurement, keeping track of an animal's feed intake in a confined feeding operation is relatively simple. Computerized equipment tracks an animal's intake by various

measures, usually involving feeding stations that are keyed to an electronic device either hung around the neck or clipped to the ear.

All such measures used to date have been done in some kind of confined feeding operation or another, Forbes said. But unlike chickens and swine, beef cattle spend more time in pastures than in confinement. As valuable a research tool as RFI is for feedlots and researchers, questions remained: Can RFI of cattle on pasture be measured? And if it can be measured, how would pasture RFI match up with RFI data collected in feedlots?

Forbes and his research partners are trying to find answers to both questions. If the data compare, then the easier-to-acquire feedlot data can be used to select animals that perform

better in the pasture, fellow researchers note.

The project is an example of research only an agency such as AgriLife Research is equipped to do, Forbes said.

"A private individual, if he knew half his animals were more efficient, he'd get rid of the others pretty quickly," Forbes said. "But as scientists, we're interested in the less efficient animals too, because we want to understand the biology." Through understanding the biological processes behind residual feed intake, it may one day be possible to identify less efficient animals via a simple test, Forbes said.

"But that's a long way off," he said. "Right now, we are just trying to solve basic measurement problems."

The researchers are near to having solved the first problem, that of developing

the methodology of measuring residual feed intake of animals on pastures.

Twice a day, the animals are fed a corn gluten supplement containing alkane, a waxy substance similar to paraffin. Forages also contain alkanes. Using an instrument called a gas chromatograph, fecal samples from the test animals can be analyzed for amounts of the different alkanes.

"Using the ratio of those two different alkanes, we can determine how much

(grass) the animals have eaten," Forbes said.

Forbes is confident that the methodology he and his research team have chosen will work, he said. There are details yet to be resolved, however, before the actual test can proceed.

"What we don't know yet is how many fecal samples we need to get to adequately describe intake over these long periods. We'll dose these animals for periods up to 70 days, which is an incredible undertaking in itself," Forbes said.

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Nutting prints; pre Civil war bayonet; Civil war sword & Epaulet w/gold braid; tall walnut hanging clock; Ansonia mantle clock; marble clock & pedestal; banjo clock; bronze Washington statue; stain glass window; Buffalo Bill poster; floor lamp w/stained glass shade; Oriental rug; vintage dress; linen table cloths; assortment other linens; pictures; doll & bed; 3 & 4 gal Red Wing crocks; etched glass window; wood golf clubs; sterling silver pieces; assortment costume jewelry some sterling; watches; aluminum nut set; Mahjong game; Pflueger, Heddon & Shakespeare fishing reels; beer collection; post card rack; postcards; cookie cutters; Lone Ranger telescope box; carving set; brass items; beer & pop openers; Little Golden books; Red Cross book; Life magazines; Art

magazines; movie poster; records inc.: Glen Miller; Glass inc.: Royal Rudolstadt plate; RS Prussia celery, bowl, vase, creamer, pin tray, 3 leg bowl; Austria plate; 24 pieces carnival glass; Staffordshire cheese holder; miniature tea set; Shawnee dogs salt & pepper; tankard; Roseville bowl; black enameled vase; several overlay pieces; German vases; Cloisonne vases; Fenton vase; 40 pieces Oriental; Wedgwood plate; Swedish vases; baby plate; 6 place set Metio china; cups & saucers several very early; flow blue plates; jade water bottle; Pottery inc.: McCoy, McCoy train, Hull, Van Briggle, Red Wing, Dryden, Gonder; pink depression (Block Optic, Princess); Royal Copley vase; Vernon ware vase; Deco coffee pot.

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White City, blk	1555@56.25	Hope, wf	1505@50.75
Lincolnvill, red	1550@56.00	Marion, blk	1095@50.50
Lehigh, blk	1555@56.00	Hope, wf	1275@50.25
Herington, blk	1415@55.75	Herington, blk	1060@50.00
Burdick, blk	1465@55.75	Butcher bulls weighing 1480-2155 were selling \$53.50-\$64.00 per cwt.	
Lincolnvill, wf	1580@55.00	HEIFERS	
Alta Vista, blk	1620@55.00	Herington, 6 blk	488@112.75
Lincolnvill, wf	1580@54.50	McPherson, 17 mix	404@110.00
Durham, hol	1800@54.50	Marion, 4 blk	501@110.00
Hope, wf	1320@54.25	Herington, 4 blk	410@109.00
Lincolnvill, red	1275@54.00	Marion, 3 blk	478@108.25
Alta Vista, blk	1510@54.00	Marion, 6 blk	427@105.50
Lincolnvill, red	1280@53.75	Council Gr., 3 mix	520@105.00
Lost Springs, wf	1845@53.75	Council Gr., 3 mix	510@105.00
Burdick, blk	1500@53.50	McPherson, 14 m	543@104.75
Burdick, blk	1575@53.50	Emporia, 3 char	557@100.25
Hope, red	1265@53.25	Herington, 12 blk	578@100.25
Lincolnvill, blk	1275@53.25	Alta Vista, 9 mix	564@99.00
Durham, char	1400@53.00	McPherson, 3 mix	628@98.50
Lincolnvill, red	1720@53.00	Durham, 4 mix	540@98.00
Hope, blk	1395@52.75	Marion, 4 blk	611@97.25
White City, red	1570@52.75	Herington, 8 blk	647@95.25
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Durham, red	1230@52.25		
Herington, wf	1180@51.75		

Emporia, 4 char 655@92.00
Tampa, 4 blk 596@90.00
Marion, 13 blk 714@88.85
Durham, 7 mix 721@87.00
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Marion, 8 blk 524@122.50
Herington, 19 blk 612@120.00
McPherson, 16 m 611@118.00
McPherson, 11 m 641@114.50
Marion, 12 mix 703@107.25
Herington, 11 mix 710@107.25
Durham, 7 red 712@106.00
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Tampa, 42 mix 786@95.75
Lincolnvill, 57 mix 834@94.60
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Planning and preparation make a big difference in efficient cowherd management.

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"To make progress and profit in the cattle business, records must be kept," the manual states.

John Paterson, Montana Extension beef specialist, agrees. He oversees the Montana Beef Network program, where nearly 300,000 calves have been source- and age-verified in this decade.

Some ranchers there tie calf information back to individual cow identification (ID).

"We know we can use that to look at what kind of calves this cow is routinely producing," he says. "Then we can tighten up the cowherd in terms of cow size, and get rid of some of the outliers."

Following calves through the feeding phase gives more answers.

"Did we make a mistake by really being critical of these lightweight, poor performing calves?" Paterson asks. "It looks to me like a poor calf on the ranch has been a poor calf in the feedlot, too."

The Beef Network is developing a "report card" for producers. "We want to give him some idea of where he fits in terms of body condition score, weaning weight, cow weight and those kinds of

issues," he says. "You can't do that without an ID tag."

Tracking health requires ID, too.

"From a disease management standpoint, you've got to have a calf management program," Paterson says. Montana is completing a statewide test for bovine viral diarrhea (BVD).

"You can't do that test unless you know where the ear notch came from," he says. "That calf has got to be married back to its mother."

Pfizer Animal Health veterinarian Glenn Rogers says consistent information can be the key to identifying a health challenge early.

"Records can help evaluate the reproductive health of a herd," he says. Comparing one year's breeding rate to the baseline can point to problems. Even a slight drop can indicate the possibility of BVD or other diseases that hurt reproduction.

"You need to at least have good enough records to know what happened," Rogers says.

Those records can also add dollars when marketing calves.

"If you maintain a processing map and volunteer that information at marketing, it really adds value," he says. "If you go to the trouble of working cattle, you want to get the most out of it."

The data can come in handy if you want to make production changes, like

tightening your breeding timeline.

"If you're going to back up a breeding season, you need to develop a calendar for what they're currently doing," Rogers says. The transition from an undefined season to a two- to three-month window can take several years, he adds.

Although it's a long process, there are many benefits to making the switch.

"If there's one management idea that's most effective for herd health, it's a controlled breeding season," Rogers says. "That gives you not only consistency and uniformity in a calf crop, but also consistency and uniformity in your health program."

Typically, vaccinations are given based on a production calendar, but must default to seasonal if the herd is not in the same stage at the same time, he says. "Reproductive vaccinations should be done routinely in all cowherds, but you'll get more bang for your buck with a de-

finer breeding season."

The shorter window also provides more options, because certain products, like modified-live vaccines, are more difficult to incorporate into herds with no defined breeding period.

"With the high cost of labor, anything we can do to lessen labor expenses in calving, handling and marketing is another bonus," Rogers says.

