



Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The February supply and demand report held no surprises. U.S. corn and wheat numbers were unchanged and the soybeans ending stocks were reduced due to a higher export estimate more than offsetting a lower crush estimate. The world numbers came in mostly as expected as well. Corn and soybean production were both cut in Brazil and Argentina due to drought. World soybean ending stocks were reduced, but the corn was not because of a large cut in feed usage.

USDA released their Baseline Projections this week as well. I noticed that some people got excited by USDA's estimate of 88 million planted acres and ending stocks falling to just over 1 billion. The problem is that USDA uses very old '08-'09 crop year supply and demand data and not the current WASDE data. Ending stocks fall to 1.004 billion in the 2009-10 crop year because they use 1.124 billion bushels of '08-'09 ending stocks instead of 1.790 billion. In other words, the baseline projections are useless.

The corn is still stuck in a wedge formation and the trading range keeps getting tighter. The corn is going to

break out next week, either up, down, or sideways and right now I am leaning toward sideways. We have some positive news, such as exports, where this week's report showed the 4th marketing year high in a row and all indications are that next week's report will be good as well. However there is still a great deal of concern about both the U.S. and world economies and how that will impact long term demand. There are a lot of people that don't think these good exports will last and they are perfectly willing to sell rallies. For the time being that means we are stuck in a sideways market.

It will probably take another month of good export sales data to convince everyone that the USDA's export estimate is too low. When the majority of traders think that the lowest of our demand numbers are behind us, then we will move consistently higher.

The wheat trade was very similar to the corn, with the exception of the fact that the trend line support failed in the wheat. The charts don't look friendly, but I won't be too concerned about that unless we see the corn start to fall. If the corn

drops the wheat will too.

There wasn't any particularly negative news last week, but there wasn't much positive news either. Export sales were okay at 411,700 MT. That tied to the highest sales week out of the past 11 weeks, but it just isn't enough to get anyone excited, particularly when the Egyptians keep buying Russian wheat. We keep thinking that the Russians will be sold out soon, but it hasn't happened yet.

It is still dry in the HRW area and in the wheat growing region of China, but we really need to be farther along in the growing season for that to make much difference to traders. Until there is some bit of news that traders take to heart, the wheat will be at the mercy of the corn and of spread traders.

A little bit better moisture in S. America and some technical selling pressure were the main culprits behind the March soybeans losing 45 cents last week. Otherwise, most of the news was positive. U.S. and world ending stocks were cut and the export market is still hot. In this week's report soybean sales were over one million metric ton and meal and oil sales were very

good. All indications are that next week's export sales report will be very good for the beans and oil as well. We are still having problems with domestic crush, but these big meal and oil sales have to help.

Trend line support failed on Friday, which is somewhat negative. It looks like we will see the March soybeans test the 50-day moving average, which is another 13 cents lower at the \$9.43 area in the March contract. Further weakness will only create more export demand, so I look for any weakness early next week to uncover good buying interest.

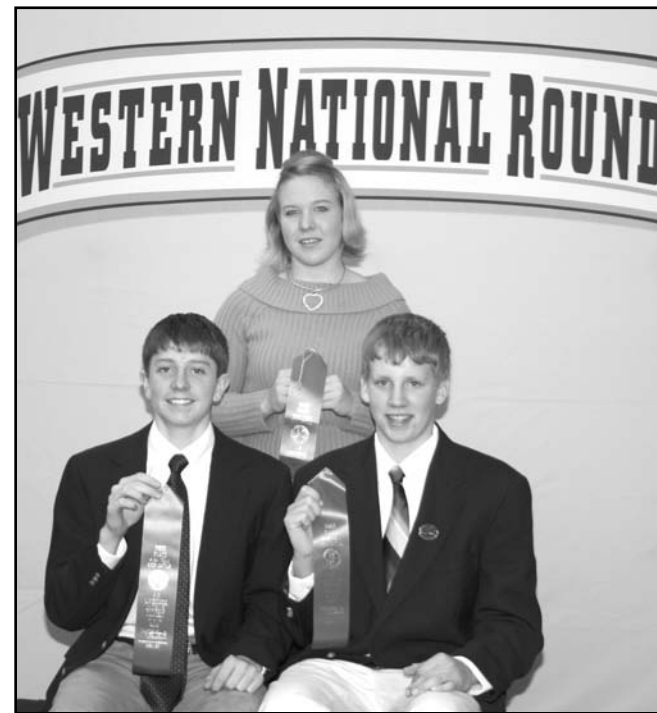
The cattle market needs to see two weeks in a row of higher cash cattle trade to get moving. As of early afternoon on Friday there hasn't been any cash trade, so I don't know if we will get that second week or not. I think we will end up being steady at \$84. The cattle market really just needs some good economic news that signals to speculators that everything is okay. The cattle market will take off like a rocket when that happens, but it hasn't happened yet.

In the mean time the April LC are consolidating around the 50-day moving average and I don't really like the looks of the chart. It looks to me like we are headed back to test the lows again. The same goes for the feeder cattle. The failure to take out the January high means the April FC are headed back for a test of the \$92.50 - \$93.50 area in the next week or so.

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These young Kansas 4-H members represented the state at the Western National Roundup livestock judging contest held recently in Denver. They placed 12th in the challenging contest and were the first place beef team and placed tenth in the goat division. Pictured from left is Brady Jensen, Cody Jensen and Jacinda Dickinson. They represented the River Valley Extension district.

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Forrest Johnson	Leonardville	7 blk str	518 @ 110.50

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Forrest Johnson	Leonardville	14 blk str	591 @ 103.00
John Chaffee	Leonardville	6 blk str	634 @ 99.00
Rodney Biesenthal	Onaga	10 mix str	613 @ 97.50
Marvin Abitz	Onaga	6 blk str	690 @ 95.75
Steve Koehn	Burns	6 mix str	675 @ 95.00
Rodney Biesenthal	Onaga	8 cross str	669 @ 93.00
Mayer Ranch	Alta Vista	195 blk str	780 @ 91.00
CT Taul	Baldwin City	16 blk str	763 @ 91.00
Bill Burris	Allen	12 blk str	757 @ 89.25
Steve Koehn	Burns	10 blk str	765 @ 88.10
Matt & Steve Thurlow	Leonardville	13 blk str	735 @ 88.00
Hayden & L. Croucher	Osage City	7 blk str	680 @ 87.50
Rodney Biesenthal	Onaga	7 cross str	750 @ 87.50
Matt & Steve Thurlow	Leonardville	19 mix str	770 @ 86.00
Rush Brothers	Allen	7 blk str	802 @ 85.00
Steve Froggatte	Princeton	16 blk str	808 @ 85.00
CT Taul	Baldwin City	9 blk str	983 @ 80.00

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Brad & Connie Hull	Frankfort	7 blk hfr	497 @ 105.00

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Steve Koehn	Burns	6 blk hfr	625 @ 88.00
Rodney Biesenthal	Onaga	11 blk hfr	650 @ 86.25
CT Taul	Baldwin City	7 blk hfr	686 @ 85.50
Steve Koehn	Burns	9 cross hfr	737 @ 83.85
Rodney Biesenthal	Onaga	10 mix hfr	789 @ 82.85
James Rudolph	Riley	7 blk hfr	767 @ 82.00
CT Taul	Baldwin City	7 blk hfr	960 @ 75.00

BULLS — 1,500+ LBS.

Dale Krouse	Westmoreland	1 blk bull	1975 @ 57.25
AA Stock Farms	Olsburg	1 blk bull	1815 @ 52.00
M4 Cattle Co.	Wheaton	1 blk cow	1700 @ 50.25

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David Breiner	Alma	1 blk cow	955 @ 79.50
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Paul Heidel	Junction City	1 blk cow	805 @ 78.00
Linda Miller	Alma	1 blk cow	1085 @ 70.25
Kraus Farms	Osage City	1 blk cow	1070 @ 65.00
Phil Sorell	St. George	1 blk ow	1270 @ 50.50
Patty Chestnut	Clay Center	1 blk cow	1110 @ 41.00
AA Stock Farms	Olsburg	4 blk cows	1353 @ 41.00
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk cow	1345 @ 37.75
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Dale Krouse	Westmoreland	1 cow	1515 @ 36.25
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T.J. Minihan	Blaine	1 blk cow	1145 @ 35.35
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central Tonnage: 11,018/3,222 Last week: 10,399/3,239 Last year: 13,274/4,468 Hay trade slow to moderate. Demand moderate to strong for alfalfa pellets, dairy and grinding alfalfa, weak for grass hay. Moisture was predicted but so far nothing but strong winds over the Western half of Kansas. There are chances of rain, snow and wind in the forecast for next week. There has been some new crop Ground alfalfa trade beginning in Southwest Kansas, there is some talk but no trade reported on Dairy alfalfa. 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 alfalfa steady to soft, grinding alfalfa steady to 5.00 lower. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse, small square, 210.00-250.00; Dairy, Supreme 185.00-200.00, Premium 170.00-185.00, Good 150.00-175.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa shipped in 125.00-135.00, at the edge of the field, 150.00, some new crop 140.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 155.00-185.00, some new crop 160.00. The week of 2/2-7, 11,018T grinding alfalfa and 1,725T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, good large bales 55.00-60.00. Sudan/Cane large bales 70.00-85.00. Milo stalks, large bales 55.00.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to soft, alfalfa pellets steady to 5.00 lower. Move-

ment slow. Alfalfa: Dairy, Supreme 185.00-200.00; Premium, 170.00- 185.00, Good 145.00-170.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 100.00-120.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 120.00-150.00. The week of 2/2-7, 3,222T of grinding alfalfa and 870T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 180.00-190.00; Sun Cured 17% 185.00-195.00; Dehydrated 15% 210.00 and 17% 235.00. Straw, good large bales 55.00-60.00. Milo stalks, large bales 55.00-60.00. Cornstalks, large bales 50.00.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay mostly steady, spots a softer undertone. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, 180.00-200.00. Dairy alfalfa, Premium- Supreme 175.00-185.00, Good 130.00-150.00, Fair 115.00-130.00. Bluestem: Good, small squares 90.00-105.00, mostly 90.00-100.00, mid and large squares 75.00- 85.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00, Mulch, large round 45.00 to mostly 50.00. Brome: Good, Small square 100.00-110.00, mid and large squares 80.00-95.00, large round 50.00-65.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small square 200.00-250.00. Dairy, Premium-Supreme

175.00-185.00, Good 165.00, Fair 120.00-135.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 95.00-110.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 130.00-150.00. Milo stalks Large bales 55.00-60.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse small square 200.00, Mid square 165.00-185.00; Dairy, Supreme 170.00-200.00, Premium 160.00-180.00, Fair-Good 130.00-150.00. Utility- Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 70.00-90.00, alfalfa ground-on- the-truck 90.00-110.00, ground and delivered 130.00. Grass hay: Bluestem small square, Good 95.00-110.00, Mid square 70.00-85.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00, some 20.00-40.00/large round delivered. Brome: Good, small square, 100.00- 130.00, Mid squares, 90.00-110.00, large round, 50.00-75.00, fair 40.00-50.00, some 20.00-45.00/large round delivered. Straw small square 3.00-3.50/bale, large bales 50.00-55.00/T, 30.00 per bale.

