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Norton teacher honored with 2008 Teacher of the Year award

By Leah Bond

Teresa Schulze, a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Eisenhower Elementary in Norton, was recently honored as the 2008 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC).

The KFAC Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award recognizes teachers who go the extra mile to instill a passion for learning about agriculture within their students. The Foundation honors one teacher annually who has successfully integrated agricultural education into his or her pre-existing curricula.

Schulze, who teaches social studies and science, says that she uses interactive, hands-on activities to integrate various agriculture concepts into her science class. "With living in a rural area, agriculture is the primary industry in our community," she said explaining why she thinks incorporating agriculture into her classroom is so important. "If it were not for agriculture, our town and community would be nonexistent."

One in five Kansas students will grow up to have a career in an agricultural-related field. Agriculture and education are both contributors to the well-being of Kansans. Agriculture is not only important to the economy, providing thousands of jobs within the state, but it also provides people with necessary food and clothing. The educational system, experienced by every Kansas child, is a logical place to introduce information about the importance of agriculture to the state, said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. To assist teachers in achieving this goal, KFAC offers a variety of educational resources for teachers and students including teacher guides and lesson plans, student magazines and school assembly programs, Musick said, all designed with state curriculum standards in mind.



For the first time, the Janet Sims Memorial award was presented to the Kansas Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Pictured from the left are Bob and Barb Jewell, brother & sister-in-law; Trent Vu, son-in-law; Shera Sims, daughter; Brandon and Teresa Schulze and Berneda and Rex Jewell, sister-in-law and brother.

Schulze, who is also a 2007 KFAC Summer Graduate Course attendee, was honored with the award at the Kansas State Agriculture Day celebration on March 20 at the State Capitol Building in Topeka. She will also have the opportunity to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Costa Mesa, Calif., held in June. The trip is sponsored by High Plains Journal. The Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award was renamed this year in honor of Janet Sims, who passed away in June 2007 from Lou Gehrig's disease. Sims had served on the KFAC board from November 2005 until her death.

Several of Sims' family members were in attendance at the ceremony to watch Schulze receive the award. "I cannot begin to list my mother's extensive accomplishments and awards in this small space, however, I truly feel that this KFAC scholarship would have been one of her most cherished," said Shera Sims, daughter of Janet Sims. "I know my mother would have been humbled by this distinction and would have loved to sit down and discuss with the recipients their plans for teaching agriculture in their classrooms."

Brownback out and about



Kansas Senator Sam Brownback was out and about during the Easter break. Last week he was in Marysville where he stopped at Landoll Corporation and took a quick tour of the plant and visited with one of the owners, Rich Landoll, about his business. The company holds a number of contracts to supply the military with products made in Marshall County.

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

Finishing off the Easter Congressional recess, Kansas senator and former presidential candidate Sam Brownback took some time to travel around the state, visiting with constituents and bringing them up to speed about current issues being discussed. Last Monday Brownback was in Marshall County, touring the Landoll Corp. in Marysville, as well as conducting a listening session at the newly opened Country Estates, senior assisted living facility.

Rich Landoll, visited with the Senator, showing some of the products Landoll builds, including trailers for transporting heavy equipment for the military and other government agencies.

The articulated skid loader was also demonstrated. Landoll is the largest employer in the county.

At the listening stop, Brownback touched on a number of areas that were extremely important to the area including the farm bill, health care, veterans' care and the ever-rising cost of energy.

Brownback opened the

session by illustrating how the tanker deal, which was recently awarded to a foreign aircraft maker, had an unfair subsidy advantage.

Brownback noted in the area of the farm bill that he fully expected another extension to occur with much discussion left to take place.

"I'm happy that the House finally appointed members to the conference committee," he said.

He noted that protecting the funds in the commodity title were high on his list of priorities for the multi-year farm legislation.

Wheat may be entering down trend, analyst says

By Phil White

Right now is probably a pretty good time to forward contract some of this year's wheat crop, according to a Kansas State University grain market analyst.

The futures market for hard red winter wheat appears to be entering a down trend, said Mike Woolverton, K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist. However, Woolverton cautions against contracting more than what is covered by crop insurance.

"Last year, some guys got in a bind because they couldn't deliver," said Woolverton, referring to the April freeze that heavily damaged or destroyed much of the central Kansas wheat crop.

The freeze, combined with problems in other major wheat growing regions around the world, led to record-low world wheat stocks.

"We're at a 62-year low for carryover in the U.S.," Woolverton said. "We have to go back to 1947-48 to find the last time stocks were this low."

Global stocks are at a 30-year low, he said.

However, Woolverton said, the United States has one of the few remaining

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— Mike Woolverton, ag economist

supplies of milling quality wheat right now, so exports have soared. Also helping boost U.S. wheat prices was a short southern hemisphere wheat crop. Woolverton said political issues in Argentina have restricted wheat exports from that country and drought in Aus-

tralia led to a short crop there.

"We'll have to see how harvest in the northern hemisphere looks before we know how much it will do to replenish world supplies," he said.

Getting world stocks back to previous levels could take two years of

good crops, Woolverton said, during which time he expects wheat prices to remain strong. He does believe, however, prices will be lower come harvest time in Kansas.

"The USDA is forecasting prices to be about \$6 (per bushel) by then," he

said of hard red winter wheat. "But I'm not sure they'll go down that low." Kansas City Board of Trade wheat futures for July delivery — the 2008 new crop contract — has traded as high as \$13 per bushel, but has dropped back below \$10, closing at \$9.80 per bushel on March 31.

Woolverton is concerned about how the crop is starting to look in areas of the Great Plains. A cool, wet spring is slowing crop development and the wheat is smaller than it usually is this time of year. Growing conditions are less than ideal in Texas, where the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service pegged 47 percent of that state's wheat crop at poor or very poor as of the week ended March 30.

Conditions are better to

the north, but Woolverton said he's not sure a good crop in central and eastern Kansas will be quite what it takes to add up to a normal state wheat crop. Kansas wheat was rated 20 percent poor or very poor, 36 percent fair and 44 percent good to excellent the week ended March 30.

World supplies for corn and soybeans are tight right now as well, which Woolverton said may help keep wheat prices high.

"There's no margin for error in these grains right now," he said. "We need good crops and a good growing season, or these markets could get even crazier."

With agricultural inputs costing more than ever before as well, Woolverton said he and other economists are encouraging producers to sell the grain as they buy the inputs.

"People have a lot of money riding on this crop," he said. "They want to lock these prices in."



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

You've got to support those businesses that support you. I'm amazed how that concept is so easily lost on people. And yes, I'm getting ready to get on my "shop at home" soapbox, so if you're tired of this sermon, you can turn the page now — I've given fair warning.