Paterson says it just takes some up-front investment to make handling easier.

"As I travel around there's one thing I wish we had on more ranches: squeeze chutes," he says. "You can work cattle faster, but I think you can also work cattle safer."

From facilities upgrades to better year-to-year analysis, a few tweaks could make a big difference in terms of progress and profit.

For copies of the Best Practices Manual, contact Marilyn Conley at 800-225-2333 or MConley@certifiedangusbeef.com.



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COLLECTIBLES: (18) Doll heads incl. Parma, Inarco, Relpo, Napco; McCoy Aunt Jemima Cookie Jar; Frankoma incl., mugs, pitchers & bowls, cr. & sugar, vases, in great shape, approx. 13 pieces; sm. McCoy pitcher & vase; glass decanters w/stoppers; Roseville vase w/lilies of valley; decorative plates; Nascar-1998 50th Anniv. #3 D. Earnhardt-in box; Coca cola collectibles incl. cast delivery panel truck, cast 2-horse drawn wagon w/ bottle cases; Pepsi collectibles; Avon; Owls; Salt & pepper collection; bell collection; brown U.S.A. bean pot; birdhouses; Dog 'N' Suds mugs (2); Crystal butter dishes, Affiliated Foods cloth doll set; lots of ERTL auto & other banks in boxes-new; Knowles bowl with lid; R. Rogers/D. Evans repro. lunch pail; K-State items; lots of miniatures and knick knacks too numerous to mention.

HOUSEHOLD: China Hutches (2) 3'x6'x16"; Large 16 gun cabinet with drawers 4'x7'x2' very nice; 54" Hitachi Ultravision big screen TV-2000, very nice; Seth Thomas mantle clock; Ansonia mantle clock-both nice; wood entertainment center-real nice; Kenmore refrigerator; W-pool Washer; hand carved large buffalo wall plaque; recliner rockers (2); nice couch; dining room table w/4 chairs & captain-nice; (4) Maple bar stools; patio table & chairs; patio glider; concrete patio furniture; upright freezer; Westinghouse refrigerator; Sealy lift chair; dresser; home safe; Sentry safe; oak dresser & chest of drawers; child's rocker; trampoline; concrete planters; lamps; asst. frames; candles; candle holders; bake ware; kettle canner; children's tray puzzles; die cast cars & trucks.

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200+ Pcs of Pink, Green and Yellow Depression Glass; 100+ Pcs. Of Jadite; 85+ Pcs. Ruby Red; 12 Pl. Setting of Jewel Tea w/ Several Serving Pieces; Fenton Baskets; Ruby Red Decanter w/Glasses; Ruby Red Berry Bowl Set; Cruets; 35 Open Handed Plates; Peach Lusterware; Tom and Jerry Punch Bowl Set; 2 Sets Fire King Mixing Bowls; Fire King Pheasant 6 Pl. Service; Southwest Leather Decanter w/Tumblers; Several Water Sets; Numerous Other Glassware, incl. Hobnail, Opalescent, Fostoria, Lenox; Bells, Slippers, Rolling Pin, Cake Stand, Salt Dips, Shaving Mugs; Cookie Cutters; Jewelry; Powder Boxes; Celluloid Dresser Set; Mink Muff and Stole; Old Umbrellas; Boy Scout Memorabilia; CI Toys; Die Cast Airplanes; Portfolio of Japanese Pictures; Stamp Collection; Scrapbook; Postcards; Tin Type Photos; 1909 Saturday Evening Post; 78 Records; Tenor Saxophone; Australian Boomerang; Collector Books; Cook Books; Doilies, Linens and Fancy Work; Silhouette Pictures; 1953 Ronald Regan Poster "Law & Order"; Many Ornate Prints and Pictures; Coins; Miniatures; Sure To Be Many Other Collectibles.

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K-State working on website about quality of hard red winter wheat at harvest

By this fall, if all goes as planned, wheat producers and buyers will be able to access information about the quality of hard red winter wheat harvested in the Great Plains region through a collaborative project at Kansas State University.

The program is a joint effort between K-State's grain science and industry department, K-State Research and Extension, K-State's international grains program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service and its Grain Marketing Products Research Center, and K-State's Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory.

"The international grains program staff and faculty in the grain science and industry department are collecting data on the quality of wheat that's harvested, and our lab is working to model and map this data," said Shawn Hutchinson, director of the Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory and an associate professor of geography at K-State.

"The next phase of the project will be to design and deploy an interactive Web-based map service where wheat buyers can see near real-time crop information and make better decisions on where they want to buy wheat based

on the different characteristics of each crop," Hutchinson said.

Working for the past two years with Plains Grains Inc., a consortium of the wheat commissions in hard red winter wheat-producing states, K-State researchers have conducted annual surveys of the wheat quality at harvest time across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and Montana, said Leland McKinney, assistant professor of grain science and industry.

Currently, this data is used to generate weekly reports that are uploaded online, McKinney said.

With the launch of the

new interactive website, wheat producers and international and domestic wheat customers will be able to better access to the data and harvest information.

"As the grain is harvested, samples will be collected from grain elevators and be sent to the Wheat Quality Lab at K-State," McKinney said.

The wheat is evaluated for physical and chemical characteristics, as well as sprout damage, milling properties and dough and baking characteristics, he said.

Researchers say the goal is to see the first prototype for the website by the end of April and then to have the website ready for the 2008 harvest. As the web-

site evolves, McKinney says researchers also would like to make available reports from custom cutters, climate data and opinion pieces about the wheat market.

"We hope to help connect wheat buyers and producers, and we want to promote the quality of U.S. wheat," McKinney said.

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Grand Champion Overall, 2007 Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic
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(Symmetry x All In One)
Thanks to Sangamon Valley Farms, Ill. for your purchase of this great gilt.

REPORTED 2007 WINNINGS:

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- Grand Champion, Johnson County, Kan.
- Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, Wayne County, Iowa
- Reserve Grand Champion, Douglas County, Kan.
- Fourth Overall and High Points Duroc, Eastern Kansas Swine Series
- Champion Hampshire Market Hog, Kansas State Fair
- Champion Hampshire Breeding Gilt, Kansas State Fair
- Second, third, fourth and (2) fifth-place market hogs, American Royal
- Fourth-place Yorkshire, NWSS
- Fourth-place Yorkshire, Arizona National

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 — 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers — ABILENE, KANSAS



PRINTS: 2 McKenney and Hall prints 18"x13" A Chippewa Chief "NO-TIN" 1842 by Rice & Clark, Phila and A Seminole Chief "CHITTEE YOHOLD" 1836 by F. W. Greenough; 1914 C. M. Russel print "All the Queens Warhounds" print; McCormick Binder ad picture 36" x 25" Civil War Battle of Mission Ridge Nov. 25, 1863", by Act of Congress 1886, minor water damage; DeLaval print of Indian Maiden in canoe "Drifting" (ornate frame); Lg. picture of "Mt. Hood" by Union Pacific; other old pictures.

COINS: (11:00 A.M.) GOLD COINS: 1874 \$1.00, 1998 \$1.00, 1906 \$2 1/2, 1908 2 1/2 Indian head; 1878-S 2 1/2 dollar; 1852 \$ 2 1/2; 1894 \$5.00; 1881 \$5.00; 1903-S \$5.00; 1885 \$5.00; 1904 \$10; 1906-0 \$ 10.00; most gold pieces are in AU to XF condition; Silver & Misc. Coins: Approx. 65 Morgan and Peace dollars of various mint marks and conditions some Unc. and Bu; 1923-S Monroe 1/2 dollar Unc.; 1620-1920 Pilgrim 1/2 dollar Unc.; Indian head pennies; V-nickels; many other lots of coins.

#3 fire truck; Smith Miller flatbed semi, bumper broken; 29" Model Toys steel Heiliner dirt scrapper; 33" 1950's Structo fire truck; steel Robo Horse; steel Streamline train from Abilene Toy Co.; Tonka Farms pickup & horse trailer; very old steel train engine for child to ride (steerable); steel Coast Defense Gun by Thomas & Skinner w/wood base; Battery Op. Charlie Weaver, Piggy Cook, Picnic Bear and Clown Band toys; Marx 29542 diesel locomotive train set; Marx Streamline train set remote control; # 7 1/2 and #10 1/2 Erector sets; Ertl True Value delivery truck (NIB); 1930's Cracker Jack tin airplane, delivery truck and sled; Dick Tracy Secret Service penlite; Roy Rogers Riders harmonica; truck banks; WWII Hitler piggy bank "Save For Victory Make Him Squeal"; tin windup Honeymoon Express toy; White box IHC grain drill; Dec. birthstone doll (turquoise); ET, Star Wars, Smurf and Michael Jackson collector cards.