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

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Auction held at Beattie American Legion on Main Street
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780 Ac. m/I, Ottawa Co. Grass, Cropland & Farmstead
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 — 7:30 PM (Tracts 1-3)

Auction Location: Lions Club Community Bldg, Wells, KS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 — 7:30 PM (Tracts 4-8)

Auction Location: Golden Wheel Senior Center, Minneapolis, KS

TRACT 1:

Legal: SE/4 of 11-9-1, Ottawa Co., KS. 160 ac. m/I, Native Grass.

TRACT 2:

Legal: E/2 of E/2 of 14-9-1, Ottawa Co., KS. 160 ac. m/I, Native Grass.

Possession on both tracts: Immediately upon closing. Both tracts sprayed in 2008. Watered by springs.

TRACT 3:

Combination of Tracts 1 & 2.

TRACT 4:

Legal: SE/4 of SW/4 & SW/4 of SE/4 of 28-11-3, Ottawa Co. KS, less home tract. 73.5 ac. m/I. 65 ac. m/I Cropland, (50 ac. m/I irrigated), bal. river, trees, & outbuildings.

TRACT 5:

Legal: All that part of NW/4 lying W. of center of Solomon River in 33-11-3 Ottawa Co. KS, less a tract. 108.1 ac. m/I. 89.5 ac. m/I Crop, bal. river & trees.

TRACT 6:

Legal: All that part of NW/4 lying E. of the Center of the Solomon River AND the W/2 of the NE/4, AND all that part of the SW/4 all lying E. of the Center of the Solomon River all in 33-11-3 Ottawa Co., KS. Less a 9.22 ac. tract. 126.2 ac. m/I. 110.4 ac. m/I Cropland, (75 ac. m/I irrigated), bal. river & trees.

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Soil specialist gives tips on nitrogen topdressing of wheat

Timing is everything — so the saying goes — and the time for topdressing the winter wheat crop is now, said Kansas State University agronomist Dave Mengel.

The key consideration is to make sure the plants have enough nitrogen at the right time, said Mengel, who is a soil fertility specialist with K-State Research and Extension.

"The nitrogen in topdress applications should be moved into the root zone with precipitation well before jointing begins. Ideally, the nitrogen should be available to the wheat when head differentiation occurs and head size is being determined, which can be about two weeks before jointing," Mengel said.

The four main factors involved in good nitrogen management when topdressing wheat, he said, are timing, source, application method, and rate.

Timing

It is best to apply topdress nitrogen early — preferably before the end of February — to have the best chance of receiving enough moisture to move the nitrogen into the root zone. This is especially true in the western half of Kansas.

"While some producers wait until spring just prior

to jointing, this can be too late in some years. For well-drained medium-fine textured soils that dominate our wheat acres, the odds of losing much of the nitrogen that is topdress-applied in the fall or winter is low since we typically don't get enough precipitation over the winter to cause significant denitrification or leaching. For these soils, topdressing should begin anytime now. Usually, the earlier the better," Mengel said.

For wheat grown on sandier soils, it is better to wait until closer to spring green-up to make topdress nitrogen applications, he added. On these soils, there is a greater chance that nitrogen applied in the fall or early winter could leach completely out of the root zone if precipitation is unusually heavy during the winter.

It is also better to wait closer to spring green-up on poorly drained and/or shallow clay pan soils, he said. Nitrogen applied in the fall or early winter would have a significant risk of denitrification nitrogen loss on these soils.

Nitrogen should not be applied to the soil surface when the ground is deeply frozen. This will help prevent runoff losses.

Application method

Most topdressing is broadcast applied. In high-residue situations, this can result in some immobilization of nitrogen, especially where liquid UAN (urea ammonium nitrogen) is used, Mengel said. If no herbicides are applied with the nitrogen, producers can get some benefit from applying the nitrogen in a dribble band on 15- to 18-inch centers. This can help avoid immobilization and maybe provide for a little more consistent crop response. The ideal application method would be to subsurface place the nitrogen into the soil.

Source

The typical sources of nitrogen used for topdressing wheat are UAN solution and dry urea. Numerous trials by K-State over the years have shown that both are equally effective. In no-till situations there may be some slight advantage to applying dry urea since it falls to the soil surface and may be less affected by immobilization than broadcast liquid UAN, which tends to get hung up on surface residues. Dribble UAN applications would avoid much of this tie-up on surface crop residues as well.

Rate

Producers should have

started the season with a certain nitrogen recommendation in hand, ideally based on a profile nitrogen soil test done before the crop was planted and before any nitrogen was applied. If some nitrogen has already been applied to the wheat crop, it is too late to use the profile nitrogen soil test since it is not reliable in measuring recently applied nitrogen.

One new alternative for selecting the optimum nitrogen rate is to use an active sensor such as a GreenSeeker, Mengel added.

"The ideal way to use this tool would be to establish a series of reference strips, or high nitrogen areas in the field, before the crop breaks dormancy, and then use the sensor to determine the overall nitrogen rate for the field at jointing," he said.

A nitrogen rate calculator and instructions for establishing reference strips for wheat using the sensor is available at www.agronomy.ksu.edu/soiltest.

Wheat used for pasture needs a little extra nitrogen. "If the wheat was grazed

this fall and winter, producers should add an additional 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre for every 100 pounds of beef weight gain removed from the field. For heavy grazing, it may be

necessary to make an additional nitrogen application in late winter to compensate for nitrogen removed by grazing, depending on how much nitrogen was applied earlier," Mengel said.

ORGANIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Dean Craine, General Manager of AgriEnergy Resources from Princeton, IL., will be speaking on the following items:

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SPRING CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — 10:00 AM
Sedgwick County Fairgrounds — CHENEY, KANSAS**

MACHINERY

2004 Cat Challenger MT565B, MFWD, cab & air, 3 pt. Cat 3 w/quick hitch, 540-750-1000 PTO, 3 remotes, front wts, CV transmission, 18.4x42 Michelin duals, 145 HP, 1933 hrs., 1 yr. warranty, good until 2010 (extended); 2002 JD 240 skid steer loader, ROPS, good; 2001 JD 6210, MFWD, no cab, 3 pt., PTO, 80 HP, 3 hyd., 18.4x30 rears & 12.4x24 fronts w/JD 540 loader, joystick, self-leveling; 1999 Swinger Articulated loader made by NMC, ROPS, good; 1998 JD 6410 MFWD cab, A/C, 3 pt., 2 remotes, 18.4x34 rears, 13.6x24 fronts, 540/1000 PTO, power quad trans., 4000 hrs. w/JD 640 self leveling loader; 1988 JD 4650 MFWD cab, A/C, 3 pt., 3 remotes, PTO, power-shift, 20.8x42 duals, 16.9x28 frt., 8300 hrs., nice; 1980 JD 4440 cab, A/C, 2 remotes, PTO, 3 pt., 18.4x38, 6400 hrs., good; JD 8640 cab, A/C, 3 pt., PTO, 5500 hrs. on 50 series engine, 9900 total hrs., quad range, new center pins & bushings; JD 4020 powershift w/JD 158 loader, nice; IHC 300 utility w/loader, 2 pt. fast hitch, 1 remote, LP.

VEHICLES

1996 Ford F350 4x4 flatbed service truck, crew cab, diesel, auto, loaded, bed toolboxes, alum. wheels, air compressor w/Honda motor, fuel tank w/elec. pump, retractable hose reels for air compress & fuel pump, extra nice; 1994 Freightliner day cab, 60 series Detroit, 9 sp., twin screw, A/C, PS, jake, nice truck; 1995 Ford F-150, V-8, 4x4, loaded, new engine, 10,000 mi. back; 1969 Chevy C-10 Custom, auto, A/C, V-8, long bed; 1978 IHC S2200, Cummins, 10 sp, tandem axle; 1990 Mack feed truck, diesel, Henderson feed box, 7T capacity, 3 compartment; 1993 Jeep Wrangler, 6 cylinder-4L engine; 1993 IHC 8200 twin screw day cab semi, N14 Cummins 350 HP, 9 sp., air ride, 11R22, wheel base 152" 883,000 mi.; 1992 IHC 8300 single axle day cab semi, Detroit 11.1L 350 HP, 7 speed, spring suspension, 11R22.5, wheel base 142", 298,000 mi ??; 1994 Freightliner FLD 120 twin screw, flat top sleeper semi, Cummins N14, 435 HP, 9 sp., air ride, LP24.5, alum wheels, wheel

base 228", new rear brakes & drums; 1994 Freightliner FLD 120 twin screw, flat top sleeper semi, Detroit 12.7, 360/400 HP, 9 spd., air ride, 11R22.5, wheel base 220"; 1984 Ford F250, 4x4, diesel, 4 spd w/Hydra bale bed, good; 1967 Chevy C-60, 366 motor, steel bed & hoist, good; 1969 Chevy C-50, 350 V-8, bed & hoist, roll-over tarp, PS, Westfield drill fill auger; 1995 Ford F150 2 wheel drive, V-8, auto, loaded, extended cab, good; 1983 Ford F-150, 4x4, V-8, 4 sp.; 1973 Kenworth day cab semi, Cummins motor, twin screw, new airbags; 1973 Chevy pickup, 1/2T.

FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT

1988 Mertz 4250 liquid floater, 3206 Cat, auto trans, Raven controller, 60' booms, 1600 gal. 30" nozzle spacing; 1992 Mertz 4230 dry spinner, L2020 spinner box, Mark II controller, 320 Cat, auto; 1982 IHC dry tender truck, 10T cap, rear discharge, 2 compartments; Henderson feed bed, 7T capacity, 3 compartments; Tote 4T fertilizer spreader; Adams dry spreader parts.

TRAILERS

2008 Home Built 22' single axle 700 bu. grain trailer, roll over tarp, 22.5 caps, reconditioned, new brakes; 2006 30' Jayco camper w/slide-out, excellent; 1991 Timpte grain trailer, 42x96x66, air ride, 24.5 tires, good tarp, good brakes, new landing gear & new 2 sp. openers; 2001 PH gooseneck tandem axle trailer, 20+5'; PJ deck over 20+5', tandem dual, pintle hitch w/steel floor; tandem axle self-unloading round bale trailer, 25' long; 1977 Barrett 48' cattle pot, floors 40-50%, good brakes, above average; S&H 3 horse slant w/track storage, new floor, new paint, nice; Jantz combine trailer; gooseneck bale trailer w/dump; 83"x18" car hauler, 6K axles, nice; 5x16 stock trailer; 2007 5'x10' enclosed w/single rear door; LP tank moving trailer; 2 wheel tilt trailer; 1994 Wilson aluminum flatbed trailer, 45'.