I was attending a function in another state and was eavesdropping on a couple of women that were sitting nearby while we waited for the session to begin. As the conversation went on, the pair lamented about how the local small-down businesses were unwilling to lend sponsorship to their upcoming event. They ran down their laundry lists of items purchased and several big, national warehouse stores were mentioned as they tallied the totals for reimbursement. And I couldn't help but shake my head. I had passed several local establishments on my way into town that certainly would have carried their supplies — yet they hadn't made purchases there.

Is it any wonder that couldn't get the assistance or sponsorship dollars they were seeking? And it's not unique to this state either. I sit on several boards and when they are planning functions, too many times those volunteering for the job of buying food or other items mention going over to the next large community for items that could very well be found right at home. And, for those that give the excuse of cost, I would be willing to bet that if you figured in \$3 gas — the final price tag probably isn't much different. Yet the impact that those dollars make in a small-town, independently owned and operated business is huge.

While most people only think about the specific item being purchased — one should stop and consider the chain of dollars that flows through the business — the high school kid stocking shelves, the farm wife working in the business office, the truck that brought the goods to the store, the landscape crew maintaining the grounds and pushing snow from the parking lot during the winter. That doesn't even take into consideration the convenience for the older generation being able to shop for their needs without traveling to a larger, faster-paced community where they could easily be involved in a fender-bender as they negotiate the increased speed of traffic and congestion of parking lots.

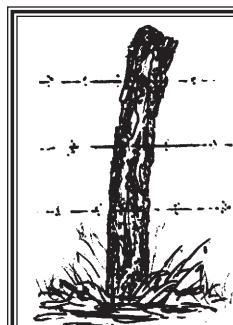
Just something to think about as we go about the ins and outs of living in rural America. We lament that economic activity is limited in our small communities, but yet we don't do all possible to make things better. I'd hope that some of that "economic stimulus" money ends up circulating through the small shops that dot the landscape.

So the next time you contemplate making a purchase, think about where your dollars would do the most good. When you do, we all win.

That's all for now, I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

"We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day, or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nurse them through the bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true."

— Woodrow Wilson



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Reverse Psychology

Why is it that when I am told to stay, I then want to go? When I am told to go, I want to stay. The experts call it reverse psychology. It often works; that is, it works until you catch on to the motive or the strategy being used.

Last week I was scheduled to drive my chore tractor to town and leave it with a mechanic for a repair job. There was a funeral in town that we wanted to attend in the afternoon. May was going to the church that morning to help with the lunch being served to relatives and friends prior to the memorial service. We decided to save fuel by avoiding extra trips to town. May would take my good clothes along when she went in to town to the church. I was to call her after lunch when I arrived at the shop with the tractor, and she would meet me there with my dress clothes.

May arrived at the shop in time for me to change, even bringing a wet washcloth in a plastic bag. Everything was going as planned until I asked, "Where are my Sunday boots?" She checked in the car, but they had been left behind. How could she have forgotten them? She had remembered everything else — even an extra handkerchief. I was wearing the worst looking pair of foot gear that I own; the green stain on them was evidence that I had tromped through manure to feed the calves that morning. They were the ones I had worn when I painted the front porch last fall, and the white paint that had dribbled across the toes made them look even worse. A wet cloth rubbed over them to clean them did little to help their appearance.

There was no time to drive back home for another pair. After some discussion, we decided to just go ahead to the service, hoping no one would look down at my feet. We would enter the back way through the basement, and on into the sanctuary. When I got out of the car, I took great pains to pull my pants legs down over my boots as far as they would go, but they could not cover those gross-looking shoes. As we walked from the parking lot to the back entrance, our minister's wife was just going in, too, and greeted us with a smiling face. I just knew she was

going to look down toward my feet and I quickly said, "Don't look at my boots!" Of course, she immediately looked down at them and then commented that she would not have noticed them if we hadn't pointed them out to her.

Walking through the fellowship hall, I met some other friends. I must have been feeling a little self-conscious, for I told them not to look at my boots, which caused them to immediately look down. Our minister was there, too, and his advice was to wear a sign that says, "Don't look at my boots!" We entered the back of the sanctuary, where my friend Rex was ushering. When he pointed out seats on one side that were down toward the front, May asked if we could sit in the back and explained she had left my dress boots behind. He glanced down and quickly up with an amused expression on his face and told us the back seats were taken but that we might like to go ahead and sit in the balcony as they were going to be using it anyway.

We forgot about the boots as we concentrated on the memorial service, which was a beautiful tribute to a lovely lady who was a good friend. My sympathy goes out to her husband Karl and to their children and grandchildren.

At the end of the service, we were among the last ones to leave the sanctuary, and we walked downstairs to the basement again and out the back door to the car. Now, I wonder if anyone would have noticed my boots if I had not called attention to them by telling others not to look at them. In this case, reverse psychology really worked. Some of my friends are pretty gabby, so I'll bet that by now the entire church knows about my messy work boots. It's good to have a church family that loves you unconditionally, regardless of the condition of your boots, and that can make light of what could have been an uncomfortable situation.

The book *Views from the Learning Post* can be ordered from Gordon Morrison, 1268 Key Road, Concordia, KS 66901 or may be available in a store near you. For information, call 785-243-3833.

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"I still have a 36 inch waist, only it's about 6 inches lower!"

Homeground & Other Geographies

by Tom Parker

The once and future road

When we traded Denver for rural Kansas eight years ago, we had only a vague idea of where we wanted to live. Marshall County in general and Blue Rapids in particular, that being where Lori's relatives lived, but beyond that the sky was the limit. Coming from the city, we had visions of country living, of self-sufficiency, maybe raising some chickens and alpacas, of having a grand view of the sky and elbow room and fresh air, a patch of prairie I would let revert to the way nature intended, and quiet. To get the latter, I knew, required a mathematical formula that went something like this: fewer people = more quiet. That meant we had to find a place beyond city limits.

We had to find a house on a dirt road.

There is something inherently romantic about dirt roads. If you don't believe it, Google the term and see what comes up: ten zillion hits, many of them extolling the values of life on unpaved byways. Prominent among them is a homily by Paul Harvey, a paean to simpler times that, like all homilies and paeans, incorporates a little truth and a whole lot of hogwash.

The problem with society, Harvey claims, can be blamed on one thing: the demise of dirt roads by that devil pavement. Why, before the advent of asphalt and concrete, families were more loving, motorists were more courteous, children were more sociable, there was less crime, less pollution, less

swearing, more financial opportunities (bailing city slickers out of roadside ditches), more healthy exercise and milk was fresher and more readily available. I am not making this up.

His one concession to truth is when he mentions roads getting washed out, which they most assuredly do. But rather than becoming a detriment, it was a blessing! Families roasted marshmallows, popped popcorn and fathers gave their kids pony-back rides. Life became one big party.

Gag me with a spoon. After living on a dirt road now for the better part of a decade, I can unequivocally say that dirt roads are a pain in the butt.