ANTIQUE BOOKS:
PRIMITIVES & TOOLS: (9:30 a.m.) Wooden hand Reaper cradle; wood pitch fork; wood hose reel; Keen Kutter reel type push mower; Ace push reel type lawn trimmer; Manta Mower (Germany); Hay mound forks; AC 7 iron garden planter w/wood handles; 1 row horse drawn planter w/wood handles; 4 cast iron seats Rock Island plow, Weir and Deering; Wains Cotting wall tool cabinets; roll check row planter wire; wood pleated wringer; foot warmer w/charcoal bricks; Bung drill; Rich Con hand saw; Keen Kutter shovel; copper bucket; Arcade hand gristmill; Model A Model Mfg. tire chain tool; 1916 adj. Angle Wrench, crescent style wrench; curved Buffalo crescent wrench; many wood handle monkey and pipe wrenches; 10 wagon jacks; 2 hand corn shellers; 5 iron portable corral posts w/rope loops; 2 hand crank corn shellers; 2 rim splitters; ball anvil accessory; other old unique tools.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:
Bausch & Lomb Model C Balopticon electric Magic lantern w/advertising glass slides; 1920's 25 1/2" Santa w/weighted eyes and cloth face; Christmas tree color wheel; Green Slag glass floor lamp; Rock Island Line RR oiler can; set graduated brass sleigh bells on leather strap; 1858 Masons Aqua Maltese Cross & crystal monogram midget jars; Indian basket; black Santa Clara Pueblo Indian pottery small bowl signed; Indian items; Roseville 7 1/2" Pine Cone 2 hld. vase; Roseville Dawn single candlestick and LaRose 238-6" vase; Weller Flemish wall pocket; Red Wing Brushware 5" vase/tumbler; other pottery; Drugstore balance scale wood base - marble top w/weights; Buescher silverplate (low pitch) saxophone; J. R. Brinkley for Governor hand out card; tin clickers; 25 pcs. Black Amethyst glass; Heisey Waverly lg. round tray; Century Fostoria plate; other Fostoria; 7 gr. Lovebird berry bowls; Drugstore jars; Depression Era Shakers and spice jars; 42" twist glass cane w/ball knob; Nippon relish; 2 Lefton Bluebirds; #135 Hummel "Soloist" figure (chip); other glass and porcelain items; Silverplate items; set silverplate flatware; figural perfume bottles dog & monkey; antique buttons some rhinestone; belt buckles celluloid, ornate metal and some w/stones; feed sacks; Cowboy Clown liquor bottle; 2 curved glass picture frames; fountain pens: Sheaffer, Parker & Wahl; Ad Bullet pencils; pocketknives; many other antiques.

ADVERTISING: 1954 Wildroot Hair oil tin sign; 1896 Huber steam engine pinback button; old Kansas Farmer Protective Service Sign; Morris Supreme 1-lb. peanut butter tin pail w/ild (children playing on beach); Katz 1-lb. coffee tin; Beaura of Coffee 1-lb. tin w/7 coffee bean samples; 2 Gold Dust boxes; Texaco outboard oil tins; Maytag oil tins; other tins; John Deere 125th Ann. key chain; Wallis tractor "Bear" ornament; Avery Teeth Talk "Bulldog Line" watch fob and stickpin; 1935 Chevrolet steel Turret-Top tin clicker; Federal shotgun shell key chain; Phillips 66 pocketknife; Shapleighs Hardware DE pencil clip; 1882-83 calendar Afro American boot & shoe fasteners ad card; 17 Singer sewing machines Bird ad cards; 1969 Union Pacific story booklet; 1962 JD pocket ledger; Diamond Jubilee Duckwall tumblers in boxes; Poppin Fresh cookie jar; other advertising.

BOOKS: (APPROX. 11:15 a.m.) The Magnolia for 1837; 1876 Helen's Babies; 1877 A Knight of the 19th Century; 1884 Pleasant Hour with Great Authors; 1896 War in Cuba; 1916 Old Santa Fe Trail; 1890's Roget's Thesaurus; 1926 Abraham Lincoln by Carl Sandburg; Shepp's Heroes of Five Wars; 1899 Spanish American War; 1920 U.S. Official Pictures of World War One; 1900 Story of 100 Years; 1895 Giants of the Republic; 2 Faust books 1886; other

FIREARMS: (11:45 a.m. following coins) LONG GUNS: Rem. Mod. 11-48 .410 auto shotgun; Rem. Model 870 20-ga. pump w/ vent rib; Ruger M77 .270 WIN bolt rifle; Rem. Mod. 788 .222 bolt rifle w/4x scope; Savage Mod. 67F .410 pump shotgun; .30-06 Sporterized 03A3 w/scope; Rem. Mod. 121 .22 pump rifle; Savage Mod. 220 single shot .410 hammerless; H&R Deluxe Topper .410 single shot shotgun; Win. Mod. 77 .22 auto. rifle; Old 12-ga. side-by-side shotgun; Ruger 10/22 auto rifle (NIB); Hy-score Mod. 806 .177 pellet rifle; Rem. Sportsman 12 ga. auto shotgun; others not listed. **HANDGUNS:** S&W Mod. 586 .357 mag. rev.; Ruger New Mod.357 Black Hawk (rev.); Ruger .22 single six (3-screw) (rev.); H&R .22 Special 9 shot (rev.); Ammunition: Several 100 rounds of 32, 38, 9mm and 270 Win.

TOYS: (10:30 a.m.) 2 1/8" Onion Skin marble red, white & blue; Swirl and Stone Agate marbles; 35" Smith Miller Mack

Very nice selection of antiques, firearms and coins. To view color photos go to website www.kallink.com and click on marketplace and then auctions.

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was our income."

Darrell has made many changes to the operation during his 30 years of farming.

Six years ago, he shifted the crop production side of the operation to entirely no-till, which he said is the biggest change he has made. That shift required equipment upgrades. Darrell now owns a fertilizer placement air seeder. He also owns his own sprayer and uses GPS technology to improve efficiency of fertilizing and planting.

"It's getting where it's pretty pricey, so you don't want to waste any more than necessary," Darrell said.

He also uses the GPS technology and no-till practice to help limit runoff of chemicals used on his crops.

On the beef side of the operation, Darrell feeds 500 head of cattle through a Scott City feed yard using the U.S. Premium Beef grid to improve the quality of his product. He said his cattle have been grading 70 percent to 80 percent choice or better, which

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Col. Roger Johnson and his wife, Lynne, greeted hundreds of longtime friends and customers during the reception recognizing Johnson's retirement from 40 years of service to Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Inc., at Salina.

EQUIPMENT, SCRAP IRON, TRUCKS **Equipment Auction** **TRACTORS & TILLAGE EQUIPMENT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 — 10:00 AM
Held at the Robert Miller Farm
SALE LOCATION: Go South of Emporia on Highway #99 2 1/2 miles to Road 130. Go 4 1/2 miles east on Road 130. The auction is on the south side of the road.

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| TRACTORS | Oliver 5 Bottom Plow, 1000 gal. Stainless Steel Tank, JD Bulldozer Blade, 8 ft., Tryco Applicator, salvage, JD 230 Disc, 1980; OMC 435 Grinder-Mixer, JD 19ft. Disc 1968; 3-Liquid Fertilizer Tanks, 1-Norge Grain Dryer-salvage, Caterpillar Motor Grader, 1945, JD 14ft. SP Swather, JD Drill, 1983, One Way Plow, 1969; JD 6 Row Planter, 1968, JD 1240 Planter, 1970; Clipper Seed Cleaner, Bull Dozer, salvage, JD Forage Blower, Auger, 25 ft.; Auger 56 ft. High Plains Drill, Manure Spreader |
| TRUCKS | |
| 1975 JD 4630 | |
| 1965 JD 4020 | |
| 1978 Case 2870 4WD | |
| 1977 JD 4430 | |
| 1959 M&M -5 Star | |
| 1966 Ford Truck & Hoist | |
| 1955 Ford Truck -750-2 Ton | |
| 1945 Ford 1 1/2 Ton Truck | |
| 1971 Ford Pickup | |
| 1969 Ford Pickup | |
| 1979 Ford 9000 tandem/axles | |
| 1970 Ford 2 Ton Truck | |
| COMBINES | |
| JD 7700 Diesel, 1980 | |
| JD 6600 Diesel, 1975 | |
| 4 Row Corn Head, 1975 | |
| OTHER EQUIPMENT | |
| Krause Chisel Plow, 12 Row Cultivator, JD Chisel Case Side Delivery Rake, 1975; IHC 500 Planter, 1980 JD 510 Drill, 1985, 12 ft. Bush Hog Rotary Mower, 1975 | |
| Other numerous items. Scrap Iron Buyers be sure to attend this sale. | |

All bidders must register to obtain a bidder's number. All purchases must be paid in full before leaving the premises. Cash and approved check will be accepted. Food and refreshments will be available and also portable restrooms.