EQUIPMENT

JD 455 25" fold-up grain drill, double disc, 7 1/2" spacing, select lift, 2 Yetter markers less than 2000 acres, nice; 1996 Rhino SR20, 20' batwing mower-shredder, foam filled air-plane tires, full chain guards,

shedded, 1000 PTO; 2 Case IH 5300 grain drills, double disc, dry fertilizer, w/IHC hitch, nice; Bush Hog 15' batwing mower, 540 PTO, laminated rubber tires, all hyd. Baker 50' field cultivator w/harrow; Krause 2880 15' disc chisel w/new hard-faced mulch shredders; Baker 6110 30' field cultivator w/new rake harrow; JD MX8 3 pt. 8' rotary mower w/chain guards, 540 PTO; IHC 510 20x8 grain drill; IHC 5100 20x8 grain drill; BJM hydraulic drill hitch; IHC 800 flex 10 bottom on land plow w/new shears; AC 2500 18" single fold tandem disc; 2 JD 8350 grain drills, 20x8, dry fertilizer w/JD double drill hitch, nice; Krause 12' offset disc; JD 2600 5x16 semi-mount plow; Great Plains AS 300 3 pt. 300 gal. 60' boom sprayer, hydr. activated; Mayrath auger, 10', swing away belly auger, hydraulic & PTO drive, 60'; 2 IHC 5100 grain drills, 20x8, dry fertilizer w/Baker hyd. fold double drill hitch; Hesston 2210 field cultivator, 9' sweeps; Woods 214 rotary mower, 540 PTO, rebuilt gear boxes; 26' Deutz AC field cultivator, NH3 applicator, hyd. shut-off, heavy harrow on rear; Wilbeck 14' offset disc, new front-notched blades, 21" rear-notched blades; JD 4x16 drag plow; Westfield drill fill auger; Bradford gravity wagon, 240 bu., 4 wheel running gear; 30' Bush Hog disc, good condition.

HAY & CATTLE EQUIPMENT

Case IH 8580 4x4 big square baler, knottor blower, good; 1996 Vermeer 605 round baler, net wrap, kicker, monitor, 15,000 bales; JD 14 wheel hay rake; over 200 WW panels & gates; 2 WW Beefmaster squeeze chutes; WW misc. horse stalls; JD 125 chuck wagon, roof & 3rd beater; JD 115 chuck wagon, roof & 3rd beater; JD 33 PTO manure spreader, new floor; New Holland 357 grinder-mixer w/hay retarder; JD 24T twine baler; 12' feed bunk; round bale feeder; 2 electric fence chargers, 110V; round water tank 6.5'; good; head gate; 8 cow panels; 12' gate 3 walk through gates; panel trailer; (2) 2T portable self feeder w/calf gates; 100+ hedge posts.

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Central Kansas man to donate land

DUBUQUE (AP) – Knowing he won't live forever, Russell County farmer Wallace Weber wants his land to be cared for, nurtured as he has nurtured it.

The retired U.S. Army colonel is in the process of donating 1,700 acres of land, and eventually money to manage it, to Pheasants Forever.

Worth more than \$1 million, it is the largest single donation in Pheasants Forever's 26-year history, according to a press release from the organization.

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Pheasants Forever is a national nonprofit conservation organization that works with farmers, ranchers, hunters and others who care about creating habitat for wildlife, spokesman Bob St. Pierre said. "I was born at this place. My first conscious memories, inside and outside, are on this place. It's so much a part of your life," Weber said.

"I feel the same connection to this that Native Americans feel to the wilderness and the grasslands. It goes beyond description."

The goal is to maintain the farm as a unit, manage it with conservation practices and maintain it as a wildlife habitat demonstration unit. Weber, 65, picked a beneficiary with a "common mission," to preserve and maintain it as land in harmony with nature.

Weber and his sister, Cheryl Weber, Topeka, "had been kicking this over for years," Wallace Weber said. His sister isn't legally tied to the land, he said, "but she grew up here, just as I

did." They asked for proposals from several organizations, including state colleges and universities, but none fit with Weber's goals.

Pheasants Forever shares his passion for the farm nestled in the Dubuque community in southeastern Russell County. Weber said his grandfather, Nicholas Weber, founded the town. All that's left of the town is a church and cemetery, he said.

The first half-section of land, 320 acres, was transferred to Pheasants Forever in December.

"I am incrementally sending over the land as I need additional tax benefits," he said.

Upon Weber's death, the remainder will go the organization, Weber said, along with a trust to be used for management expenses. The land will remain private, with hunting by written permission only.

"Once he passes, it's our intention to open it up to public hunting," St. Pierre said.

Weber said the gift requires that a full-time resident foreman live on the land and manage it for wildlife habitat and sustainable agriculture. Other goals are opening the property for tours and youth field trips.

Commodities will be produced with no-till farming practices that will trap carbon in the soil and reduce soil erosion. Livestock is included in the plan, but Weber isn't sure whether they will be cattle, goats, sheep, some other critter or a combination.

"The goal is to support

a family and pay to manage the demonstration unit," he said.

Weber calls himself an avid hunter who has gone through different stages as a sportsman. As a youngster, he marveled at the act of shooting a firearm and killing game. Later, he harvested game and became more selective.

Today, his approach to hunting is more for a good walk, to commune with nature.

"You hunt with your dad's gun. Other times, you take a gun out and walk without any shells," he said. "I'm at a stage of really enjoying the land and wanting to pass it on to young people."

"Now I know, this place is going beyond me."



During the 2009 Kansas Auctioneers Association annual meeting held recently in Wichita leadership was selected. Serving on the Board of Directors include, from the left: Aaron McKee, Byron Bina, Dave Webb, president, Kevin Borger, Kevin Ediger, Eric Blomquist, Megan McCurdy, Dennis Wendt, Jim Hollinger, Jack Newcom, vice-president, Andy Conser, president-elect and Robert Haley.

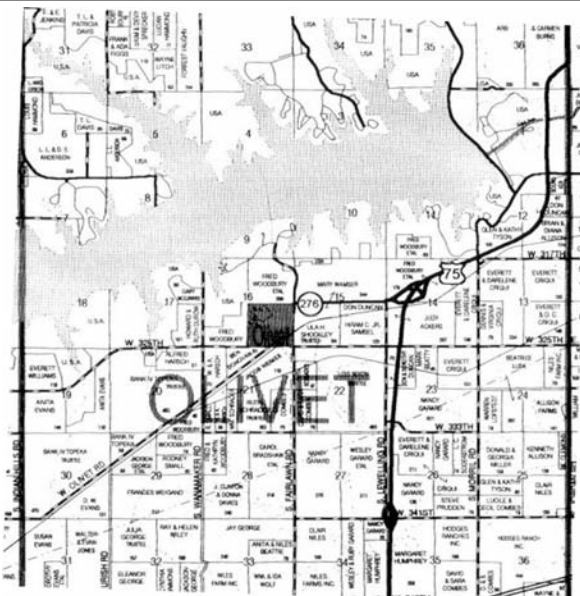
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Northwest Quarter South of Railroad, Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Osage County, Kansas — 90 acres more or less.

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Food check-out week evolves to include nutrition

Farmer and rancher members of many local Farm Bureaus will reach out to consumers with practical information and tips on how to put nutritious meals on the table with fewer dollars during Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 15-21.

"Stretching Your Grocery Dollar With Healthy, Nutritious Food," the new official theme of Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week, reflects the fact that many Americans are feeling an economic squeeze and as a result, are eating out less and preparing more meals at home.

"Public health experts are concerned that today's tough economic times could lead consumers, many of whom are already overweight, to cut costs by buying less-nutritious foods that lack important vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients," said Terry Gilbert, a Kentucky farmer and chair of the AFB Women's Leadership Committee. "During this week, we are pleased to offer consumers information on how to stretch their grocery dollars with

healthy, nutritious food. Tips for better nutrition on a stretched budget, making sense of food labels, and understanding USDA's MyPyramid are among the topics Farm Bureau members will be talking about with consumers," said Gilbert.

Although the focus of Food Check-Out Week has evolved, the Farm Bureau—Ronald McDonald House Charities connection that began more than a decade ago remains strong.

"Through continued charitable donations during Food Check-Out Week to local Ronald McDonald Houses, as well as other charities, we're helping these worthy organizations provide the people they serve with healthy foods on a stretched budget," said Gilbert. "While America's farmers are committed to producing safe, healthy food, they share with consumers the same issues of putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget."

Commenting on the nearly universal need among consumers to stretch their food dollars in

today's economy, Gilbert noted that a number of studies have shown that recent higher retail food prices were caused primarily by rising energy costs for processing, packaging and transportation. On behalf of the American Farm Bureau, Gilbert and the committee will make monetary and food donations to Ronald McDonald Houses in Phoenix and Louisville. Ronald McDonald Houses provides a "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment at area hospitals. The donations will be used to help feed families staying at the houses.

During Food Check-Out Week, it is appropriate for all Americans to reflect on how they might help those in need in their communities, Gilbert said.

Participating county and state Farm Bureaus will hold events throughout Food Check-Out Week. Links to state Farm Bureau Web sites may be found here:

<http://www.fb.org/state/>.

Since the program was

initiated in the mid-1990s, Farm Bureau members have donated more than \$2.6 million in food and monetary contributions to Ronald McDonald Houses and other worthwhile charities during Food Check-Out Week.

Starting this year, the timing of Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is not related to the date Americans have earned enough money to pay for their food for a year, which is calculated on USDA data that is always a year behind. The third week of February was selected for Food Check-Out Week as a bridge to National Nutrition Month in March.



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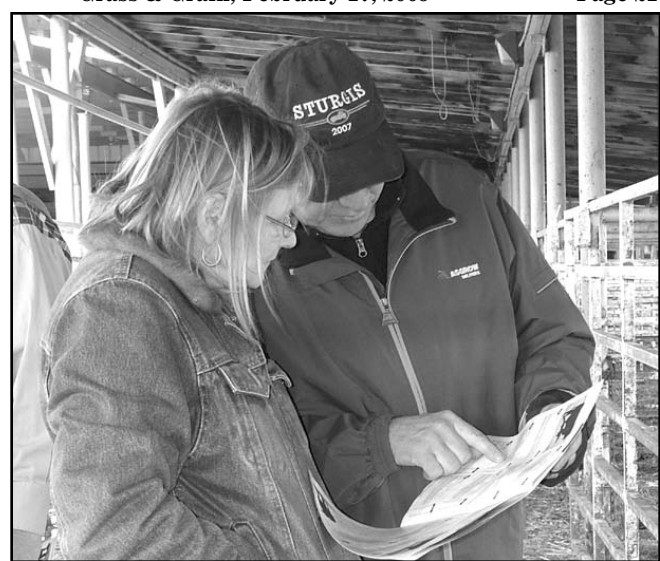
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Canton, hol 1040@45.00
Canton, hol 1565@44.75
Herington, blk 1325@44.00
Hillsboro, hol 1965@43.75
Canton, hol 1915@43.50
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Hillsboro, hol 1735@41.75
Herington, blk 1235@41.25
Hope, blk 1095@41.25
Enterprise, rwf 1305@40.75
Canton, hol 1510@40.25

STEERS

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Interest in small poultry flocks is growing

By Mary Lou Peter
Maybe it's the slumping economy . . . or the interest in locally-grown foods, but Kansas State University animal science professor Scott Beyer is getting a lot of questions about raising small flocks of chickens.

"Judging by the number of phone calls and e-mails received in my office, it seems that public interest in owning a few chickens for a home flock is on the upswing," said Beyer, who is a poultry specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "Many of the calls are from people who have little experience raising any type of farm animal; other calls are from people who once had a flock, and now want to keep chickens again."

Beyer said the increased interest started in 2007, about the time that grain prices escalated and grocery store egg prices soared. But even as egg and feed prices have moderated, interest in egg and meat type poultry has continued, he said.

"One can't help but wonder if the economy has anything to do with this renewed interest in poultry husbandry," he said. Lately, he's asked more questions of the callers about why they are interested in raising poultry. The responses have been varied, but "the economy does seem to be a common thread."

"Some people have expressed a need to feel more self sufficient, especially with the problems in the economy," Beyer said. "When faced with difficult times, people seek efficiency and a return to simpler times. But there are also people who want to eat foods grown locally."