In the summer, they're either rutted and muddy or rutted and dusty. Winter

brings snow, which hides the ruts and makes them more of a surprise, and ice, which emphasizes the ruts. Spring and fall have their own questionable charms, such as creating more ruts, or dust, or mud.

I admit that our road is not really a dirt road. Technically it's an "improved" road, or what locals call a gravel road. Calling it dirt merely exposes my urban roots, opening me up to swift and sure criticism — which is exactly what happened last week during a discussion with Connie Musil, editor of the Frankfort Area News. "You city boys," she muttered darkly before launching into an exhaustive linguistic comparison of the two terms.

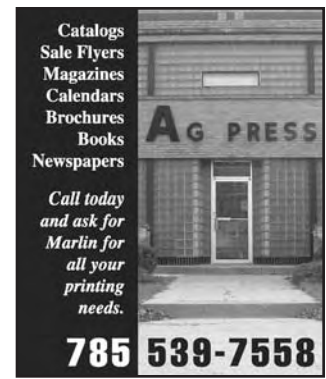
Yeah, yeah. And yet the mystique remains.

Tim Brookes, author of "The Driveway Diaries—A Dirt Road Almanac," wrote that dirt roads were the first and shall be the last. Like us, he moved from the city to the country with only a half-baked idea of what to expect, roadwise. His book, which he calls "an ode to inconvenience," perfectly chronicles the trials and tribulations of living beyond the reach of pavement. "The dirt road," he says, "is the once and future road."

Several years ago, we received word that a neighbor wanted the city to pave our road. I swore to fight the proposal all the way to the Supreme Court. Pavement would not only bring more traffic, but the sudden absence of ruts would trigger an uncontrollable thirst for speed in those so

inclined. Accordingly, I railed at the city council and informed them in no uncertain terms that paving the road would be an egregious error of cosmic proportions. They had no idea what I was talking about.

In retrospect, I suspect we were being tested for our rural sustainability. If that's the case, I think we passed with flying colors.



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Winner Brenda Reiff, Salina:
CHOPSTICK HAMBURGER CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 pounds hamburger
- 3 tablespoons pimiento, chopped
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can milk
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 cup green pepper, diced
- 1 1/2 cups onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups celery, chopped
- 3-ounce can chow mein noodles

Brown hamburger. Add remaining ingredients except noodles. Pour into 2-quart casserole dish and cover. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 1/4 hours. Check to see if it is getting too dry, add more milk if it is and stir in. Stir occasionally. Uncover and sprinkle with chow mein noodles the last 5 minutes of baking. Serves 8.

Karen Saner, Burns:
EASY SUPPER CASSEROLE

- 1 pound ground beef, browned in hot skillet
- 3/4 cup raw brown rice
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 cups water

Brown ground beef then add the rest of the ingredients. Stir and simmer gently about 1 hour or until rice is cooked or bake at 275 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Add a little water if it seems too dry.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
BEEF TIPS & NOODLES

- 2 pounds lean beef tips
- (2) 10.75-ounce cans cream of celery soup
- 10.75-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon Sandy's Season-

ing (recipe below)

1-lb. package white egg noodles, cooked & kept warm
Sandy's Seasoning (makes about 1 1/2 cups):

- 1 cup salt
- 1/4 cup black pepper
- 1/4 cup garlic powder

Mix all together and store in airtight container. Keeps for 6 months.

In a 5-quart slow-cooker combine beef, soups, onion and Sandy's Seasoning. Cook on low setting for 8 hours or until beef is tender. Serve over egg noodles.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH COOKIES

- 1-pound package refrigerated peanut butter cookie dough
- 3 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon grape jelly

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly greased a baking sheet. Place cookie

dough 2 inches apart on sheet. Bake as instructed on package. Let cool completely. In a bowl combine cream cheese and jelly. Spread cream cheese mixture on flat side of half of cookies. Press flat side of other cookies over cream cheese mixture to make a cookie sandwich.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
CHEESE BREAKFAST PIE
8- or 9-inch ready made deep pie crust

- Filling:
- 2/3 cup light cream
 - 2/3 cup sour cream
 - 5 large eggs
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 cup cubed sharp cheddar cheese

- 1 cup cubed Swiss cheese
- 1/2 finely chopped onion

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bring pie crust up from rim of pie plate. Combine cream, sour cream and eggs; beat well. Stir in Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper and paprika. Combine cheddar and Swiss cubes and place on bottom of pie crust. Sprinkle onion on cheese cubes. Pour egg mixture over cheese cubes. Place pie on rack in middle of oven. Bake 35 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the remaining two:

BANANA BREAD PUDDING

- 1 stick butter
- 4 bananas, sliced 1/3-inch thick
- 6 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 eggs, plus 1 yolk
- 1/3 cup sugar plus 1 tablespoon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 slices firm white bread

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Butter using 1 tablespoon of the butter a 9-inch deep dish pie plate and one side of a 12-inch square of aluminum foil; set aside. Cook bananas with 4 tablespoons butter in skillet over medium high heat until golden brown. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons brown sugar and cook until sugar melts and coats bananas; set aside. Beat the milk, cream, eggs, yolk, 1/3 cup sugar, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and remaining 4 tablespoons brown sugar together. Brush bread with the remaining butter, cut each slice in half and layer in the pie dish. Tuck bananas between the slices. Pour in the milk mixture. Press to absorb the liquid. Cover with foil, bake for 30 minutes, remove foil, sprinkle with remaining tablespoon sugar and

bake uncovered until golden brown, about 25 minutes more. Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

CHERRY CHOCOLATE CREAM PUFFS

- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup butter, cubed
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup flour
- 4 eggs

Filling:
8-ounce carton whipped topping
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup milk
(6) 1-ounce semisweet chocolate squares, chopped
3/4 pound frozen sweet cherries, chopped

In a pan over medium heat, bring water, butter, sugar and salt to a boil. Add flour all at once, stir until smooth ball forms. Remove from the heat and let stand 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well

after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is smooth and shiny. Drop by 2 rounded tablespoonfuls 3 inches apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks. Immediately split puffs open, remove tops and set aside. Discard soft dough from inside. Cool puffs. In pan over medium heat, bring sugar and milk to a boil, cook and stir until sugar is dissolved. Reduce heat to low, stir in chocolate until melted. Transfer to a large bowl. Cool to room temperature, about 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Fold in whipped topping. Fill each cream puff with a heaping tablespoonful of cherries, top with chocolate filling. Replace tops. Dust with powdered sugar and serve immediately. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes about 13.