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AUCTIONEER'S REMARKS: The Miller Brothers are retiring and this is an accumulation of 50 years. Come to this sale as there is some collectibles plus tons of scrap iron and useable machinery. COME TO THE SALE—WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING THERE.

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601.2 ACRES LYON COUNTY **Real Estate Auction** **CROPLAND, GRASS, TIMBER & IMPROVEMENTS**

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 — 7:30 PM
Held at the Rodeway Inn in EMPORIA, KANSAS, 3181 West US Highway #50.
The auction will be held in the Bluestem Room.
OPEN HOUSE: There will be an Open House on Sunday, April 6, 2008 from 2-4:00 p.m. on Tract #4.



TRACT #1:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas—161.20 acres m/l.

LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY: Go 2 1/2 miles south of Emporia, Kansas on Highway #99 to Road 130-go east on Road #130 4 1/2 miles. The property is on the south side of the road. Watch for signs.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This parcel consists of 101 acres of productive cropland with approximately 50-55 acres of timber and creek. The balance is 5-6 acres of homesite and improvements. There is an abundance of deer and turkey along Coal Creek. A Hunter's Paradise plus excellent cropland.

TRACT #2:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The SW1/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas—160 acres m/l.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: From Tract #1 go 1/2 mile east to Road S-turn south on Road S-go 1/2 mile property begins on the east side of the road—watch for signs.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This tract consists of 150 acres of tillable cropland with the balance in grass and homesite. This parcel is 94% tillable and allows the farmer to utilize big equipment and no patching around. There are no growing crops—ready to farm. Road access on two sides.

TRACT #3:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NW1/4 of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas—160 acres m/l.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: From Emporia, Kansas go south 2 1/2 miles on Highway #99 to Road #130. Follow the Blacktop Road #130 east approximately 6 1/2 miles. Road turns south, go 2 miles south, Road then turns east. Property begins on the south side of road. Watch for signs.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This tract consists of 66.5 acres of cropland with the balance in grass. This parcel has road access on two sides. On the west by Road T and the south by Road 110. This is a good stock farm with good access and building site potential.

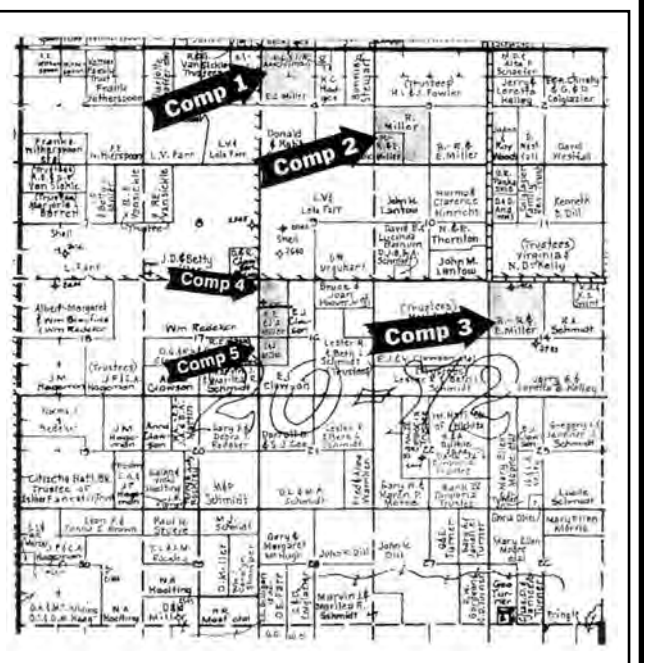
TRACT #4:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas—40 acres m/l.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: From Emporia, Kansas go south on Highway #99 3 1/2 miles to Road #120. Go east on Road #120 to Road R (4 1/2 miles)-go south on Road R 1 mile to Road #110—property begins here.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This tract has a nice 3 BR ranch style home with rural water, CA-CH, septic system and a nice setting with several outbuildings. A great place to raise a family and a few head of livestock. There is approximately 10 acres grass, 25 acres cropland and the balance is the homesite.

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AUCTIONEER'S REMARKS: The Seller's are retiring after 50 years and are selling their farm properties. There are no growing crops therefore the Buyer can plant his crop and have full control of the property. Come to this sale as there is a tract for every type of Buyer. These tracts have location plus good access, income production with cash flow and good schools. COME TO THE AUCTION—WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING THERE.



TRACT #5:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The SW1/4 of the NW1/4 and the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas—80 acres m/l.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: This property adjoins Tract #4 on the south.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: This parcel consists of 63 acres tillable land with the balance in grass and waterways—good clean 80 acres.

TERMS: Seller requires 20% earnest money payable on the day of the sale with the balance due in full at the time of closing—approximately 30 days.

CONDITIONS: This sale is subject to all easements, restrictions, covenants, leases and zoning regulations of record.

MERCHANTABLE TITLE: The Seller agrees to furnish a Title Insurance Policy for the amount of the purchase price with the costs split equally between the Buyers and the Sellers.

POSSESSION: The Buyer will receive immediate possession of the cropland and grass upon signing of the contract and payment of the earnest money. Possession of the Improvements will be given at the time of closing—approximately 30 days.

MINERALS: All the Seller's mineral interests transfer with the Real Estate at the time of closing.

TAXES: The Buyer will pay the 2008 taxes. All prior years taxes will be paid in full. There will be no pro-ration of taxes.

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Laura had all four kids on horseback when they were just days old. In turn, each one did chores on the farm. They belonged to the same church, 4-H club, horse groups and school system their dad had attended as a boy. Their competing at the state fair became the family's annual vacation. But when the girls got old enough, their success in local and state FFA actually brought their parents honorary chapter and state FFA Farmer degrees.

Each child has been an honor student, athlete, frequent leader and prize-winning competitor. Yet, all four remain very different — including the twins.

Darrel and Laura have had a hand in other youngsters' success, as well. Back in 1987, he began an ongoing job of chairing the Warren McKinnis Memorial Cutting Horse event to fund scholarships.

The Georges also have quietly donated bred gilts to help FFA members get a start in business. They've financed youngsters' purchase of show pigs and steers to raise and provided livestock for contests ranging from the Little Britches Rodeo to Fort Scott Community College livestock judging.

In addition, Laura has helped with youth activities at the Uniontown Baptist Church. She's served as a 4-H club horse project leader for 16 years and as Bourbon County's 4-H horse leader, as well as the fair's horse show superintendent, for the last 13. Laura also has been a long-time supporter of the school system's National History Day activities, which has included her transporting Uniontown youngsters six times to the national contest. She now works part-time at the school.

Darrel is president of the Bourbon County Fair

Board, and Laura is a board member.

In addition to their Extension 4-H activities, both have been elected for terms and offices on the Bourbon County Extension Council. Their farm has been the site for county, area and state field trials, demonstrations and research for an array of K-State Research and Extension faculty. In 2000, the couple received a Bourbon County Extension Appreciation Award.

Plus, both are active in the Uniontown Saddle Club and belong to the American Quarter Horse Association. As long-time members of the Mid-Eastern Kansas Western Horsemanship Association, Darrel has been vice president or president

for 10 years. Laura's been points secretary the past 10 years.

And none of that includes the couple's low-key help in donating supplies and labor for everything from a new fire station, park shelter house, church roof and fairground improvements to summertime baseball, local fund raisers, benefits for the needy and Red Cross blood drives.

"If I can fit my two feet into just one of my dad's footsteps, I'm doing pretty well," Darrel said.

The farm partnership retains its name, but Darrel lost both of his folks within six months of each other in 2001. He and Laura bought and now live in the house his parents built in 1985.



Acquaintance, work and friendship with livestock order buyers are the most important things Col. Roger Johnson appreciated about his job as auctioneer and fieldman for the past 40 years at Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Inc., Salina. One of hundreds Johnson's known and worked with in his career is Junior Anderson, an active buyer and feeder from White City.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3 — 7:00 PM

**Held at the Geary County 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center,
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SALE LOCATION: From I-70 at the West edge of Junction City, Kansas, go North on Highway 77 to Ash Street, turn West at stoplight and go several blocks to Spring Valley Road, turn South of Spring Valley Road, building will be on the East side of the road.