Some wish to support American products, while others want to reduce their carbon footprint and not purchase foods that must travel hundreds of miles from production areas.

"There is also a 'locavore' movement, where people wish to consume fresh foods grown locally in season, in a quest for improved nutrition, better taste and support of local farms," Beyer said. "Other locavores are motivated by the organic movement and animal welfare concerns."

He believes that some people have been drawn due to a national movement to keep chickens as a hobby. He cited articles in USA Today and Newsweek magazine, about keeping small flocks.

"Websites promoting small flocks have popped up offering equipment for sale and advice about poultry husbandry, sort of promoting an underground swelling of support," he said.

Beyer, who started at K-State 15 years ago, said Kansas had several small hatcheries then that hatched poultry and waterfowl. However, as the owners retired, they closed. That followed a national trend of smaller hatcheries closing their doors and leaving the business.

"Today, most poultry in Kansas is commercially produced, although there

are still a few smaller hatcheries that focus on game bird production," he said, adding that that has been an important enterprise in the state. "This trend followed the movement of rural population to urban areas where livestock production is not possible. And with low prices and high quality, it has been more economical to pick up eggs at the grocery."

But things have changed, Beyer said. He recalled a discussion with one prospective flock owner who said, "running into town" was actually a 50-mile round trip, and with gas at \$4 a gallon, a dozen eggs could cost him \$15!"

"For years I've noticed that you can take a drive through much of farm country and you will soon notice a couple of things that seem to be missing — fewer people keep vegetable gardens around the house and most of the old chicken coops are closed up and decaying in the field," he said. "Special-

ized food production and off-farm employment are probably the biggest contributors to this change. But now seed companies are reporting a surge in seed and fruit tree orders as people try to reduce food costs and get back to self sufficiency. This could be the same reason for renewed interest in small poultry flocks."

Some callers are interested in heritage breed production, Beyer said.

Heritage breeds are the older breeds that once populated small farms across the country. Many of these breeds have been in danger of disappearing as the commercial industry has specialized and small flocks evaporated. But groups interested in maintaining genetic diversity have emphasized the need to improve the quality of these old breeds so that producers have a reason to keep them.



The Kansas Auctioneers Association recently hosted their first-ever livestock contest. The event took place at the El Dorado Livestock Market prior to the start of the KAA annual meeting. From the left are Byron Bina, second, Charley Cummings, Champion and Cody Murray placing third.

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K-State poultry specialist gives tips for prospective flock owners to consider

Kansas State University poultry specialist Scott Beyer has seen an increased interest in raising small flocks of poultry. Some of this interest has come from people who have never had poultry — or any type of livestock.

“Before anyone establishes a flock, they need to check with local agencies to determine if poultry are allowed,” Beyer said. “Some municipalities have banned birds altogether, while others have placed limits on the numbers or have prohibited roosters. While one person might find the early morning crow of a rooster to be relaxing, others find them to be an annoying alarm clock. And, of course, we all have different opinions of farm animal odor.”

Many municipalities that once banned birds have reconsidered after receiving pressure from local clubs and now allow birds with certain requirements.

“Interestingly, it seems that many non-farm com-

munities that banned birds long ago are now reversing their decision, while communities in farm states seem to be banning birds for the first time,” the animal scientist said. “Past reasons for banning poultry include noise, odor, and concerns about disease control. However, research hasn’t really connected disease problems to any real threats to human safety, while pets of all kinds could be implicated in the spread of things like Salmonella. And other ordinances for noise and odor could be invoked to control anything that causes them, rather than simply banning one type of animal.”

Other callers are interested in small poultry flocks for 4-H and FFA projects for children.

“Poultry make an excellent starting project since they consume much less feed than some other livestock. Plus, they require less space and don’t require expensive equipment,” Beyer said.

Plasticulture gives crops protection, cultivation

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Micah Anderson would like to see as many small Oklahoma farms and gardens as possible covered with black plastic. Acres of them.

“If you’re trying to make a living on a small farm, plasticulture is going to let you get to market a little earlier, and that’s going to be a big help, especially when times are turning tough like they are,” said Anderson, the plasticulture coordinator of the state Agriculture Department.

Contrary to what it might sound like, plasticulture does not involve growing plastic, but rather the application of plastics in other agricultural processes. In this case, Anderson helps farmers cover raised beds of planted soil with black sheets of industrial plastic. The cover serves several purposes: It helps absorb heat from the sun, retain moisture, and reduce the propagation of weeds.

When Agriculture Department spokesman Jack Carson mentions plasticulture to people for the first time, he said, “They don’t have any clue what it is. Then when you explain, it’s like, ‘Yeah, I remember experimenting with that in school.’ Or they know someone who used plasticulture to control weeds. This takes it to a much larger scale.”

By optimizing the growing environment through difficult seasonal changes, farmers are able to increase

the likelihood of healthy fruits and vegetables at a faster rate. Anderson said many farms across the state right now have plots protected from ice that will be ready to be uncovered and start producing shortly after spring arrives.

“We have a lot of small producers who are using this now,” Anderson said. “It seems the smaller communities, and minorities or underserved producers, are really responding to the program. We’re trying to target agriculture producers who might otherwise have limited access to other govern-

mental programs because they don’t have very many acres.”

The plants that seem to benefit most from the process are okra, tomatoes, strawberries, bell peppers and melons, department officials said. Those types of crops are also most likely to be grown on small plots of up to a quarter of an acre.

“They’re using this to market produce directly from the farm or at farmer’s markets,” Carson said, adding that small agriculture businesses are vital to Oklahoma’s rural economies.

This year the department

is increasing its efforts to get plasticulture participants to sell directly to school systems. Last year, the program attracted about 45 participants. This year the list already has more than 70 people.

Carson said Anderson’s efforts have inspired others to take up the idea as entrepreneurs, learning as much as they can about plasticulture, buying their own equipment and selling their services to properly lay down the cover. It’s an example of how adopting a new science can generate economic growth, Carson said.

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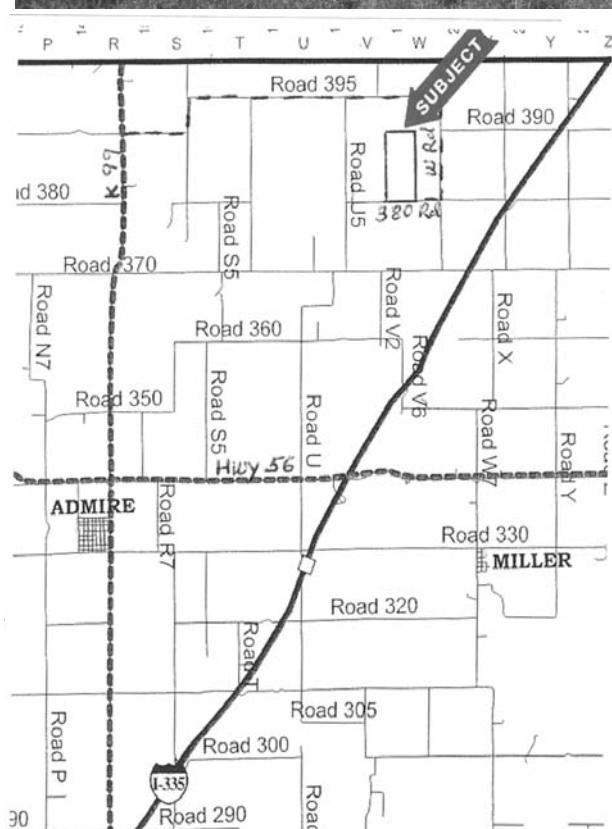
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Beef study results indicate recent demand slowdown linked to economy

After a several-year resurgence that started in 1999, beef demand has slowed, thanks in part to a struggling economy both in the U.S. and abroad.

"A lot of what's happened with the recent slowdown in demand is due to macroeconomics," said James Mintert, agricultural economist at Kansas State University Research and Extension and one of the authors of a new study on beef demand. "Much of this is out of the (beef) industry's control, but there are things the industry can work on to reinforce demand."

Other agricultural economists involved with the study were Ted Schroeder of K-State and Glynn Tonsor of Michigan State University. The study, designed to provide a comprehensive and updated assessment of factors influencing U.S. consumer demand for beef, was funded by the Cattlemen's Beef Board and several state beef councils.

The research revealed that beef demand is responsive to changes in consumer expenditures on goods and services, Mintert said. On average, a 1 percent increase in U.S. consumer

total expenditures results in a 0.9 percent increase in the quantity of beef demanded. The study indicated that, from 1982 through 2007, beef demand benefited from increases in consumer incomes and from consumer willingness to increase consumption expenditures even more rapidly than income was increasing.

The weakness in the U.S. macroeconomic outlook for 2009 and the ensuing expected decline in per capita consumer income does not bode well for beef demand this year, he said.

"Moreover, the impact of weaker consumer income is expected to be compounded by consumers' desire to increase savings in response to uncertainty and risk present in the financial and real estate markets," Mintert said. "An increase in consumer savings means consumption expenditures will decline even more rapidly than income and, given the importance of consumer expenditures, a decline in U.S. retail beef demand is likely during 2009." Mintert noted that, based upon the beef

domestic retail demand index, U.S. consumer demand for beef declined about 4 percent during 2008.

The study indicated that it is unlikely that domestic beef demand will rebound until the U.S. economy strengthens and consumers regain enough confidence to spend more of their income.

"Since the beef industry can do little to change the industry-wide effect of the economy on beef demand, it is important to focus resources in areas where noticeable impacts are possible, such as focusing efforts on beef's nutritional strengths, food safety and introduction of new products that are convenient to prepare," Mintert said.



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Company to mine salt, store wind

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Colorado company with backers in Britain has leased more than 5,000 acres in northwestern North Dakota to mine salt and store wind.

Denver-based Dakota Salts LLC says it wants to use voids created by mining in Burke County to store compressed air to be sold to wind farms to generate electricity. The mining caverns also could store carbon dioxide from North Dakota's coal-burning power plants or natural gas from the state's oil fields, the company said.

Walter Doyle, the London-based chairman of Dakota Salts, said the rich salt and untapped potash deposits in the northwestern part of the state, along with huge wind farms planned in the area, made the project attractive. The newly formed company intends to use idled drill rigs from the state's oil patch to

bore for salt and potash, a form of salt used for fertilizer, he said.

"This is so ripe, it's falling off the tree," Doyle said of the project.

London-based Sirius Exploration PLC, which has mining interests in China and Macedonia, acquired 51-percent interest in Dakota Salts last month.

The mining and wind-capturing project's price tag is pegged at between \$75 million and \$100 million, Doyle said.

The growing domestic and global demand for salt and potash alone likely will make the project pencil out, he said.

"Revenue from mining production would pay for the whole concern," Doyle said. "Creating an energy storage system from the recovery of the minerals will be a bonus."

Ed Murphy, the North Dakota state geologist, said the company has not sub-

mitted applications for mining permits but he expects them soon.

"So many of these things don't go anywhere, but I'm hopeful this will," Murphy said. "It combines resources that we've got — salt, potash and wind — and utilizes them."

Industrial and consumer salt demand is growing at a rate of 20 percent annually, while the demand for potash is 10 times that, Doyle said.

"Salt is an amazing product — there are 27,000 uses for it," Doyle said. "Basic road salt has gone from \$40 a ton to \$170 a ton and the U.S. can't get enough of it so it's being imported from South America."