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- Plan healthy meals and snacks so you keep a healthful routine and do not choose calorie-dense foods at random. See number 2!
- Make a grocery list and stock the house with good foods from number 1.
- Clean out the refrigerator and freezer.
- Drink water or unsweetened tea.
- Clean the house or catch up on chores.
- Wash the car.
- Clean the backyard or patio if you have one.
- Go to the gym.
- If you find you find you have a lot of extra time on your hands, enroll in an exercise class.
- Organize your closet and donate extra items to charity.
- Prepare a low-fat salad and raw vegetable snacks for the day or week.
- Walk the dog or a neighbor's dog.
- Run errands and put gas in the car so you have time to exercise tomorrow morning.
- Go out for unsweetened tea or coffee.
- Shop for gifts and get ahead with your life schedule so you have more time for exercise.
- Learn a new healthful recipe using a fruit or vegetable.
- Prepare a healthy dinner.
- Cut up fruit and put grapes in small baggies so they are ready to go.
- Buy and use an exercise video.
- Take up swimming, biking, hiking, kayaking or another physical activity.
- Find a yoga studio and take two lessons a week.
- Call a friend and walk while you are talking on the cell phone.
- Chew gum or brush your teeth.
- Write down situations that cause you stress and make you want to eat and find non-food solutions for them.
- Reorganize your bathroom or other drawers

- Clean and organize the garage.
- Take a long walk to the store.
- Go to the mall and walk around or do outdoor shopping.
- Walk the zoo or outdoor park.
- Shop for new fitness equipment and clothes.
- Write down what you have eaten today and start a food journal.
- Make a list of the times you feel bored and need to eat and make a list of things you can do to conquer this.
- Research and write inspirational quotes.
- Listen to music while taking a walk.
- Organize your photographs.
- Write to friends.
- Meditate or take a hot bath and then pamper yourself by looking good.
- Ride an exercise bike while you watch TV. Drink water flavored with lemon. It is even better if you can watch a show or DVD on an inspirational athletic event.
- Sign up for tennis lessons.
- Go bowling.
- Volunteer so you are out of the house and around people more.
- Cook some healthful low-fat meals and freeze them for busy days.
- Organize your kitchen.
- Attend an outdoor produce or farmer's market.
- Go out dancing.
- Write down goals for yourself for the coming year-budget, vacation, work, lifestyle, etc.
- Eat carrots, celery or melons.
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Almonds May Help Manage Blood Sugar

(NAPSA) — Those who get cravings for starchy comfort foods — such as bread and mashed potatoes — may want to grab a handful of almonds instead.

Research published in The Journal of Nutrition shows that eating almonds may play a role in avoiding blood sugar spikes after eating a carbohydrate-rich meal of foods that raise blood sugar levels. The same study shows that eating almonds may help prevent oxidative stress.

"We found that eating two servings of almonds can have a significant impact in blunting the glycemic and insulin responses of the body when fed with a meal high in carbohydrates," said co-author Dr. Cyril Kendall from the University of Toronto.

He added that including almonds in the diet may have implications for helping in the management of blood glucose levels. The health consequences of high blood glucose cause an estimated 3 million deaths worldwide annually, according to research published last year in The Lancet.

A 1-ounce handful of almonds is an excellent source of vitamin E and magnesium, a good source of fiber, and offers protein, potassium, calcium, phosphorus, iron and monounsaturated fat.

Here's a seasoned almond recipe to try — and it goes well with a bowl of pasta.

PESTO ALMONDS

- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- 2 cups whole natural almonds
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Preheat oven to 225 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Combine the egg whites and basil in a blender; process on low speed until mixture is pureed. Toss egg white mixture with the almonds. Drain in a colander. Stir together cheese, salt and garlic powder in a medium bowl. Add drained almonds and toss to coat. Place almonds in a single layer on prepared baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool completely and store in an airtight container. Serves 8.



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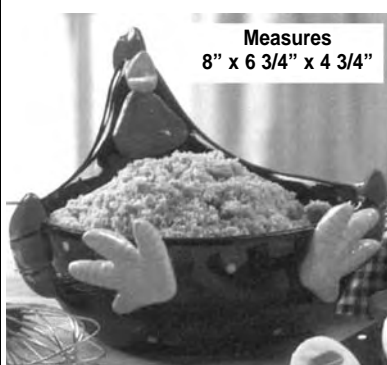
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Farmers expected to plant more beans, less corn in 2008

U.S. farmers are expected to plant about 18 percent more soybeans this year, while their corn acreage could decline by about 8 percent from a year ago, according to a key government report published earlier today.

The Agriculture Department this morning released the results of its March 1 survey of farmers' planting intentions, along with the quarterly grain stocks report of March 1. The planting numbers provide a first look at farmers' plans for this crop year, and they reflect the first official USDA report for the 2008 crop growing year. A follow-up survey of farmers' planting intentions will occur June 1, with subsequent reports later in the summer.

The prospective plantings report suggests U.S. farmers intend to plant 86 million acres of corn this

year, which is 8 percent fewer acres than in 2007. Farmers also expect to plant less cotton this year, with the report indicating 9.4 million acres of that crop will be planted, a 13-percent decrease from 2007.

Farmers are turning to soybeans and wheat as they reduce corn and cotton acres. Soybean acreage will increase 18 percent, to 74.8 million acres, and wheat acreage will grow by 6 percent, to 63.8 million acres.

"The corn number is about 1.4 million acres less than pre-report estimates," said Terry Francl, American Farm Bureau Federation senior economist, "and it appears there will be more acres devoted to beans than predicted. A whopping 3.1 million acres more than expected will be planted to beans if this survey is correct."

The significance of

today's planting intentions report cannot be underestimated. "Already today, a bushel of corn is up about 10 cents to 15 cents. Beans are down about 70 cents, and wheat is down 40 cents to 50 cents," Francl said.

"We're likely to see additional downward pressures over the next few days on beans and wheat," Francl said. "For corn futures, we're likely to see continued upward pressures, with trading possibly into the low- to mid-\$6-a-bushel range."

The cotton and wheat numbers are close to the pre-report, mid-point

acreage estimates, Francl said. When the acreage numbers for the seven major crops (corn, beans, wheat, cotton, sorghum, barley and oats) and hay ground are considered, farmers intend to plant about 4 million more acres in 2008. About half the new acres will come from ground that was in the Conservation Reserve Program, and the rest will be ground devoted to farming for the first time due to higher crop prices.

"History has shown that farmers adjust their planting intentions as these re-

ports come out, and the market reacts," Francl said. "Spring weather is an important factor. The final acreage numbers depend on spring planting weather, and the markets will begin to reflect analysts' thoughts about upcoming weather within a day or two."

In addition, the latest grain stocks report showed an unanticipated surprise with March 1 corn stocks coming in at just under 6.9 billion bushels, more than 200 million bushels less than the mid-point of analysts' pre-report estimates,

and 90 million bushels below the low end of the range of pre-report estimates.