OPEN HOUSE: There will be an Open House on Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 2-4 p.m.



TRACT #1: GEARY & RILEY COUNTIES

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 645 acres located in Section 28 & 29 in Geary County and in Section 19 & 20 in Riley County, all the above is in Township 11 South, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M. 645 acres m/l — one tract.

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TRACT #3:

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# Stafford County farm family honored by K-State, Kansas Farmer magazine

By Nancy Peterson

A well-known Stafford County couple — Bob and Vangie Wendelburg — were inducted into Kansas' Master Farmer-Master Farm Homemakers March 21 in Junction City. The couple is one of six in the state selected for the Class of 2007.

The state award is given to recognize leadership in agriculture, citizenship and community service, and is sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension and Kansas Farmer Magazine.

Award recipients are selected through a nomination and application process, said Glenn Newdigger, agriculture and natural resources agent in the county, who nominated the couple.

Bob (whose full name is Robert H.) and Vangie (whose full name is Evangeline) both grew up on farms in Stafford County.

Bob left the farm to study science in a pre-med program at Ottawa University, but returned after one year of college, when his father became ill and was unable to farm. In his career as a farmer-stockman, he has, however, retained a lifetime interest in science and, particularly, in water quality and conservation.

He has served on the steering committee, as the first president and, later, as president for four more terms, and as a board member for 22 years for the Groundwater Management District #5, as president and a board member of the Kansas Water Resources Association, on the steering committee and as a board member of the Water Protection Agency for Central Kansas, and on the Kansas Farm Bureau Natural Resources State Committee.

"Water has been the cen-

ter of my life. Without it, farming and physical life cannot be sustained," said Bob, whose concern for — and connection with — water is tied to his strong faith. His concerns about water quality also are in tune with his longstanding interest in science.

Bob and Vangie, who were high school sweethearts, agree that their faith has played a key role in their family life, work life, and community.

The couple initially worked in partnership with Bob's brother, Albert, as Wendelburg Herefords.

Bob also started his own farming operation in 1956 with 160 acres, and added 30 Hereford cows in 1957. When Albert retired and the couple's son, Vance, returned home after college and joined the farm partnership, Bob and Vangie designed and developed the

Sunrise W brand, under which the family operates.

Today, their cattle and grain operation encompasses about 4,000 acres, which is a combination of land they own, rent or work for a crop share.

The family works with the Kansas Farm Management Association, meets several times a year with farm manager, Bryan Manny, and local bankers, Marilyn Hitz and Gregg Fischer, all while keeping an eye on the profit and loss ratio.

Son Vance earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in agricultural education, which helped position him as a capable farm manager and businessperson, said Bob, who noted that he and his son often discuss farm management.

Wheat is the Wendelburg's largest crop. The fam-

ily plants about 1,100 acres without irrigation and about 400 acres with irrigation; about 700 acres of corn and 600 acres of alfalfa, with some of both crops irrigated, and about 100 acres of soybeans, which are not irrigated.

Their cattle business has evolved — they added 320 acres of grass and 80 registered Herefords in 1964, and 275 more acres of grass and 65 more cows in 1972.

When their son, Vance, graduated from K-State and returned to the farm in 1982, he bought registered Salers (in Canada) that he began crossbreeding with the Herefords. In 1992, the family added Angus bulls that they began crossbreeding with the Salers.


Their operation typically includes about 175 beef cows and 175 calves, stockers and feeders, Bob said.

The family weathered drought in the '50s and fluctuations in the cattle and grain markets, but remains optimistic about agriculture and the benefits of farm life, which also provides a healthful environment for children and families.

"We usually knew where our children were — and what they were doing," Vangie said.

The family works with the Stafford County soil conservation service to develop conservation plans and has nurtured the land with soil and water manage-

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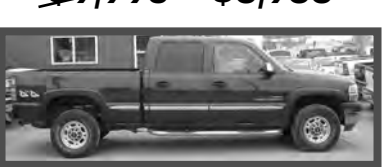
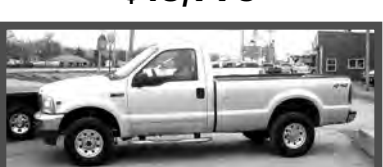

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**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, APRIL 13 — 2-5 PM**  
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**TRACT 1:**  
**LEGAL:** Northeast 12 acres of the NW/4 of Sec 10, Twp. 20, Rge 8 East, Chase Co., Ks.  
**TAXES:** \$504.56 (approximate) Acreage pending survey.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Wood frame home built in 1895, re-modeled in 1956. home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, living, office and utility room. 1268 sq. ft. CA/CH. hardwood floors in living room. Gas hot water heater and gas cooking stove. No Basement. Outside cellar for storm shelter. Older style barn, hog building that has been used for storage. Private well along with rural water, natural gas. This is a beautiful homesite on top of a hill with good view and drainage. Located conveniently to schools and town.

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# HB 2897 to raise assessment cap passes Senate ag committee

House Bill 2897, a bill that would increase the assessment cap on wheat, corn, grain sorghum and sunflowers sold in Kansas, passed out of the Senate Agriculture Committee last week. The bill includes a provision that suspends the state assessment while a national check-off program for any of the five commodities is in effect. It also indicates that the Kansas commodity commissions may appoint a first purchaser as a third at-large position.

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 Wheat Growers. "We approached 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, then producer input will be garnered before any change is made.

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.

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 profitable innovations 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 facilitat-

ing the development and adoption of innovation for wheat producers, additional investment is needed.

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 value-added area is the use of biomass for ethanol production (crop residues such as wheat straw and dedicated biomass crops). Kansas Wheat believes that if a biomass industry is to grow and prosper in Kansas, producers need to have information available to make informed decisions about

residue removal from their cropland.

A tremendous challenge faced by the wheat industry is that the average consumer is unaware that our nation's safe, affordable food supply begins at the farm. The goal is to amplify the farm to table message and build widespread consumer awareness about wheat and agriculture in its entirety. Kansas Wheat will do this by focusing its educational efforts about the importance of agriculture and nutrition to a wide and diverse urban audience.

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- TRACTORS:** Int. 856 tractor, diesel, WF, 3 pt.; 1958 Ford 8N tractor, new rubber, new paint, overhauled motor, ready to go; Oliver 1750 tractor, diesel, 2 hydraulics, WF, recently overhauled motor, good tractor; 1954 Ford tractor Golden Jubilee/NAA, new rubber, new paint, overhauled, you will like this one.
- SEMI TRACTORS:** 1972 Int. Fleetstar 2110 single axle tractor with Fuller Road Ranger 10 spd., farmer owned.
- WEED WIPER:** 21 ft. self propelled weed wiper with 11 hp. Honda motor, very good, stored inside.
- ATV'S:** 1994 Polaris Sportsman 400, 4x4, good rubber, runs great.
- CAMPERS:** 14 ft. x 7 ft. camper trailer, bumper hitch, single axle, been stored inside when not in use.
- ROW CROP EQ.:** White 378, 6x30 cultivator, 3 pt. with shields, very good.
- HAY & FORAGE EQ.:** Balers: Hesston 5580 big round baler, electric tie; Hesston 550 big round baler, monitor, kick bar, hydraulic tie, builds a 4 ft. x 6 ft. bale, excellent shape; MF 1560 big round baler, 4 bar, good shape.
- WINDROWERS:** Hesston 1014, 14 ft. hydra-swing swather.
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- HAY RAKES:** Side delivery basket hay rake on rubber.
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- SPRAYERS:** Kuker 500 gal. pull type sprayer, 40 ft. booms, manual fold, hydraulic pump just rebuilt, electric controls, has air induction nozzles on it, field ready.
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- ROTARY MOWER:** Big Ox 7 ft. rotary mower, 3 pt.; 6 ft. BMB rotary mower, 3 pt.; 5 ft. rotary mower, 3 pt., very good.
- SWATHER TRAILERS:** Donahue single axle swather trailer.
- CAR TRAILERS:** 1989 Temt 16 ft., 2 axle, car trailer, includes heavy duty ramps, like new; Bumper pull 12 ft. flatbed car trailer, hauled Ford Jubilee tractor.
- HEADER TRAILERS:** 30 ft. header trailer, single axle, front dolly wheel.
- PICKUP FLATBEDS:** 9 ft. flatbed with gooseneck fifth wheel ball, very good.
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- HARROW ATTACHMENTS:** 24 ft. to 28 ft. five bar spike tooth drag harrow attachment.
- POST HOLE DIGGERS:** Danhuser post hole digger, 3 pt., 8 inch and 12 inch; post hole digger for AC tractor.
- LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT:** Winkle big round bale feeder.
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- SHOP EQUIPMENT:** Propane gas welding outfit, seller owns both propane and oxygen bottles, also cutting head, rose bud tip and extra welding tip with cart.
- GENERATORS:** 5,000 KW generator with \$ cylinder Wisconsin flat head engine, electric start on two wheel trailer.
- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:** Several wood frame windows.
- LAWN & GARDEN CARE:** Troy Bilt rear tine horse tiller; power trim on wheels with 5 hp. Tecumseh engine, string trimmer; Mantis mini tiller, gas powered; Roticul 1003 garden tiller, 3 hp. B&S engine; Spiegel 8 hp. B&S engine, front tine garden tiller; 13 inch B&D hedge trimmer; Craftsman electric lawn edger; Toro 1010 electric weed eater.
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# Triticum Mosaic Virus adds new wrinkle to wheat disease picture

First found by Kansas State University researchers in 2006, a newly discovered virus affecting wheat was officially recognized and named Triticum Mosaic Virus in 2007.