The Burke County mines would be near a proposed

2,000-megawatt wind farm that North Dakota regulators say will be one of the world's biggest wind energy projects.

Hartland Wind Farm LLC is planning the \$4 billion project in Burke, Ward and Mountrail counties. The company is a joint venture involving Denali Energy of Baxter, Minn., and Montgomery Energy Partners of Houston. It plans more than 1,300 wind towers with construction to start late next year.

Doyle said the idea is to get compressed air from wind farms during periods of low electricity demand and pump the air into underground mining holes and cap them. During periods of high electricity demand or when the wind is not blowing, the compressed air would be re-

leased and run through a turbine to create power, he said.

"The biggest problem with a wind farm is that when the wind doesn't blow, the lights go out," Doyle said. "This balances out that problem."

Doyle said the compressed air energy storage technology has been used at a plant in Huntorf, Germany, since 1978 and at a plant in McIntosh, Ala., for about a dozen years. Both plants use depleted salt reservoirs to store compressed air.

"I'd like to say we're doing something new, but we're not," Doyle said.

Michael Nakhamkin, of Newark, N.J.-based Energy Storage and Power LLC, said he is meeting with Dakota Salts officials this week to review the design of

the North Dakota project. Nakhamkin, a native of Latvia, led the design of the Alabama plant and holds 18 worldwide patents on compressed energy storage.

"It's definitely feasible," Nakhamkin said of the North Dakota project. Several states are considering similar projects, he said.

Doyle said his company hopes to have permits in place this year and begin construction in 2010.

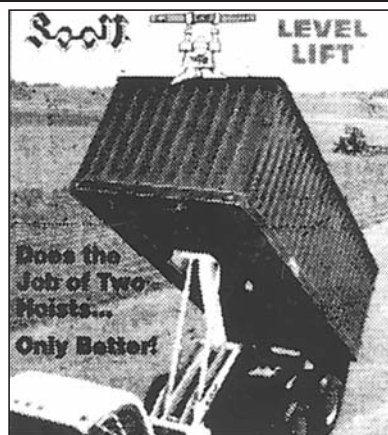
Wayde Schafer, a North Dakota spokesman for the Sierra Club, said his group likely will have no problem with mining for salt and potash as long as it's not on federal land.

He called the compressed-air technology "a self-sustaining energy source that could be the answer to all the critics of wind."

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Receipts for the week totaled 7,766 cattle and 557 hogs. Butcher hog top on Monday was \$37.50

STEERS

300-400 lbs.	\$126.00-\$136.00
400-500 lbs.	\$123.00-\$133.00
500-600 lbs.	\$112.00-\$122.00
600-700 lbs.	\$102.00-\$112.50
700-800 lbs.	\$92.00-\$100.50
800-900 lbs.	\$85.00-\$94.00
900-1,000 lbs.	\$83.00-\$88.85

HEIFERS

300-400 lbs.	\$106.00-\$113.00
400-500 lbs.	\$102.00-\$111.00
500-600 lbs.	\$98.00-\$107.25
600-700 lbs.	\$87.00-\$94.50
700-800 lbs.	\$85.00-\$95.00
800-900 lbs.	\$78.00-\$85.25

TUESDAY RESULTS:

STEERS

4 blk, Ellsworth	433 @ 127.00
2 mix, Hope	465 @ 124.00
6 blk, Marquette	485 @ 123.00
9 blk, Hunter	494 @ 122.50
5 char, Abilene	452 @ 122.00
12 blk, Ellinwood	523 @ 122.00
3 blk, Salina	475 @ 121.00
8 blk, Marquette	521 @ 120.50
7 blk, Lyons	494 @ 119.00
10 blk, Bennington	561 @ 119.00
6 blk, Sterling	533 @ 119.00
7 mix, Hope	513 @ 119.00
14 mix, Ellsworth	559 @ 119.00
10 blk, Little River	565 @ 118.00
12 mix, Claflin	574 @ 118.00
16 blk, Marquette	576 @ 118.00
9 mix, Hope	552 @ 116.50
18 blk, Clyde	579 @ 116.00
22 mix, Minneapolis	580 @ 115.75
8 blk, Minneapolis	613 @ 112.50
22 blk, Salina	621 @ 111.50
17 blk, Hunter	607 @ 110.75
5 blk, Ellinwood	613 @ 110.00
6 blk, Tescott	611 @ 109.00
5 blk, Russell	615 @ 107.75
26 blk, Little River	652 @ 104.25
28 mix, Minneapolis	663 @ 102.35
9 blk, Beloit	685 @ 101.00
110 blk, Beloit	686 @ 101.00
6 blk, Minneapolis	713 @ 98.00
10 mix, Lindsborg	717 @ 97.75
10 blk, Little River	701 @ 97.25
10 mix, Tescott	702 @ 97.25
25 mix, Lincolnville	702 @ 97.10
21 mix, Assaria	712 @ 97.00
17 blk, Sterling	717 @ 96.75
18 blk, Ellsworth	719 @ 96.50
28 blk, Miltonvale	734 @ 96.50

HEIFERS

23 blk, Clyde	754 @ 95.75
29 blk, Beloit	793 @ 95.75
9 blk, Luray	833 @ 94.00
3 blk, Russell	825 @ 92.50
8 blk, Miltonvale	838 @ 91.50
23 mix, Agenda	861 @ 91.00
70 blk, Ellsworth	843 @ 90.85
38 blk, Lindsborg	892 @ 89.58
36 mix, Minneapolis	870 @ 89.35
59 blk, Beloit	892 @ 89.00
15 blk, Beloit	930 @ 88.75
64 blk, Ellsworth	942 @ 87.35

THURSDAY RESULTS:

STEERS

5 mix, Ellinwood	347 @ 136.00
8 mix, Ellinwood	401 @ 133.00
1 rwf, Mayetta	350 @ 133.00
3 mix, Formoso	385 @ 129.00
6 blk, New Cambria	371 @ 129.00
5 blk, Claflin	436 @ 127.00

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THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

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6 mix, Wilsey	396 @ 126.00	28 mix, Brookville	663 @ 92.00
3 mix, Yates Center	348 @ 126.00	7 mix, McPherson	605 @ 92.00
3 mix Windom	428 @ 125.00	8 mix, Abilene	746 @ 90.75
7 blk, New Cambria	412 @ 125.00	7 blk, Lincoln	721 @ 90.00
5 blk, Lincoln	453 @ 122.50	61 mix, Lindsborg	711 @ 89.50
8 blk, Formoso	535 @ 120.00	12 mix, Corning	607 @ 89.00
10 blk, Tescott	553 @ 120.00	15 mix, Marquette	737 @ 88.50
27 mix, Lincoln	528 @ 118.00	12 mix, Lorraine	723 @ 88.50
4 blk, McPherson	515 @ 117.00	13 blk, Salina	718 @ 88.00
18 mix, Miltonvale	590 @ 116.50	6 blk, Minneapolis	750 @ 86.25
9 blk, Abilene	568 @ 116.50	64 mix, Hillsboro	771 @ 85.50
3 blk, Bennington	618 @ 111.50	31 mix, Lindsborg	814 @ 85.10
9 mix, Windom	618 @ 108.00	12 mix, Minneapolis	826 @ 85.00
2 blk, McPherson	628 @ 107.50	61 blk, McPherson	786 @ 84.75
8 blk, Falun	631 @ 106.25	4 blk, Ramona	863 @ 84.10
26 mix, Lincoln	613 @ 106.00	56 mix, Hunter	837 @ 84.00
9 mix, Salina	678 @ 102.75	5 mix, McPherson	888 @ 84.00
30 mix, Miltonvale	677 @ 101.75		
4 mix, Solomon	704 @ 100.50	BABY CALVES	
23 mix, Lincoln	690 @ 99.85	2 blk, Chapman	265 @ 370.00
17 blk, Lincoln	702 @ 99.50	2 char, Abilene	285 @ 360.00
7 blk, Lorraine	711 @ 98.00	1 blk, Salina	215 @ 310.00
5 mix, Windom	753 @ 96.00	2 bk mix, Salina	200 @ 300.00
15 mix, Mayetta	709 @ 95.75	1 char, Abilene	245 @ 270.00
24 blk, Salina	791 @ 94.00	3 bk mix, Salina	172 @ 265.00
25 mix, Salina	813 @ 93.75	1 blk, Chapman	290 @ 240.00
12 blk, Abilene	813 @ 93.50	1 blk, Assaria	160 @ 230.00
31 mix, Cedar Point	815 @ 93.00	1 hol, Tampa	90 @ 120.00
62 blk, Gypsum	860 @ 92.00	BUTCHER COWS	
59 mix, Cordyn, IN	825 @ 92.00	1 wf, Gypsum	1240 @ 47.00
119 blk, Abilene	882 @ 91.50	1 blk, Lincoln	1345 @ 46.50
59 mix, Tescott	837 @ 90.25	1 blk, Salina	1500 @ 46.25
64 mix, Carlton	872 @ 89.00	1 red, Gypsum	1290 @ 46.00
6 mix, Salina	908 @ 88.85	1 blk, Lincoln	1490 @ 46.00
5 blk, McPherson	956 @ 88.60	1 blk, Beloit	1465 @ 45.50
62 mix, Enterprise	915 @ 88.00	BUTCHER BULLS	
58 mix, Herington	890 @ 87.85	1 blk, Salina	2350 @ 67.00
109 mix, Council Grove	902 @ 87.85	1 blk, Great Bend	2285 @ 65.00
24 blk, Cordyn, IN	928 @ 87.25	1 wfhn, Hutchinson	2040 @ 64.50
19 mix, Gypsum	920 @ 87.00	1 wfhn, Hutchinson	1910 @ 64.50
90 mix, Hope	907 @ 86.75	1 blk, Great Bend	1920 @ 61.50
2 mix, Salina	1038 @ 86.00	1 char, Gypsum	1640 @ 60.00
		1 blk, Inman	2165 @ 60.00

HEIFERS

6 mix, Yates Center	381 @ 113.00
8 mix, Wilson	415 @ 111.00
10 mix, Ellinwood	472 @ 108.00
27 blk, Ellsworth	512 @ 107.25
4 blk, Clifton	481 @ 107.00
3 mix, New Cambria	333 @ 107.00
22 mix, Lincoln	481 @ 106.50
10 mix, Brookville	483 @ 106.25
4 mix, New Cambria	403 @ 106.00
14 mix, Wilson	531 @ 105.00
5 blk, Windom	513 @ 104.25
3 mix, Ellinwood	513 @ 103.00
20 blk, Tescott	555 @ 99.00
4 blk, Hope	588 @ 95.25
46 blk, Randall	600 @ 93.00
11 mix, Ellsworth	649 @ 92.75
11 blk, Lincoln	632 @ 92.75
16 blk, Lindsborg	610 @ 92.75
4 mix, Windom	681 @ 92.25
9 blk, Salina	663 @ 92.25
51 mix, Miltonvale	641 @ 92.25
23 blk, Lincoln	679 @ 92.00
27 mix, Brookville	606 @ 92.00

HOGS RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 557

BUTCHER HOGS

2 wht, Tescott	278 @ 37.50
25 mix, Delphos	271 @ 36.50
27 mix, Glasco	252 @ 37.25
32 mix, Lebanon	250 @ 37.25
30 mix, Delphos	271 @ 36.50
3 mix, Marquette	257 @ 36.50

SOWS

1 red, Abilene	655 @ 50.50
1 wht, Larned	780 @ 50.00
3 wht, Clay Center	582 @ 49.00
3 wht, Clay Center	607 @ 48.50
3 wht, Clay Center	578 @ 48.50
3 wht, Clay Center	608 @ 48.00

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8 mix, Ludell	63 @ 39.00
12 mix, Ludell	59 @ 32.50
20 mix, Ludell	48 @ 29.50
16 mix, Ludell	63 @ 27.50
37 mix, Ludell	50 @ 26.50
5 mix, Larned	47 @ 20.00

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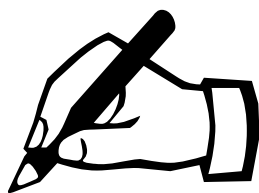
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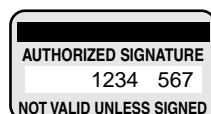
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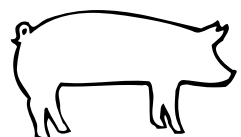
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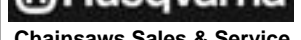
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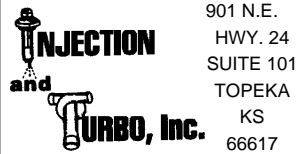
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Scientist urges farmers to reconsider before removing crop residue

A Kansas State University scientist is encouraging farmers to think about the hidden costs of removing crop residue from farm fields.