"These figures suggest that high corn prices to date have not yet been sufficient to ration demand," Francl said. "A similar reaction occurred after the Dec. 1 corn stocks estimate was published, and many market observers dismissed the higher implied corn disappearance number as a fluke that would be offset in subsequent stocks reports."

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explain the greater-than-anticipated corn usage numbers for the first half of this year, Francl explained. First, colder and more extreme winter weather increased the amount of feed going to cattle, especially in the Midwest; second, hog numbers are about 7 percent higher than projected, so more corn is going to feed them; third, ethanol use and exports were strong in the first half of the year; and finally, the 2007 corn crop might have been slightly overestimated.

The soybean stocks number showed just the opposite, Francl said, with about 75 million more bushels of beans in stock. That suggests analysts projected less usage and perhaps a 2007 crop that was slightly underestimated. Likewise, the wheat stocks number came in slightly higher than what was expected prior to the latest report.

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Take safety precautions if heavy rains fall

Missourians should take safety precautions as additional heavy rains across the state may result in severe flooding like the destructive floods of 1993 and 1995, said a University of Missouri Extension emergency management specialist.

"Missourians should be prepared for flash flooding, river flooding, possible

tornadoes and damaging hail," said Eric Evans. "Now would be a good time to remind everyone of severe weather plans and tornado shelters in your location."

Since March 1, 10-15 inches of rain have fallen in virtually every county southeast of I-44, and this is on top of above-normal precipitation over Missouri



in December and February, said Pat Guinan, MU Extension climatologist.

Several locations in southern Missouri have experienced their wettest March on record. Preliminary numbers indicate the past four months will rank as one of the wettest December-through-March periods since 1895, he said.

Currently, the wettest

December-through-March period was 1972-73, another flood year, when average statewide precipitation was 16.17 inches, he said.

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2002 JD 7210, CAH, 2WD, 841 hrs, PQ trans, dual hyds, 18.4x38 tires, 3 step entry, SN#RW7210H070071
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1951 JD Model A, Roll-a-matic

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Changing economics make livestock manure worth more, said planners of the Breimyer Seminar at the University of Missouri, May 22.

The theme this year will be "Manure Entrepreneurs: Turning Brown to Green," said Laura McCann, MU assistant professor of natural resources economics. Livestock manure, often considered a problem, is now viewed as a renewable resource for crop nutrients and for energy.

"A number of factors make manure more valuable," McCann said. Average prices for fertilizers are 130% higher this year than in 2000. High crop prices, increased demand for ethanol, reliance on imported nitrogen and potash, along with declining value of the dollar, make manure fertility worth more. In addition, developing countries are using more fertilizer.

At the same time, high oil prices have brought renewed study of manure for energy. Manure can be burned or it can be converted into methane gas in anaerobic digesters.

"There are new incentives to develop marketable products from manure," McCann said.

Producers who convert manure into value-added products will tell their stories at the seminar. Some speakers will tell of funding sources for projects.

Academics and government officials will discuss economics, technologies, and regulatory and environmental issues.

"On a sadder note," McCann said, "the seminar will honor the memory of Charles Fulhage, a manure expert and early proponent of methane from manure." Fulhage, an MU professor of agricultural engineering, died Feb. 26, following a traffic accident.

The annual seminar for discussing developing areas of economics is named in memory of Harold Breimyer, an MU professor and USDA agricultural economist. One of his areas of concern was energy policy.

The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the MU campus. The registration fee of \$25 includes lunch and parking. Deadline for signup is May 16. For brochures or registration, contact Joyce White at whitej@missouri.edu or (573) 882-6533.

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help calm him down," Hillard commented.

Driving obviously is their "cup of tea," and Hillard proved it time and again en

route to the nation's top award. "We won the youth cart class at both the Regional POA Show and the International POA Show last year," Hillard noted. "At the International show, we beat

the girl and her pony who had won the two previous years. That really made me happy."

Dad Jeff Hillard also drove Goodbar to win the Regional show and placed fourth at the International show.

Claiming world high point titles takes lots of miles to accumulate points. "We went to 39 shows in four states last year," Hillard tallied.

Not only do the Hillards drive Goodbar at shows, but they also have family outings in the cart. "I have been driving in the Miss Kansas Pageant parade at Pratt with my 95-year-old great-grandma, Evelyn Hillard, too," shared the owner. They also participated in a special POA session at the recent EquiFest of Kansas in Wichita.

Excitement builds when game time comes at shows, and Hillard and Goodbar certainly have a vast cheering section for their runs.



Kyle Hillard of Valley Center drove his POA, Mr. Goodbar, at 39 shows in the Midwest during 2007 and ended up high point in the youth cart division of the National Pony of the Americas' year-end standings. Likewise, his dad, Jeff Hillard, was first in the national open cart competition for the year. During the recent EquiFest of Kansas in Wichita, Hillard drove into the pavilion during a special POA presentation with cousins Kimberly Bright and Lydea Williams along for the ride.

ing and showing them. Everybody always helps and encourages each other all of the time."

Hillard's favorite game is the flag race, where barrels are set in a cloverleaf pat-

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wins, but having a successful "stick it" is easier said than done.

"I was able to 'stick it' at 36 shows, but I was just too tense at the International show and even missed picking the flag up," Hillard reminisced.

His second favorite game is the keyhole race, in which he must run Goodbar down to a 20-foot diameter key hole drawn with a chalk line in the center of the arena, turn around without touching the line and run back. "My average is about 4.8 seconds, but my fastest time ever was 3.8 seconds," Hillard remarked.

The only classes Hillard and Goodbar don't participate in are those requiring them to put on English riding tack and apparel. "I just refuse to do that, but I started racing in scurry last year, where Goodbar has to jump over low obstacles," Hillard

acknowledged.

Hillard has been recognized as the high point 13-18 rider in the Kansas POA Club for the past two years.

Life changed for the Hillard family when they got POAs. "My parents purchased a six-acre tract with a home on it near Valley Center, so we had a place to keep my POA," Hillard recalled. "They sold the existing home to my grandma, Shirley Grunder, who lives in it, and we built a new home."

Other critters on the acreage include chickens for laying eggs, which Hillard gathers daily, along with two dogs, which he's trained to do a few tricks.

There are also a couple of other POAs: a young stallion and a mare. "They aren't trained yet, but my uncle and I are going to get them started," Hillard guaranteed. "Craig, who only lives about 10 minutes away,

has trained horses, so he's going to tell me how, and I'm going to do the riding."

All of the family is involved in POA leadership. Jeff Hillard served the past year as president of the state group and now serves as a director. Donna is the show secretary, a position served for the past two years, and uncle and aunt Craig and Kay Bright continue as directors after being in other leadership posts, as well. Everybody, Kyle included, helps in whatever needs done at shows.

Biggest supporter of all has to be grandma Shirley Grunder, a former resident of the Riley area. "She seldom misses a show and is always cheering and urging all of us grandchildren on in every class," Hillard credited.