The discovery was made by plant pathologist Dallas Siefers and wheat breeder, Joe Martin, both of whom are based at the K-State

Agricultural Research Center in Hays.

Triticum Mosaic Virus is now considered one of three viruses affecting wheat in approximately the same manner — the other two being Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus and High Plains Virus, said Erick DeWolf, K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist. All of

these virus diseases are vectored, with varying degrees of efficiency, by the wheat curl mite, DeWolf said. In addition, the disease symptoms of all three diseases are virtually identical, he added.

Although some initial observations have been made, many aspects of Triticum Mosaic Virus remain largely

unknown at this point, including varietal reaction, distribution within Kansas, and yield loss potential.

“Although there has been no conclusive varietal screening for Triticum Mosaic Virus alone yet, it is known that RonL is susceptible,” DeWolf said. That’s important because RonL is the first variety to have true ge-

netic resistance to Wheat Streak Mosaic, at least under cool temperature conditions. If RonL shows Wheat Streak Mosaic symptoms, and temperatures have been cool, then Triticum Mosaic Virus should be suspected. Otherwise, the effect of Triticum Mosaic Virus alone on varieties is not known.

To date, Triticum Mosaic Virus has been confirmed in Cheyenne, Ellis, Ford, Ness, Osborne, Pawnee, and Thomas counties in Kansas, the plant pathologist said. These are the only locations where samples have been taken for testing, and all have been positive so far.

At this point, there is no reason for producers to be unduly alarmed by the detection of this new virus disease on wheat, DeWolf said.

“Triticum Mosaic Virus may have been present at

low levels for many years in the High Plains, and was only now detected when disease symptoms appeared on RonL, which is known to be resistant to Wheat Streak Mosaic under most conditions,” he said. “It is also possible that Triticum Mosaic Virus is new to the High Plains, but there is no way to know for sure.”

Because Triticum Mosaic Virus is vectored in the same manner as Wheat Streak Mosaic and High Plains Virus, producers should take the same preventive measures against the disease: control volunteer wheat and plant after the Hessian fly-free date, DeWolf said. There is no practical way for producers to distinguish Triticum Mosaic Virus symptoms from the symptoms of Wheat Streak Mosaic — unless the symptoms occur on RonL.

# Tractor safety course for teens in Emporia

EMPORIA (AP) — Operating farm equipment is a dangerous and potentially deadly job, especially if those using the equipment don’t know they’re doing or become complacent.

Through a program sponsored by the local extension offices, local Farm Bureaus and the Flint Hills Antique Tractor Club, more than two dozen youths attended the Flint Hills Tractor Safety Course last week. The course is required for 14 and 15-year-olds to operate farm machinery on a farm that is not owned by their parents. The Fair Labor Standards Act requires that teenagers take the safety course offered through 4-H and vocational agriculture programs before being hired.

“Farmers considering hiring help this summer should remember this requirement,” said Michelle Koenig, Lyon County Extension 4-H agent.

Participants who completed the two-part program and a written exam received a certificate. This certificate must be presented to their employer. A copy of the certificate is kept in

the farmer’s file along with a copy of the Child Labor Bulletin 102.

“Those certificates do not indicate that the youth have been trained to operate a tractor or machinery,” Brian Rees, Lyon County Extension agent said in a press release. “They just mean that the young people have completed the safety training and show proficiency in safety standards and protocol.”

Tyson Pettijohn, 15, of Olpe was one of those students. Pettijohn was taking the course so he could get a job this summer. Pettijohn said one of the things he took from the course was information about falls and major accidents. And that’s exactly what Richard Garber, general manager of PrairieLand Partners John Deere and Mike Holder, Chase County Extension Agent, were stressing during a tour of the shop of PrairieLand Partners.

The students filed into the shop and listened silently to Garber and Holder describe safety measures and accidents many of the accidents described were fatal accidents.

Garber asked the students while standing among large pieces of farm machinery what causes an accident.

“Attitude,” one student called out.

Garber agreed. “If you get out of your bed mad and you’re going out with the equipment you’re probably going to stub your toe,” he said.

But it got much deeper than that as Garber spoke about fatal farm accidents, one involving a three-year-old child. Garber said one thing the students should never do is get complacent. “Complacency kills,” he said.

Holder cautioned the teenagers against running a piece of machinery they don’t know how to operate.

“None of us are born with knowledge of how to run tractors,” he said. “The dumb part of it is if you pretend you know how to run it.”

The students were told never to let another rider on the machinery.

“One seat, one rider,” Holder said. “There is not room for a rider on a tractor ... all you got to do is have

(something wrong) one time and you have to live with it for the rest of your life.”

Newer farm equipment has safety features that the old farm equipment doesn’t, Garber explained.

“This new equipment will take care of you,” he said. “The older equipment won’t. This old stuff, it will get you every way it can.”

Walking around the machinery before running it is critical because of blind spots, Holder said.

“Don’t do it some of the time, we do it all the time,” he said. “Before we ever get on a tractor or move a piece of equipment we need to do a walk-around.”

Holder told the teenagers to be mature when running equipment.

“You guys, when you’re running the equipment, you are adults,” he said.



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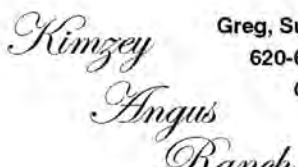
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# Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

The corn market had quite a rebound last week. I thought we would see follow through pressure in the corn after the limit lower finish the previous week, but instead the May gained 53 cents and the December picked up 55 1/2. Fundamental information never really changed during the break or the bounce last week and since those fundamentals are bullish, we have to maintain a bullish bias.

Exports are still too strong. This week's total of 632,500 MT was 50% more than what we need to see each week and is further indication that the USDA will have to raise the export estimate at some point. The April ethanol futures touched \$2.51 this week, which is the highest level since August of 2006 and the energy markets are still trending higher. You will

have a hard time convincing me that the demand for corn for ethanol production will slow any time soon.

The Prospective Plantings report probably won't have much new information for the winter wheat crop, but we will get a look at what the USDA is thinking for the spring wheat. Lower than expected spring wheat acres could put some life back into the market. Also, it will be interesting to see the stocks report to see if demand is where USDA has estimated. It is quite possible that we get a bullish surprise out of the stocks report.

Exports were back on track last week with 379,900 MT for the old crop. That is more than five times what we need to see each week. Another week or so of sales like that and USDA will have to raise the

export estimate again. Monday April 7, we will get the first national crop progress report and it will be very interesting to see how the numbers stack up. So far conditions are not great in Texas or western Kansas.

The May soybeans gained 60 1/2 cents and the November gained 19 1/2. Like the wheat though, Friday's closes were over a dollar off of the weekly highs. The technical outlook of the market is still bearish and money has been moving out of the soybeans. The Index fund long position has been shrinking for over a month. Trend indicators are down and we have to respect that.

Fundamentally I still like the soybeans because of the potential to see extremely tight stocks. Demand is still too strong and shows no sign of slowing. We still

don't know what the acreage mix will be, but it likely won't be enough to avoid another drop in ending stocks. Weather will be extremely critical this summer.

Cash cattle at \$88 and choice beef below \$140 equaled new contract lows in the April LC. We just don't get any good news. Carcass weights are rising in spite of the cost of gain. Bear spreads are working in the futures. Trends are lower and charts look bad. The last big push lower in the April LC was about \$7. If this leg down is equal to the last we could end up at \$83.