"Crop residue is in high demand in some areas — as feedstocks for cellulosic ethanol production, industrial uses, livestock feed and other purposes," said Humberto Blanco, soil management scientist with K-State Research and Extension.

"But is it a good idea to remove and sell crop residue?"

Blanco, who is based at K-State's Agricultural Research Center at Hays, said removing residue brings costs as well as a monetary benefit.

"Leaving crop residue on the soil surface is the best and simplest way of reducing water and wind erosion," Blanco said. "Excessive residue removal for expanded uses not only accelerates

soil erosion but also increases the loss of sediment, nutrients and pesticides in runoff water."

Sediments and nutrients from agricultural soils in runoff water are the main "non-point source" (NPS)

pollutants of downstream water bodies, such as ponds, streams and rivers, he said.

"Crop removal is not recommended if soil and water conservation, NPS pollution control, and soil carbon buildup are high priorities,"

Blanco said. "Residue left on the soil surface protects against impacting raindrops, helps maintain soil aggregate integrity and improves rain water infiltration."

The researcher has conducted studies to assess

these issues. More information about the studies' results is on the K-State website at <http://www.agronomy.ksu.edu/>. (Click on "Extension" and then "eUpdates/Current Topics" and finally "Jan. 23, 2009.")

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Moto-4, 200, 2x4; 2004 Yamaha Kodiak 400, auto, 4x4; 1999 Polaris Explorer 400, 4x4, auto; 2006 Yamaha 660; 2003 Kawasaki 300, 2x4; JD Model 335 28' disc, 20" blades; Ford 8000 Tractor with Hiniker cab; 150 gallon sprayer with Honda engine; 3 pt log splitter; 12' JD disc; Several rolls electric fence wire & barb wire; Electric fence posts; T posts; Aluminum tool box; Small square bale elevator; 1993 Ford F-250 custom pickup 300-6 auto with pipe & ladder rack; 1991 IHC 4900 fuel truck DT466 engine 5x2 2000 5 com. tank with pto pump.

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with breakers; 100 ft. extension cords; HD extension cords; elect. adaptor cards.

LADDERS: Pickup bed ladder rack; 24 ft. and 20 ft. Werner aluminum extension ladders; 3 ft. alum. ladder; fiberglass 16 ft. extension ladder; 8 ft. - 2 ft. fiberglass ladders; metal multi ladder; pr. ladder jacks; ladder stand off; other ladders.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIP-

MENT: One sect. adjustable scaffolding with rollers, like new; 500 lb. mini scaffolding, like new; Chicago elect. tile cutter with 3 ft. x 18" bed; Work Force ceramic tile cutter; MK tile cutter saw; wet tile saw; Berger transit head scope and tripod; 1/2" Walker Turner floor model drill press; 10" Craftsman direct drive table saw with extension and stand; 10" Wards radial arm saw; Master Mechanic 1/2" bench top drill press; Rutland bench top 6" disc and 4" belt sander combo; Skil saw 10" table saw; B&D bench grinder; HD band saw; 5 gal. elect. motor cement mixer; Campbell Hausfeld 5 gal. airless paint sprayer; coil style nail gun; Duo Fast air nailer; Craftsman air finish nailer; Paslode cordless finish nailer; Craftsman elect. brad nailer; Central Pneumatic air

hand nailer, new; 6" air sander, new; DeWalt DW 705, 12" power miter box; Makita 2414B cutoff saw; Craftsman 3 hp. miter saw; Craftsman 16" scroll saw; Porter Cable saws-all and 2" hand power planer; Sears router and table; DeWalt 670 trim router; DeWalt cordless circular saw and saws-all; Milwaukee Rt. angle drill; Craftsman 90° bat. drill; VPX B&D cordless 4 pc. set; DeWalt AM/FM construction radio; DeWalt bat. hammer drill; Skil saw 2.5 hp. circular saw; DeWalt Roto Zip and 3" belt sander; 3 DeWalt bat. saws-alls; Roto Zip spiral saw; DeWalt orbital jig saw; Sioux car polisher; many sanders; 4" DeWalt 90° grinder; many other hand power tools, some battery powered; 4 Arrow hammer staplers and staples; Ram set fastener set; Remington nail guns, fasteners and loads; 78" magnetic level; many other levels; 2 Bushnell light line laser levels; many woodwork clamps, some quick grip; carpet stretcher; carpet tools; drill bits; hole saws; Green Lee HD metal storage box; Stanley "Fat Max" tool box on wheels, new; Tuff Mate tool box with vise lid; ratchet straps; Ilco H2584CV key grinding machine; halogen twin lights

with stand; metal folding saw horses; texture ceiling blower; fish tape; appliance dolly; 3 squirrel cage fans; Lietz 200 ft. tape; Centech 10,000 ft. measuring wheel; pr. sheet rock stilts; sheet rock tools; 2 wheel barrows, True Temper and Jackson; many other hand tools.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:

58 pieces 1"x4"x10 ft. lumber, new; 12 sheets 4x4 pegboard and 5 - 2x4; attic fans and louver; insulated duct work; 14 - 3 and 12 - 2 Romex wiring; other wiring; elect. connectors; elect. outlets and switches; NG ventless 30,000 BTU wall heaters; many tap con screws; nails; screws; painting supplies; other materials.



TRAILER: Single axle, bumper hitch job trailer, 8 ft. x 5 ft. bed with fender extension to hold 2 pickup bed tool boxes and 7 ft. tall 4 level storage and ladder carrier on top with title.

ITEMS SELLING SUNDAY, MARCH 1 — 11:00 AM



FIREARMS & KNIVES 11:00

AM: Ruger Mini 14, .223 cal. semi auto rifle; Marlin Model 336, lever action 30-30 rifle with Bushnell 1.5-4x scope; Ruger 1022 semi auto rifle with 4x scope; Remington 11-48, 410 auto shotgun; Jennings 9mm stainless auto pistol; 22 cal. US Arms PMA-1P semi auto rifle with pistol grip; Blunderbust cap and ball replica rifle with belled barrel; **KNIVES:** German paratrooper drop blade knife; Gerber combat knife; U.S. military combat knife; AK 47 bayonet; K Bar hunting knife; Camillus cam lock; Bear claw style double blade knife; Sheifeld multi tool; 50 other hunting and pocket knives.

HARLEY DAVIDSON ITEMS:

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bat. op. game, new; other Harley items; motorcycle helmet microphone system, like new.

FISHING TACKLE & CAMPING

EQUIP. 11:45 AM: 2 wood antique lures; over 20 rods and reels; many tackle boxes with tackle; fishing skinning board; tents and sleeping bags; camping equipment.

MOWERS, TILLER & MISC.:

Yard Machine MTD 38" 13 hp. 6 spd. riding mower; Toro GTS 21" self propelled rear bagger mower; Huskee 36" rear engine riding mower; 22" SP Murray 5 1/2 hp. Quantum mower; MTD 5 hp. Yard Machine roto tiller; 3 gas powered weed eaters; 6 ft. section drap harrow; elect. lawn edger; grass seeders; fiberglass extension limb trimmer; Troy Bilt TB 320BV gas power leaf blower or vacuum, new; Stihl 039 18" chainsaws, nice; Homelite 16" 200 Classic chainsaw; Hi Lift jack; 2 sections 8 ft. roller track; other items.

MECHANICS TOOLS & MISC.:

1/2" 175 lb. dial torque wrench; Magnum 5 hp., 35 gal. vertical tank air compressor, VG; 2 hyd. floor jacks; pr. Goodyear 6 ton jack stands; Makita 1/2" elect. impact and sockets; Sears and Cummins 3/4 hp., 8" bench grinder, VG; metric stubby combination wrench set; drill bit index; set Craftsman 7/32 to 1 5/16 combination wrench set,

like new; "Magnum" air high speed body saw; 2 1/2" air impacts; NAPA 1/2" air ratchet; air paint sprayers; air hose; lg. Allen wrenches; Craftsman 100 pc. socket set; lg. selection sockets, wrenches, crowsfeet, screwdrivers, hammers and tools; Uniweld small acetylene torch set; Stack On and Craftsman tool boxes; 1 1/2 ton Powerbuilt hyd. cherry picker, engine lift, like new; grease and oil; car ramps; 4 1/2" and 6" bench vises; some antique tools; few Snap On tools.



VEHICLES: 2:00 PM: 1952 Chevrolet 6 cyl. pickup, most body done and primed, interior reconditioned, aluminum wheels, sun visor, 72,000 miles; 1997 Chevrolet C3500 Silverado, 5.7L Vortec V8, 4 dr. crew cab, with 8 ft. bed, loaded with equip., 165,700 miles; 1982 Chevrolet C20 conversion van, 6 cyl., 4.1L, auto with overhead crank style ladder rack.

TRAILERS & HITCHES:

AFTER VEHICLES: 1997 Pace American "Shadow" 28 ft. L x 8 1/2 ft. Wx7 1/2 ft. tall 10,400 lb.



tandem axle enclosed trailer, bumper hitch, lights, back door ramp and side door with title; 16 ft. x 7 ft. x 27" H sideboards, shop built tandem axle, bumper hitch trailer with lights and title; 2 wheel metal 6 ft. x 4 ft. factory built drop ramp trailer, VG; 2 wheel metal bed, 4 ft. x 8 ft. x 3 ft. bumper hitch trailer; 2 wheel pickup bed trailer; receiver hitch bed extension for hauling ladders; 2,000 lb. axle boat trailer with jack; Draw Tite towbar, new; locking hitch ball.

MOTORCYCLE & MISC.: 1981 Honda CM 400 motorcycle, 19,600 miles, nice; pr. motorcycle wheel chocks for transport, new; Harbour Freight ATV jack; motorcycle items.

HOUSEHOLD & ANTIQUES:

64"x72" 110 unit wood parts bin, old; JVC 5 disc CD mini stereo system; founton frame; lots modern household items packed in sheds; pet carrier; old metal tube bed; Forschner 50 lb. brass and metal tube style scale; other antiques and collectibles.