That support is actually given by Grunder to one and all at the Kansas shows. She makes sure refreshments

are set up early in the morning and throughout the day for everybody on the grounds. Likewise, Grunder assists whenever help is needed in any part of show operation.

"I really couldn't do any of this without encouragement and help from all of my family," Hillard stressed.

With only three years of youth eligibility left in POA competition, Hillard admitted that the family will likely go to fewer shows in the future. "Travel expenses have become so costly that we won't go as much, but I'll keep going to shows close to home," he contended.

Active in his school's marching band and other activities, Hillard looks to a profession in heating and air conditioning service, after attending trade school. "I'll always live in the country, that's for sure, and I'll always keep Goodbar until he passes away.

"There isn't any better way for children to learn about care of animals, be associated with other people and try your hardest all of the time,

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Short seed supply increases need for good planting practices

Cool, wet soils can cause extra hazards to soybean seed being planted this spring. Caution should be taken at planting time to assure good stands, said a University of Missouri Extension agronomist.

"Bad things can happen to good seed," said Bill Wiebold, MU soybean specialist. "Worse things happen to poor-quality seed."

Extra precautions may be needed this year to avoid a need for replanting, Wiebold said. "With a short seed supply and high demand for seed for increased soybean acreage, there may be a short supply of elite seed available for replant." There may be a temptation to plant too early, Wiebold said. "Problems increase if seed is planted in soils below 50°F in temperature and soils that are waterlogged."

Poor conditions can slow plant growth. Seed in the ground begins to expend stored reserves to cause cell expansion and division. Under ideal conditions, the plants emerge quickly, reducing risks to the seed.

Water is necessary for germination, Wiebold said. However, too much water, which enters through cracks in the seed coating, can lead to over-absorption. This becomes a bigger problem if

conditions are not right for rapid germination.

As seeds soak up water, they expand. "Water absorbed too quickly can cause cell walls to rupture," Wiebold said. "That can cause cell death. An intact seed coat slows water absorption."

Gentle handling of seed helps reduce cracks, chips and other damage that can hurt germination. "Seeds not handled carefully during harvest, storage and transport are likely to contain cracks that are invisible to the human eye," Wiebold said. "Those cracks cause problems during germination."

Every commercial seed supply contains a tag giving details on seed quality. However, germination percentages obtained in the lab may be higher than those achieved under field conditions. While seed companies sell high-quality seed, there may be pressure to lower standards to meet the demand, Wiebold said.

High water content in the soil can be associated with colder temperatures but also lower oxygen levels in the soil. "Water in soil pores excludes oxygen needed for seedling growth," Wiebold said. "Initial water absorption by seeds is not depend-

ent on oxygen. Even dead seeds can absorb water.

"Once water content exceeds 50 percent, continued absorption depends on energy released by the seed respiration rate," he said. When growth starts, oxygen demand increases rapidly. That oxygen must come from air in soil pores.

Delaying planting until conditions are suitable for quick germination and growth will improve the success rate and help avoid expense of replant.

There are added hazards awaiting slow-to-germinate seed.

When seeds germinate, the cells release sugars into

the surrounding soil. Pathogens in the soil can use energy from the sugars to multiply and invade the seed. That leakage of sugars is more likely with low-quality or cracked seed, Wiebold said.

"I don't usually recommend treating seeds with fungicides," Wiebold said. "This may be a year to use seed treatments, both fungicides and insecticides, to assure a better stand."

Selecting high-quality seed, delaying planting until soils are ready, treating the seed, and careful handling of seeds during planting help ensure a good stand.



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Higher price of glyphosate herbicide makes pre-emergence chemicals cost-competitive

Rising input costs have crop farmers looking for price-competitive alternatives, said a University of Missouri weed scientist.

With a doubling in price for glyphosate, a post-emergence herbicide that is most popular with soybean producers, pre-emergence herbicides became price competitive, said Kevin Bradley, MU Extension specialist.

"In the past, the cost of two applications of glyphosate on a Roundup Ready soybean field has been unbeatable from an economic standpoint," Bradley said. "Now at chemical cost of \$11 to \$12 per acre for brand-name glyphosate treatment, many pre-emergence soybean herbicides will cost about the same or less than glyphosate."

"Although generic glyphosate products will likely remain slightly lower in cost than many pre-emer-

gence treatments, I still think there is a strong case to be made for the use of pre-emergence soybean herbicides."

Pre-emergence herbicides control weeds before the seedlings come up, preventing yield loss from early weed competition.

"Our survey of Missouri producers last year revealed that a majority of first-pass glyphosate applications in soybeans were made when weeds are 7 to 10 inches tall," Bradley said. "At that point, yield loss will probably have already occurred."

"A pre-emergence herbicide will eliminate that early weed competition and yield loss." Although each weed species differs in its competitive ability, Bradley recommends that glyphosate be sprayed before the weeds in a field reach a height of 6 inches.

Bradley does recom-

mend use of glyphosate for weeds that escape or for weeds that emerge later in the growing season.

The advantage of glyphosate, now sold under the trade name of Roundup PowerMax by Monsanto, is that it can be sprayed over the top of Roundup Ready soybeans to kill weeds without harming the beans. The ease of that treatment has made glyphosate the most popular weed control method in soybeans.

"However, an advantage of pre-emergence herbicides is to rotate herbicide modes of action and manage glyphosate-resistant weed species. Repeated exposure to glyphosate, generation after generation, has allowed herbicide-resistant weeds to develop.

"Surveys we conducted last year indicate glyphosate-resistant water-

hemp now occurs on 4 percent of the soybean acres in Missouri," Bradley said.

Pre-emergence herbicides available this year include Authority First, Boundary, Canopy, Dual II Magnum, Envive, IntRRo, Prefix, Prowl H2O, Sonic, Valor and Valor XLT. "All are currently costing about the same or less than a brand-name glyphosate treatment," Bradley said.

Most of these also will provide good control of glyphosate-resistant waterhemp. Continued use of glyphosate on weeds showing resistance will only intensify the problem.

If producers decide to use glyphosate, they should not cut the application rate to save costs. "Reduced rates usually translate into reduced weed control and increased yield loss," Bradley said. "Cutting

rates to save a few cents will likely lead to lower yields at the end of the season." For years, soybean acreage has been the leading cash crop in the state.

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TRACT I
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The North 100 acres more or less in the SW/4 of 10-17-18, West of the 6th P.M. Rush County KS.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 96.91 acres cultivation (presently idle). 4.18 acres water way.
POSSESSION: Immediate with the purchaser, paying \$1,398.93 for spraying cost.