There just isn't a lot of positive news to grasp on to other than maybe enough is enough and we will get a bounce. For now though, we

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# Pratt County couple honored for contributions to agriculture, community

**By Nancy Peterson**  
Lester and Delores Goyen have been named to the Class of 2007 Kansas Master Farmer-Master Farm Homemakers. T

The award recognizes leadership in agriculture, citizenship and community service, said Mark Ploger, K-State Research and Extension Pratt County agriculture and natural resources agent. K-State Research and Extension co-sponsors the program with Kansas Farmer Magazine.

The Goyens make their home in Pratt County on land originally farmed by Lester's parents and grandparents.

His grandfather was attracted to the land because it had a shallow water table that would allow trees to grow. The family has planted trees, which, according to Lester, "give our place a peaceful, sheltered appearance."

The farm also has been designated as a Farm Bureau Century Farm. The award is given to recognize family farms owned and operated by the same family for 100 years.

Lester grew up on the farm on which the couple has lived and worked. He met Delores (Knoche), a farm girl from nearby Stafford County, at a church social, and faith and con-

cern for others have been important in the couple's marriage, family and community life.

Both also credit their late parents — Dell and Minnie Goyen and Herman and Ollie Knoche — for setting an example and offering encouragement and support throughout their lives.

After graduating from high school, Lester formed a 50-50 family farm partnership with his father. He continued to farm while earning a degree in agriculture at Kansas State University, and when he accepted the position as assistant manager for feeding at Pratt Feeders, Inc.

Delores, then a wife and mother, earned a bachelor's degree in home economics and education at Kansas State University and, later, a master's degree in education from Wichita State University to prepare for her 26-year teaching career.

Lester worked at the feedlot for 30 years, and witnessed growth in the feedlot business in the area to include four feedlots with a combined capacity of 80,000 head. Though now mostly retired, he serves on the board of directors for the feedlots and as secretary.

For efficiency, given that he already worked at the feedlot, Lester also started feeding his own cattle at

the feedlot where he worked.

With Lester's two full-time jobs and Delores' teaching career, the couple managed the farm by hiring part-time help during summer months.

In 1985, in what would seem a family tradition, Lester formed a farm partnership with the couple's oldest son — Kent.

"The partnership has worked well," said Lester, who attributed its success to communication and shared values and goals.

"Families have to let go," he said. "As Kent has grown in his ability to manage the farm, we have gradually increased his share to match his responsibilities."

Lester describes the family farming business as a general farming operation, which currently includes about 2,700 acres — a combination of land that is owned and rented.

Wheat is the Goyens' largest crop, and some grain sorghum and alfalfa also is grown on non-irrigated land. Corn (390 acres) and alfalfa (150 acres) are grown on irrigated land.

The family purchased shares in U.S. Premium Beef in 1997, and sells 2,000 finished feeders each year, Lester said. They have had success growing cotton, but, with the current interest in

ethanol, now plant those acres to corn.

The Goyens have historically worked with the Kansas Farm Management Association and an accountant. They converted to no- or reduced-till years ago, depend on the local Co-op for fertilizer and chemicals as needed, and typically use certified seed recommended for their area.

As conservationists dedicated to preserving and enhancing the land, the family has terraced land they farm, added waterways as needed, and typically divides pastures into smaller parcels to ensure consistency in rotating cattle on pasture.

Their operation has evolved over the years, with

dairy discontinued in the 1940s, sheep production discontinued after Lester graduated from high school, and a farrow-to-finish swine operation discontinued in 1985.

The swine operation was an outgrowth of the couple's sons' 4-H project, which also helped to finance their college educations, Lester said. Their son Kent earned a degree in political science; son Michael earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering, and son Phillip earned a degree in business marketing, all at K-State.

Kent now handles the bulk of farm responsibilities; he is married to the former Debra Barker, and

the couple has one son, Weston.

Michael is based in Iowa as a mechanical engineer for John Deere; he is married to the former Denise Lawton, and the couple has two daughters: Karen and Kathy.

Son Phillip lives near Eagle, Colo., and manages a condominium complex; he is married to the former Lauren Harrison.

With three boys on the farm, life was understandably busy, said Lester, who encouraged leadership and personal skill development via 4-H and school, community and church activities.

Both he and Delores served as 4-H project and

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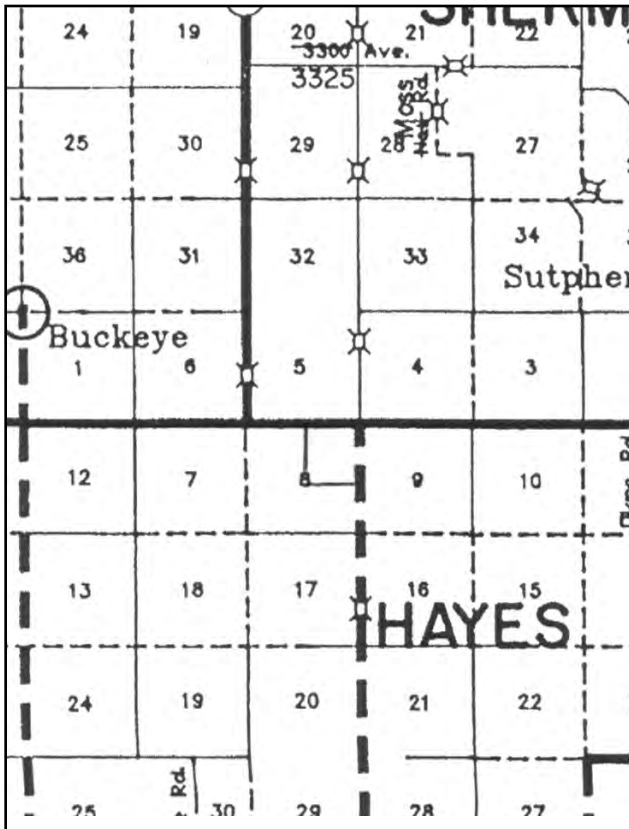
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# Rural veterinary students at KSU learn an in-depth lesson about foreign animal disease response

community leaders, including Delores' 20-year leadership for the clothing project.

Lester also has served on a number of agriculture advisory committees, including the Food and Labeling Committee of the National Cattlemen's Association, and as a church volunteer, was instrumental in establishing a hospice program, for which he also volunteers.

Delores has worked actively on behalf of literacy, and has been a member of an Extension Homemakers group for nearly 50 years.

The family has earned numerous awards, including a 4-H alumni award for community leadership and service, and Pratt County's Kraisinger award (named to honor a former Extension agent) in recognition of community service and 4-H leadership.

With their children grown, Lester and Delores have expanded the family's vacations. As strong believers in education and interest in the larger world, the couple has traveled to 65 countries, and sometimes invites their children to join them. They travel with a camera and produce travelogues, which they share with the community and other educational groups.

To date, they have presented 227 educational travelogues.

Do they have a favorite destination?

"Not really," said Lester. "People are pretty nice wherever you go."

Still, after more than 60 years of farming, this Master Farmer and Master Farm Homemaker, are proud to call Kansas home.

If the livestock population in Kansas were exposed to foot-and-mouth disease, rural veterinarians would be the nation's first line of defense in a situation with enormous economic and health implications.

That's why Kansas State University's National Agricultural Biosecurity Center and the College of Veterinary Medicine enlisted K-State's first class of rural veterinary scholars to study the state's plan and expand upon the role of the college should such a disease come to Kansas.

K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is already a key partner in the state's response plan, which was developed by the Kansas Animal Health Department in cooperation with other state agencies. The state plan lays out who will do what in case of an outbreak. For example, if foot-and-mouth disease were discovered in Kansas, significant manpower would be needed to diagnose and quarantine animals, as well as depopulate the herd. That monumental task is why preparation is so vital.

Those with the college and center thought that enlisting rural veterinary students in an educational exercise delving deep into the college's plan would help equip the future veterinarians with the tools needed to tackle animal disease and

emergencies, as well as keep the college's preparedness efforts moving forward.

The rural veterinarians program is a student loan forgiveness program designed to address a shortage of veterinarians in rural parts of Kansas.

During the educational exercise in summer 2007, students, all now in their second year of the veterinary medicine program, spent time absorbing volumes of material on animal disease response and emergency management, as well as contacting practically each and every person in the college who would be involved in a coordinated response. "We just basically immersed them into the foreign animal disease world," said Craig Beardsley, program administrator with the Na-

tional Agricultural Biosecurity Center.

Justin Kastner, an assistant professor of food safety and security at the College of Veterinary Medicine, said that today's veterinary students are tomorrow's leaders, so teaching them to prepare now will be invaluable.

"We're trying to get into their DNA that this issue is not going to go away," he said. "Diseases change and the circumstances change. Twenty years from now we're going to need leaders who can think critically about foreign animal disease."