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Central Kansas yard finds one more way to serve customers

By Lindsay Domer

There's no such thing as too much contact, says Knight Feedlot, Inc., assistant controller Tim Kratzer. Staff at the Lyons yard tries to update customers on everything involving their cattle.

The continual communication has built many long-term relationships.

"We treat everyone as an individual and customize a feeding program to suit their marketing goals and the pen of cattle they are feeding," Kratzer says.

About 75% of customers have been doing regular business for more than 10 years. They come back because of service, and because they continually see familiar faces, Kratzer says. The average Knight employee has worked there for 20 years, some as long as 32 years.

It's more than a frequent chat with old friends, however. For many years, Knight has been giving customers something to talk about — like all of the carcass data they can get their hands on.

"We share information with everyone," Kratzer says. "We even provide data to our producer-customers that don't retain ownership. That's the best way for producers and feedlots alike to improve."

When Knight Feedlot owners and managers decided to become a licensed Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) partner last month, it was in recognition that they stood on common ground with the leading brand. CAB provides detailed carcass data to its licensed feedlots free of charge, while helping to put that in context with 1.4 million records from other producers over the past decade.

Kratzer says one of the deciding factors for licensing was the link between CAB and the Beef Marketing Group (BMG), of which Knight is a charter member. Nearly half of the cattle at the yard are BMG-owned and have a history of qualifying for CAB's Natural target.

"We try to get our customers all of the premiums we can and CAB is on the top of our priority list," Kratzer says.

Managers ensure calves are capable of qualifying for premiums by giving them a fair chance in the yard. The staff works hard to keep pens clean, but also goes as far as putting down straw bedding when the pens are too wet to clean out.

Wind breaks on the north and west provide protection in winter, and sprinklers are used in the summer to keep the primarily-black cattle

cool. A full-time veterinarian and a nutritionist keep calves healthy and well-fed on appropriate rations.

Knight's excellent customer service and attention to detail has meant steady expansion since the yard

was founded in 1972. Kratzer says capacity will stand at 20,000 head by summer, allowing room to build strong relationships with new customers while keeping longtime patrons happy.



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Beef is "Good Calories," says researcher and author

Red meat is often blamed for heart disease, obesity and a host of other diet-induced conditions. But scientific journalist Gary Taubes says carbohydrates and low-fat diets may be the real culprit. He shared the results of a "12-year obsession with finding what's real and what's not" with cattlemen and industry representatives at last fall's Feeding Quality Forums.

"Beef has gotten a bad rap the last 50 years. Just red meat in general is an integral part of a healthy diet," he said.

His book, "Good Calories, Bad Calories," flies in the face of conventional nutritional advice.

"I spent years studying how people picked the evidence they like and ignored the evidence they didn't; what's sort-of wishful thinking or bad science and what can really be supported by evidence," he said.

Taubes now tours the country lecturing on the information he uncovered in his research.

"There is an alternative hypothesis out there and I've been doing everything I can to get the researchers to take these ideas seriously," he said. "The medical schools and the obesity research centers, from their point of view I'm just a journalist — what do I know? I wrote the book so people could judge for themselves."

His work outlines all of the studies relating to diet and heart disease, along with the evolution of the current dietary recommendations.

The beef industry became an unintended target in the diet-heart conflict, he said.

"We started out with this simplistic hypothesis: fat raises cholesterol raises heart disease. The experts

locked themselves into a perspective from the 1970s," he said.

The reality, Taubes said, is "the more carbs, the higher triglycerides and the more carbs, the lower HDL (high-density lipoprotein or the 'good cholesterol'). Saturated fat doesn't even fall into that equation."

"As the science evolved, it meant the advice had to change, but if you change the advice you're saying, 'Look, we made a mistake when we told you to go on a low-fat diet 30 years ago.'"

The real danger is that in a quest for a low-fat diet, people have ditched proteins and elevated the amount of carbohydrates they consume.

"When you eat carbohydrates, your body basically dumps glucose into your bloodstream. Glucose is a sugar," he explained. "Your pancreas responds by hyper-secreting the hor-

mone insulin. Your muscles don't like all this insulin, so they become resistant."

One of the hormone's functions is to signal your liver to convert carbohydrates to triglyceride fat. It also causes you to store more fat in fatty tissues, he said.

"Everything goes wrong as you elevate insulin. The

healthiest possible diet is one that has the lowest insulin," Taubes said. "The one nutrient that doesn't stimulate insulin secretion is fat. If you want to keep insulin low, you eat what the Inuit, the Eskimos, ate 100 years ago, which is a diet that's like 75% fat and 25% meat."

He concluded with a statement that many in the health science community would embrace:

"What makes you fat makes you sick," Taubes said. "Whatever makes you fat increases your risk of heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's and most cancers."

The trick is deciphering what types of food really make you fat.

Presentations from the event can be found online at www.cabpartners.com/events/past_events/index.php.



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TRACTORS: 1974 JD 4230 tractor, quad shift, 18.4x38 rear tires, cab and AC, 10,700 hrs., one owner; 1979 Int. Hydro 186 tractor, cab and AC, new hydro in last 250 hrs., new PTO, new hydraulic pump, 9,000 hrs. total on tractor; Int. 574 utility tractor, gas, 3 pt., slick tractor.

SKID LOADER: 2002 Gehl Model 4835 skid loader, 1604 hrs., like new.

SKID LOADER ACCESSORIES: Hydraulic post hole digger, to fit on front of Gehl 4835 skid loader; pallet forks for Gehl 4835 skid loader; boom claw with universal mountings; grapple for tree balls, universal mountings.

SEMI: 1996 Pete with 60 inch flat top sleeper, 470 Cummins engine with in frame engine overhaul May '06, 945,000 miles at that time, 10 spd., 1,100,000 miles total on truck.

TWO TON TRUCKS: 1974 Ford cab over with 14 ft. bed and hoist, V-8, 4 and 2 spd., power steering; 1971 Ford F-600, power steering, 330 V-8, 4 and 2 spd., 14 ft. bed with 60 inch sides, twin cylinder hoist, only 64,000 miles, very good farm truck; 1968 Ford F-600 truck, V-8, 4 and 2 spd., 16 ft. bed and hoist.

PICKUPS: 1990 Chevy 3500, one ton, single rear wheel, 454 V-8, 4x4, 5 spd. with flatbed with GN ball, 100,000 miles; 1999 Ford Ranger, 2x4, AT, 100,000 miles, transmission is bad, engine runs.

PICKUP ACCESSORIES: 8 ft. tank off bed off of 1990 Chevy 3500 pickup; drivers door and front fender for 1990 Chevy 1 ton.

PLANTERS: Case-IH 900, 8 row

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Regulators close banks in Neb., Fla., Ill.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators on Friday closed Sherman County Bank in Nebraska, Riverside Bank of the Gulf Coast in Florida, and Corn Belt Bank and Trust Co. in Illinois, marking 12 failures this year of federally insured institutions.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was appointed receiver of the banks. Sherman County Bank, located in Loup City, Neb., had \$129.8 million in assets and \$85.1 million in deposits as of Feb. 12. Cape Coral, Fla.-based Riverside Bank had assets of \$539 million and deposits of \$424 million as of Dec. 31. Corn Belt Bank and Trust Co. of Pittsfield, Ill., had total assets of \$271.8 million and deposits of \$234.4 million as of Dec. 31. Twenty-five U.S. banks failed last year, far more than in the previous five years combined. There were only three bank failures in 2007. It's expected that many more banks won't survive this year amid rising unemployment, falling home prices and tighter credit.

The FDIC said Sherman County Bank's deposits will be assumed by Heritage Bank, based in Wood River, Neb. Due to the Presidents Day holiday on Monday, Sherman County's four branches, including those that operated under the name Howard County Bank, will reopen on Tuesday as branches of Heritage Bank. The bank agreed to buy \$21.8

million of Sherman County Bank's assets. The FDIC will retain the remaining assets for later disposition.

TIB Bank of Naples, Fla., will assume all of the deposits of Riverside Bank, except for \$142.6 million in brokered deposits.

TIB Bank agreed to buy \$125 million of Riverside's assets. The FDIC will retain the remaining assets for later disposition. Riverside's 13 branches will reopen Tuesday as TIB Bank branches.

The Carlinville National Bank of Carlinville, Ill., will assume all of the deposits of Corn Belt Bank and Trust, whose two branches will reopen on Tuesday as Carlinville National Bank branches.

The FDIC estimated that the cost to the federal deposit insurance fund from the resolution of these failed banks will be about \$329.5 million.

Regular deposit accounts are insured up to \$250,000.

The FDIC estimates that through 2013, there will be more than \$40 billion in losses to the deposit insurance fund, including an \$8.9 billion loss from the failure of IndyMac Bank last July. The agency has raised insurance premiums paid by banks and thrifts to replenish its fund, which now stands at around \$34.6 billion. That is the lowest level since 2003.

An FDIC official asked

Congress last week to more than triple the agency's line of credit with the Treasury Department to \$100 billion from the current \$30 billion, as a way to reassure the public that the government stands firmly behind insured bank deposits. The FDIC has in place a program to guarantee as much as \$1.4 trillion in U.S. banks' debt for more than three years as part of the government's \$700 billion financial rescue plan. Under the program, which is meant to unfreeze the credit markets, the FDIC is providing temporary insurance for loans between banks, guaranteeing the new debt in the event of payment default by the borrowing bank.

Earlier this week, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner revealed plans to beef up the government's efforts to spur lending and remove toxic assets from banks' books. Investors, however, were disappointed by the lack of details on how the programs would be implemented. The government has already pumped nearly \$200 billion directly into banks of all sizes through preferred stock purchases.

Of the roughly 8,500 federally insured banks and thrifts, the FDIC had 171 on its confidential list of troubled institutions as of Sept. 30 — a nearly 50 percent jump from the second quarter and the highest tally since late 1995.

Measuring up to the new physical activity guidelines

New physical activity guidelines can be a road map to better health for you and your family, said a University of Missouri Extension nutrition and health education specialist.

"The health costs of inactivity led the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create the first set of Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans," said Glenda Kinder. "These guidelines describe exactly how much and what types of activity are needed to control weight and reduce the risk of major health problems." Advice on physical activity has been a part of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans since 1995, but the department decided to issue separate recommendations because of the growing waistlines of Americans and the overwhelming body of research that supports the health benefits of physical activity.

The key activity guidelines for all adults are:

Avoid inactivity; a little activity is better than none at all.

Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity per week

for significant health benefits.

Exercise beyond the minimum to gain additional benefits, including weight loss. Aim for 300 minutes of moderate or 150 minutes of vigorous activity each week to lose weight or keep it off.

At least twice a week, include moderate or high levels of muscle-strengthening activities that involve all the major muscle groups.

Aim to be as active as your circumstances allow (this includes older or disabled adults). To judge how intensely you are exercising, use this measure: When exercising moderately, you should be able to talk but not sing. In vigorous activity, you shouldn't be able to say more than a few words before having to breathe again.

"Don't beat yourself up for not being active,"

Kinder said. "Begin where you are, find something you enjoy doing, do it regularly and gradually increase the amount and vigor of the activities you enjoy. You'll reap the benefits of better health."

Detailed information is available at www.health.gov/PAGuidelines/, including downloadable publications and fact sheets tailored to individuals, health care providers, policymakers, communities and organizations. Specific guidelines are available for individuals of all ages and abilities, including older adults, persons with disabilities, pregnant and postpartum women, and persons with some chronic health conditions.