TRACT II
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: S/2 of NW/4 of 33-16-18, West of the 6th P.M. Rush County KS.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 68.38 acres cultivation (40.2 acres planted wheat, 28.18 acres idle). 4.82 acres water way
POSSESSION: After the 2008 wheat harvest on the 40.2 acres planted wheat with the landowners 1/3 share of the harvested wheat delivered to the nearest elevator in the purchasers name. Possession immediate on the 28.18 acres idle cultivation with the purchaser paying \$648.67 for spraying cost.

TRACT III
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW/4 of 35-16-18, West of the 6th P.M. Rush County KS.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 155.11 acres cultivation (all planted to wheat). 3.7 acres water way
POSSESSION: After the 2008 wheat harvest on the 155.11 acres planted wheat with the landowners 1/3 share of the harvested wheat delivered to the nearest elevator in the purchasers name.

TRACT IV
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE/4 of 35-16-18, West of the 6th P.M. Rush County KS.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 77.31 acres cultivation (presently idle) . 78.17 acres grassland (watered by pond). 2.16 acres hay meadow
POSSESSION: Immediate on the 77.31 acres idle cultivation with the purchaser paying \$463.86 for custom farming. November 1st 2008 on the 78.17 acres grassland with the purchaser receiving \$800.00 as cash rent.

TRACT V
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N/2 of NW/4 of 2-17-18, West of the 6th P.M. Rush County KS.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 73.7 acres cultivation (all planted to wheat). 2.59 acres water way
POSSESSION: After the 2008 wheat harvest on the 73.7 acres planted wheat with the landowners 1/3 share of the harvested wheat delivered to the nearest elevator in the purchasers name.

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April 8 — Lyon Co. Real Estate at Council Grove for Breckenridge Holding Co. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 8 — Land in Flint Hills at Alma for Premier Outdoor Properties, Inc.

April 8 — Land & improvements SW of Lincoln for Harold H. Reinert Trust No. 1. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty Inc.

April 10 — Cloud Co. land at Concordia for Gloria Fees. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 10 — Angus bulls & female at Fredonia for Kimzey Angus Farm.

April 11 — Farm equipment N. of Morrowville for the Edward Nutsch Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 12 — Antiques, collectibles, household, trucks, farm mach. & equip. at Bennington for 2 Generations-Melvin & Darlene Reed. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

April 12 — Real Estate & household, collectibles & antiques W. of Alma for Virginia Bleske. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

April 12 — Equipment & tools NW of Salina for Bob Neises. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

April 12 — Equipment & collectibles W. of Linn for Dorothy (Mrs. Robert) Duensing. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 12 — Real Estate & household N. of Herington for Michael Ham. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 12 — Industrial land & rock quarry at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

April 12 — Farm toys, belt buckles & misc. at Sabetha. Auctioneers: Hartter Auctions.

April 12 — Lamb sale at Hope for Abeldt Club Lambs.

April 12 — 8th annual show pig sale S. of Overbrook for Valleybrook Farm.

April 12 — Tools, 4- whlr, lawn tractor, household, pickup, car & machinery at Axtell for Leonard Rottinghaus Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

April 12 — Vehicle, antiques, household, tools & misc. at Chester, NE for Leslie (Bill) Hartley Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 12 — Farm equipment, semi trucks & trailers, tractors, crawler, combines & misc. at Mankato for Mike & Brad Ost. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

April 12 — Firearms, coins, antique tools, toys, adv. items, glassware & misc. at Abilene for Ronnie L. Hottman Estate & Others. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist Auctions.

April 12 — Real Estate, church pews, piano's, antique tables, chairs, microphone system at Clay Center for Fact United Methodist Church. Auctioneers: Gray's Auction Service LLC & Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

April 12 — Commercial real estate at Herington for Maurice Pritz-Pritz Re-

pair & Supply. Auctioneers: Bina Auction Service.

April 12 — Land & farm equipment at Lindsborg. Auctioneers: Blomquist Auctions.

April 12 — Home, vehicles, shop equip. & collectibles at Peck for Farrell & Barbara Callaway. Auctioneers: Theurer Auctions & Realty.

April 12 — Real Estate, car, tractor, trailers, lawn mowers & repair equip. at Mentor for Vernon Comfort Estate-Comfort Small Engine Repair. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 12 — Appliances, pickup, boat, tools, lawn & garden items & misc. at Burlingame for Ward L. Beam Sr. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

April 12 — Glassware, auto, collectibles, tools, misc., scaffolding, auto washer, push mower at Topeka for Steve & Dee Johnson. Auctioneers: Kooser Auctions.

April 12 — Tractors, combines, grain cart, sprayer, hay equipment, planting equip., boats, lawn mowers, ATV's & livestock equip. S. of Arkansas City. Auctioneers: Potter Auctions.

April 12 — Guns, coins, antiques, collectibles, household & misc. at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

April 12 — Large gun auction at Douglass. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auctions.

April 13 — Antiques, collectibles & household at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

April 13 — Elite show pig sale at El Dorado for Duncan-Prairie-Flory-Schwenmer.

April 13 — Tractors, equipment, welder, trucks, trailers & misc. at Hartford for Dean Wilson Farms. Auctioneers: Woods Auction Service.

April 13 — Furniture, collectibles, glass & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 13 — Boats, pickup, lawn mowers, farm equipment, cabinets, shelving, shop items & misc. at Overbrook for Mrs. Harold Odgers. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

April 14 — Angus bull & female sale at Garnett for Hillhouse Angus Ranch.

April 14 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, machinery, cattle equipment, motorcycle & misc. W. of Downs for Machinery Consignments. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 15 — Real Estate at Norton for Edith Schick. Auctioneers: Jessup Auctions.

April 16 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Kenneth Vitt. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 17 — Household goods & misc. at Clay Center for Lowell Werner Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

April 17 — Lyon Co. land at Emporia for Ronnie & Catherine Vohs. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 18 — Lyon Co. real estate at Emporia for Miller Brothers. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 18 — Marshall Co. land at Oketo for Guise-Weber Foundation. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction.

April 18 — Tools, shop equipment, parts, cast iron seats, tool boxes, windmill weight & misc. at McPherson for Jason J. Jantz Trust. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctions.

April 18 & 19 — Guns, ammo, sporting goods & tools at Topeka. Auctioneers: Kull & Supica.

April 19 — Farm consignment sale at Junction City for Butch Hartman. Auctioneers: Jay Brown Auction.

April 19 — Antiques & collectibles at Clay Center for Wilfred Abels. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions, LLC.

April 19 — Equipment consignment sale at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

April 19 — Farm equipment, vehicle, trailer, guns, shop equipment, cattle equipment & misc. at Erie for Trula Finley. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.

April 19 — Show pig sale at DeWitt, Neb. for Gerlach, Inc.

April 19 — Gelbvieh & Balenser Bull sale W. of Chanute near Buffalo for Walkin M Ranch.