One of those students, Jessica Whitehill, Latham, was raised on a dairy farm and was aware of the possibility of foreign animal disease, but looking at a detailed response was new territory.

"This project enabled me

to look at it from a different perspective so that when I'm out in practice, I'll be more prepared for any foreign animal disease situation," she said. "Responding to a foreign animal disease outbreak will require the manpower and skills of the entire state of Kansas. We learned that K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is an ideal resource for foreign animal disease response."

As disease evolves and

new circumstances arise, college and campus officials continue to update the response plan.

This exercise was one of several supplementary experiences designed to acclimate the rural veterinary students to their future responsibilities. Along with Whitehill, students participating included: Nicholas Luke, Beloit; Brock Hanel, Courtland; Kyle Berning, Lakin; and Trent Glick, Pittsburg.

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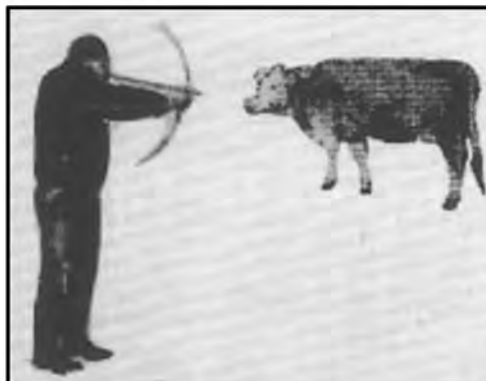
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## K-State student groups to host Wildcat Classic Horse Show for charity

Kansas State University's Equine Event Planning Team and the KSU Horseman's Association will team up to host the first-ever Wildcat Classic Horse Show and Tack Swap April 12 in Manhattan at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park. Proceeds from the show will go to the Hope Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.

The show, which will offer 34 English and Western classes, begins with Hunter Warm-up at 7:30 a.m. and classes beginning at 8 a.m. Concessions will be available on the show grounds.

Entry fees are \$7 per class, with an office fee of \$1 per horse. Prizes and high-point awards will be given.

Judging services will be donated by Nicky Tiffany and Dehlia Burdan.

Attendees and participants are encouraged to bring used tack and other horse-related items to the show and consign them to the tack swap. The swap will be held in the livestock show barn on the fairgrounds from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

All attendees and participants are invited to stay for Donkey Softball at 3 p.m.

Hope Ranch, which is based in Manhattan, Kan., is an organization that offers therapeutic horseback riding programs. More information about Hope Ranch and a flyer with more information about the Wildcat Classic Horse Show is available on the Hope Ranch Web site: <http://www.hoperanchks.org/Home.asp>.

Further information about the horse show is also available by contacting Julie Voge, Extension youth coordinator and equine instructor with K-State Research and Extension at (785) 532-1264 or [jvoge@ksu.edu](mailto:jvoge@ksu.edu).

## Pasture burn demonstration planned for mid-April in Marion County

If prescribed burning would greatly benefit your land management but lack of knowledge about fire behavior is prohibiting its use, please join us to view a prescribed burn as it is being conducted. When a fire is prescribed and planned it is an extremely desirable and effective tool for landowners and operators.

A prescribed burn demonstration is being planned for April 15, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m. The demonstration will be conducted near Aulne, so that landowners and operators may observe a safe and constructive prescribed burn in the field. Registration for this event is required and can be completed by calling the conservation district office at (620) 382-3520 by April 11.

Directions to and details about the demonstration site will be mailed to each participant or can be picked up at the conservation district office located at 303 Eisenhower Drive in Marion. The event will begin with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff presenting and discussing the prescribed burn plan and map. When conditions are considered safe and meet the desired parameters, a

designated crew will then conduct the prescribed burn allowing participants a chance to view the crew and equipment at work. After the main fire is completed, a small area will be left unburned to allow participants a chance to use ignition and suppression equipment on-site and ask questions about observa-

tions made during the main fire.

Due to the quick changes in Kansas weather, the demonstration may need to be rescheduled. You will be asked for your name and contact information during registration so that we can quickly contact you if conditions do not allow the burn to be com-

pleted on April 15th. If the burn is postponed, you will be contacted with the alternate date and time.

The demonstration is being sponsored by the Marion County Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Marion County Extension Council.



It takes lots of workers to make an auction market go, and Col. Roger Johnson expressed appreciation to all of those he's worked with over the past 40 years at Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Inc., Salina. Among the office staff now, with Johnson during his retirement reception, are Michele Livingston, 19 years of service; Carole Bremerman, office manager, who's been at the barn 22 years; Renee Ricard, a worker for the past year; and Joyce Hamm, a three-year employee.

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| STEERS        | HEIFERS       |
|---------------|---------------|
| 2 380 128.00  | 52 956 89.85  |
| 5 506 124.75  | 4 410 110.00  |
| 21 606 124.25 | 11 427 106.50 |
| 8 614 120.75  | 5 515 104.50  |
| 13 642 114.00 | 7 581 102.00  |
| 35 702 107.00 | 5 630 99.50   |
| 10 750 101.00 | 25 725 93.75  |
| 37 765 100.00 | 20 718 91.25  |
| 18 833 96.00  | 62 794 86.50  |
| 60 851 94.60  | 9 826 86.10   |
| 64 852 94.25  | 6 914 82.35   |
| 58 936 90.50  |               |

**CONSIGNMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND:**  
TO SELL AT 12:00: DISPERSAL:  
40 mix cows, some pairs rest springer, running age . . . H. Roeser  
12 blk. cross pairs, 2 yr. old home raised, big & fancy D. Andres  
11 blk cross pairs, 5-8 yrs. old most with calves . . . . . A. Lee

**FOLLOWING THE COW SALE**  
120 blk cross steers, 600-800 . . . . . J & G Foltz  
65 blk cross steers, 825-875 . . . . . W. Unruh  
65 blk cross heifers, 725-750 . . . . . R. Ryff  
25 blk cross heifers, 650-850 . . . . . J. Becker  
*Plus more by sale time.*

**CONSIGNMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH:**  
28-28 mix pairs, running age, dispersal . . . . . J. Geiswein  
70 bwf steers, 875-900  
60 bwf heifers, 785-800  
20 blk cross steers & heifers, 500-600  
*Plus more by sale time.*

**Ks. Angus Influence Female Sale**  
Saturday, April 12th • 1:00 pm  
Call for Information

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Cattle sales Tuesday, 12:00 PM.

| STEERS        | HEIFERS       |
|---------------|---------------|
| 9 432 132.75  | 14 889 90.85  |
| 4 419 132.00  | 15 473 106.50 |
| 5 560 124.00  | 6 479 100.00  |
| 5 553 119.75  | 21 581 99.00  |
| 4 598 118.00  | 6 564 98.25   |
| 6 605 113.50  | 2 609 94.50   |
| 2 698 103.00  | 18 717 92.10  |
| 17 723 102.75 | 9 784 90.00   |
| 7 741 101.50  | 32 729 88.50  |
| 15 758 101.00 | 65 812 88.20  |
| 10 768 98.50  | 38 816 87.60  |
| 11 856 95.25  | 12 847 87.25  |
| 15 817 95.10  | 12 862 85.50  |
| 62 854 94.85  |               |

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 1**  
11 blk cows, 4-5 yrs. old, fall bred, bred to Angus bull . . . B. Pfizenmaier  
9 blk cows, 3-4 yrs. old, fall bred, bred to Angus AI bred bulls . . . . .  
65 blk cross steers, 800-825 . . . . . D. & J. Burgman  
45 blk steers & h eifers, 450-550 . . . . . L. & F. Meyer  
125 blk steers & heifers, 775-850 . . . . . J. Sjogren  
100 blk steers & heifers, 400-650 . . . . . B. & T. Martin  
65 blk steers & heifers, 400-550 . . . . . D. & B. Rogge  
45 blk steers & heifers, 650-850 . . . . . G. King  
40 blk heifers, 725-760 . . . . . R. Yonally  
40 blk steers & heifers, 475-650 . . . . . O. Holle  
60 blk cross steers & heifers, 450-650 . . . . . Oehmke Bros.  
*Many more consignments by sale time*

**SHEEP & GOAT SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH - 1:00 PM**  
20 Boer Nannies, most with kids rest springers; 2 Boer Billys, 100%;  
9 Milk Nannies, some with kids rest springers; 3 Reg. Boer Families  
% up to fullbloods; 1 Min. Donkey Jack; 3 min. Horses. *Plus many, many more by sale time. For info. Call 785-761-5814*

**NOTICE: NEW SHEEP & GOAT SALE SCHEDULE ONLY:**  
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