April 19 — Machinery sale at Emporia for Miller Brothers. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 19 — Tractors, combine, pickups, equipment at Bremen for Mike & Earl Oldehoeft. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

April 19 — Cloud Co. land at Clifton for Olive Valerka. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 19 — Clay Co. land at Clifton for Bill & Maxine Branfort. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 19 — Commercial heifer auction at El Dorado for Satchel Creek Ranch.

April 19 — Show pigs at Manhattan for Mid-America Pig Sale & Buchman Show Pigs.

April 19 — Tractors, trucks, combine, tillage, hay equipment, planter/drill, shop & farm tools & ATV at Montgomery City, MO for Estate of Herb Bracht Sr. Auctioneers: Wheelers Auctions.

April 19 — Toys, tractors, garden tractor, equipment, gas engines & literature at McPherson for Jason J. Jantz Trust. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctions.

April 19 — Show pig sale at Abilene for Five Star Pig Sale.

April 19 — Tractors, machinery, vehicles, trailer, livestock equip., antiques, household & misc. at Lincolnville for Bob & Vicki Winter. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

April 19 — Antiques & period furniture, glassware, pottery, hand & long guns, collectibles & primitives at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auctions.

April 19 — Car, tractor, motorcycle, household, collectibles & tools at Scan-

dia for Opal L. Gile & The Late Clarence L. Gile. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 20 — Goat Lamb Pig auction at Lyons. Auctioneers: Hollinger Auctions.

April 20 — Real Estate Caravan at Topeka for Simnitt Auctions.

April 20 — Vehicles, tractor, household & antiques at Palmer for the Nyla Voelker Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 20 — Toy tractor auction at Salina for Gary Easley Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 21 — Basic Black bull sale at Marysville for Ohlde Cattle Co.

April 21 — Cultivation-grassland, Rush Co. at LaCrosse for Leonard Herrman-Herrman Family Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty.

April 24 — Antiques, household goods, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Bobbie Paulsen. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 26 — Show Pig Sale-Number 2 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 26 — Complete dispersal-Holsteins at Hillsboro for Rock Home Holsteins. Auctioneers: Burton Fellers Sales.

April 26 — Tractors, hay equip., ATV, trailers, motorhome, farm equip., livestock equip., riding mower, tools & misc. at Basehor. Auctioneers: Seebree Auctions.

April 26 — Household, antiques & farm related items E. of Wilson for Alice Pekarek Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

April 26 — JD antique tractors at Nortonville for Ed & Amy Budy. Auctioneers: RS Auctions.

April 27 — Antique cars, parts, shop equipment, antique toys & misc. at Holton. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers.

April 28 — Farm consignment auction at Council Grove for Council Grove High School Vo Ag Dept. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 29 — Commercial real estate & restaurant equipment at Clay Center for Larry & Joy Lund. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman.

May 3 — Furniture & miscellaneous at Salina for Windsor Apartments. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

May 3 — Older machinery, trucks & farm related items SE of Wilson for Leo Brokes Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

May 3 — Real Estate & personal property at Cottonwood Falls for Clela M. Scott. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

May 3 — Household & collectibles at Washington for Keith & Alberta Welch. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

May 4 — Business liquidation auction at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

May 10 — Real Estate, collectibles & household at Greenleaf for Marjorie Hatesohl. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 24 — Show Pig Sale-

Number 3 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

May 24 — Real Estate, tools, equipment, collectibles & household items NW of Clifton for Creative Evangelism Inc. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 26 — 15th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

May 31 — Large collection of collectible dolls, doll furniture, doll clothes, doll houses (large doll auction) at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 7 — 13th Annual Wilson Co. Wildflower Tour at Fredonia for Wilson Co. Conservation District & Conservation.

June 14 — 7th annual consignment auction at Abilene for The Mid-America Pony & Miniature Ponies. Auctioneers: Don Chegwiddden & Charley Konig.

August 2 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

August 23 — Leather & tack shop items, antiques & collectibles, general household at Clay Center for Paul Williams. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction, LLC.

September 1 — 13th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

September 6 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

November 1 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

November 15 — Late fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

January 1, 2009 — 24th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 — 9:30 AM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH — 10:00 A.M.

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LAND

LEGAL: East Half (1/2) of Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-Five (25), Township Seventeen (17), Range Four (4) West of the 6th P.M. Less a tract in the South East Corner.

DESCRIPTION: Tract contains approximately 72.29 acres of Cropland. A well is present and sells with the property, however the seller nor the auction company has any information pertaining to the well. It was pumped in 2007. Motor unit is not included in the sale.

POSSESSION: Buyer to receive immediate possession of the all the ground less what is currently planted to wheat. Possession on current wheat ground will occur immediately following 2008 harvest. There is approximately 20 acres of wheat.

WATER RIGHTS: Water rights will sell with the property, the state shows that the wells have not been pumped in 4 years. In order to maintain the water rights it must be pumped in 2008, according to the Stockton office.

TAXES: 2008 taxes prorated to the day of closing.

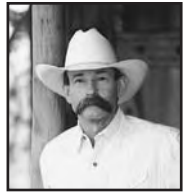
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From the owners to the minimum wage workers, the USDA inspectors to the producers who brought in the beasts, and now, all of us who produce beef, feed cattle, buyers or sellers, auctioneers, R-CALF, United Dairymen, NCBA, veterinarians, nutritionists, yes, all of us bear the burden, the guilty feeling.

To me, the worst part was that the Humane Society of the U.S., an avowed enemy of modern farming methods (big dairies, feedlots, hog confinement, veal barns, chicken houses), deserves some of the credit for bringing attention to the problem.

I know some of them. They want to put us out of business. And we, through our negligence, handed them the lead headline in their next fund-raising brochure! I am humiliated personally. I apologize to them and to all

consumers. My tail is between my legs. I assure them we shall do better.

So now what?

There are some circumstances that could have been worse; Chino is a large dairying community. Most of the animals brought into the plant probably would have been cull Holstein cows. The meat recall is mostly hamburger. The recall reaches back to any products still on the shelves (143 million pounds estimated). Most of the meat has already entered the food chain and been eaten with no deleterious effects.

The verifiable complaint involved downer cows being moved into the packing plant without proper inspection.

The USDA calls any human health risk from eating the meat "remote." In other words, there have been no human health problems as a result of the packing house's sloppy management. That is a break for the consumer, as well as for us producers.

There are so many producer groups and individuals who have made great strides in how we treat our cattle; the NCBA's Beef Quality Assurance program, sale barns promoting value-added marketing procedures, cattle handling equipment makers, "cow whisperers," Heather Thomas Smith's books, Temple Grandin's packing house guidelines, and smart operators. The list is long.

Obviously, it is a continuing process, improving how we raise and care for our animals. It is the responsibility of all of us, as individuals, to be aware. It is for our own good, the good of the animals, and the 96% of the population that eats meat.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 19 — 10:00 AM

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