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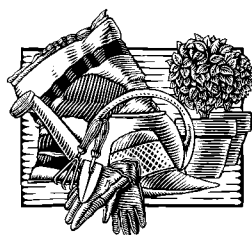
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Getting a jump on planting

The Manhattan Area Garden Show is Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1. It is in Pottorf Hall at CiCo Park in Manhattan. Twenty-six vendors will have display booths in anticipation of spring planting.

Riley County Extension Master Gardeners are putting together their booth for the show. Collecting rain for watering vegetables in containers will be demonstrated. Both the use of rain and growing vegetables in containers are economical in

producing food for the family. Fresh produce is also tasty and nutritious.

Starting your own plants for the garden is easy and cost-effective. I love seeing the young plants come up now when everything outside is still dormant. It can cheer up a cloudy cold day to see the green plants.

There are lots of varieties of plants one can start from seed. The onion variety Ailsa Craig isn't commonly found as a plant. This is a variety that the 4-H'ers are growing for the fair. Starting

some vegetable varieties from seed may be the only way to try them in the garden.

Containers with drainage, seeding media, heat, seeds and light are needed. I use a shop light with fluorescent bulbs to provide the light. A heat mat speeds up the germination but a warm room will also work. All of these supplies are available from local stores or from an internet business.

Light and temperature are keys to growing healthy

transplants. My lights are left on 24 hours a day. The tubes are just above the leaves. Seeds need warmth to germinate. Most do fine at 70 degrees. Short, stocky plants are best and that requires 60 degrees as the plants grow.

Please stop by the office or visit our website at www.riley.ksu.edu for publications on starting your own transplants. You can also visit us at the garden show and see how our plants are growing.

If you would like additional information on a horticulture topic, please contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu and at www.riley.ksu.edu/



Bob Mertz and Harold Mertz enjoyed watching the Simmental cattle go through the sale ring during the River Creek Simmental's annual production sale held last week at the Manhattan Commission Co.

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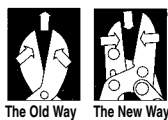
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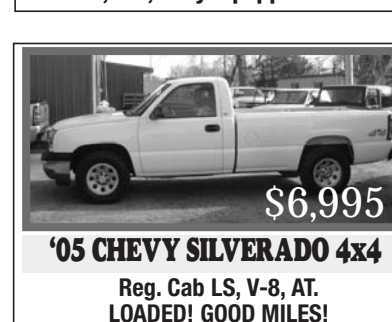
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Farmland values fall

WICHITA (AP) — The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City reports farmland values fell in the fourth quarter of last year in some Midwest and Western states.

Falling land values come amid weaker farm income and softer market demand. The 10th Federal Reserve District in Kansas City covers Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, northern New Mexico and western Missouri. The largest declines were in Nebraska.

Cropland values slipped 2.8 percent below the previous quarter. Irrigated land dipped 1.1 percent. Ranchland values fell 1.7 percent.

Despite the decline, farmland values are still above 2007 levels. The survey of banks in the region also found that collateral requirements for farm loans rose to a five-year high. More than a quarter of bankers say they expect credit standards to tighten further in 2009.

Farmland values

Farmland values percent change from a year ago, by state:

Kansas:

Non-irrigated up 7.7 percent
Irrigated up 14.2 percent
Ranchland up 12.4 percent

Missouri:

Non-irrigated up 3.2 percent
Irrigated up 3.3 percent
Ranchland up 0.5 percent

Nebraska:

Non-irrigated up 7.8 percent
Irrigated up 10.4 percent
Ranchland up 4.3 percent

Oklahoma:

Non-irrigated up 10.9 percent
Irrigated up 13.6 percent
Ranchland up 5.5 percent

Mountain states:

Non-irrigated up 10.1 percent
Irrigated up 11.8 percent
Ranchland up 7.8 percent

NSP sponsors industry leaders in Washington D.C., Kansans participate

The National Sorghum Producers (NSP) led a delegation of sorghum growers and industry leaders to Washington D.C. to meet with members of Congress, Senators and other key leaders in legislative and regulatory arenas. NSP's D.C. Fly-In is an annual event that gives producers the opportunity to make their priorities known to their representatives and key decision makers in D.C.

One of the highlights of the Fly-In was been a meeting with new Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In the meeting, Vilsack laid out his priorities as he begins his duties as Secretary of Agriculture and outlined his plans for the upcoming term. Among other things, he stressed the importance of utilizing carbon credits in agricultural markets, specifically in sorghum. He

also discussed the importance of encouraging and maintaining conservation and environmentally friendly production practices.

Participants also met with new USDA appointees including Michael Hand, Acting Administrator of the Risk Management Agency, to address concerns about crop insurance coverage for sorghum. Additionally, the group met with Acting Farm Service Agency Administrator Dennis Taitano and Natural Resource Conservation Service Acting Administrator Douglas Lawrence to introduce him to sorghum, the water-sipping crop.

On the Hill, delegates met with Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Colin Peterson, and Ranking Member Frank Lucas as well as the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and their home state Senators and Members of Congress.

Leaders from Kansas are Sue Schulte, Greg Krissek and Will Bramlett. Sorghum leaders representing Colorado are Terry and Marcella Swanson. Gerald Simonsen, Donald Bloss, Jacob Geis — a Sorghum Foundation scholarship recipient — and John Dolnick will represent Nebraska. Delegates from Texas are Brian McCusition, David Thomas, Dan

Krienke, Roxann Wiginton, Danny Beyer, Benjamin Smith, Kristin Heinmann and Lance Layton who is also a recipient of the Sorghum Foundation scholarship. New Mexico producer Toby Bostwick — Chairman of the NSP Board of Directors — and Matt Lansford of New Mexico attended as well as Kenneth Rose of Oklahoma.

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ATV'S: 2007 Yamaha Rhino utility, new, 450cc w/dump bed; 2007 Yamaha Raptor ATV 80cc; 2007 Yamaha Raptor ATV, 50cc, new; 2005 Kawasaki KRX700 ATV, excellent; 2007 Yamaha scooter, 125cc, new; 2001 Kawasaki Bayou ATV 300cc; Suzuki Quad Racer; Polaris 400cc, 4x4 ATV.

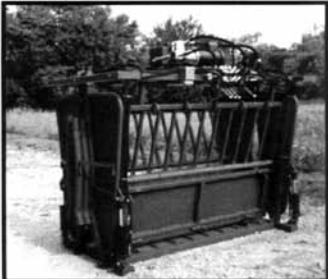
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Joe Mertz, River Creek Farm Simmentals, visited with J.W. Brune about the offering of bulls and females prior to the start of the River Creek production sale that was held last week in Manhattan.



On a mission to look for a show heifer prospect, Zane Green, Harveyville, pictured far right, evaluated the females available at the River Creek Farms Simmental production sale held last week. He was assisted by Robin Green, far left and Jon Zirkle, all of Harveyville.



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CLARKSDALE,M	7 XBRD STR	507@\$117.50	10 BLK HFR	552@\$96.00	
BERN	6 BLK STR	485@\$115.00	4 BLK HFR	577@\$95.25	
MARYSVILLE	5 BLK STR	491@\$115.00	3 XBRD HFR	551@\$92.00	
WASHINGTON	9 BLK STR	415@\$114.00	7 BLK HFR	635@\$90.50	
MAHASKA	2 BLK STR	555@\$113.50	2 BLK HFR	622@\$89.00	
MARYSVILLE	11 BLK STR	594@\$113.50	44 XBRD HFR	663@\$86.85	
MARYSVILLE	4 BLK STR	546@\$113.00	2 BWF HFR	677@\$86.50	
MARYSVILLE	2 XBRD STR	515@\$111.50	7 MIX HFR	642@\$85.25	
AXTELL	5 MIX STR	583@\$110.00	10 BLK HFR	674@\$85.00	
BERN	23 MIX STR	575@\$109.50	13 BLK HFR	792@\$85.00	
SUMMERFIELD	2 XBRD STR	365@\$108.00	4 RED HFR	781@\$83.25	
CLARKSDALE,M	11 XBRD STR	565@\$107.00	5 RED HFR	719@\$83.00	
VERMILLION	7 BLK STR	621@\$105.25	17 XBRD HFR	820@\$82.50	
MARYSVILLE	24 BLK STR	680@\$100.00	5 MIX HFR	779@\$82.25	
HANOVER	2 XBRD STR	592@\$99.00	9 RED HFR	790@\$81.10	
WATERVILLE	14 BLK STR	663@\$98.00	11 RED HFR	846@\$80.85	
VERMILLION	7 BLK STR	670@\$97.50	20 BLK HFR	864@\$80.75	
WATERVILLE	15 BLK STR	702@\$97.00			
MARYSVILLE	3 BLK STR	655@\$96.50			
RANDOLPH	63 XBRD STR	713@\$95.35			
GREEN	11 BLK STR	686@\$95.25			
AXTELL	7 MIX STR	714@\$94.25			
GREENLEAF	2 RED STR	725@\$92.25			
HANOVER	31 XBRD STR	814@\$91.85			
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SUMMERFIELD	8 BLK STR	823@\$89.00			
GREENLEAF	9 RED STR	896@\$88.85			
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ONAGA	11 XBRD STR	782@\$85.25			
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20	MIX STRS/HFRS	500-600#	WV
35	MIX STRS/HFRS	500-700#	WV
30	BLK STRS/HFRS	500-700#	WV
30	BLK STRS/HFRS	550-650#	WV
35	BLK STRS/HFRS	550-700#	WV
50	BLK STRS/HFRS	550-700#	WV
56	BLK STRS/HFRS	700-800#	WV
62	BLK STRS/HFRS	700-800#	WV
60	BLK STRS/HFRS	700-800#	WV
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Vilsack lays out priorities, extends comment period for payment limitations rule

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced he will extend the comment period for the 2008 Farm Bill Farm Program Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility rulemaking process.

Vilsack discussed his priorities as Secretary of Agriculture during a teleconference call with agriculture and other reporters across the country and said that as part of the regulatory review process outlined by the White House and Office of Management and Budget (OMB), he is directing the Department to extend the comment period for the payment limits rule for an additional 60 days. "Let's be clear—in no way is this move a signal that we will modify the rules for the 2009 crop year," Vilsack said. "Sign-up has begun and it's important that clear and consistent rules remain in place so that producers can prepare for the crop year and manage their risk appropriately."

To date, USDA has only received seven comments on the payment limits rule and Vilsack says that by extending the comment period additional farmers and other interested parties will have the opportunity to comment.

"In keeping with President Obama's recent pledge to make government more transparent, inclusive, and collaborative, I would like to pursue an extended comment period so that more farmers and other individuals can participate in this rulemaking process," he said. "I'm particularly interested in suggestions that would help the Department target payments to farmers who really need them and ensure that payments are not being provided to ineligible parties for future crop years."

Vilsack also announced that the Department does not plan to implement a proposal developed by the previous administration that would have cut more than \$3 million from the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, a popular program that promotes the growth of healthy fruits and vegetables. Priorities Vilsack discussed with reporters include:

Combating childhood obesity and enhancing health and nutrition, indicating that the Department should play a key role in the public health debate and that nutrition programs should be seen as an opportunity to both alleviate

hunger and prevent health care problems.

Advancing research and development and pursuing opportunities to support the development of biofuels, wind power, and other renewable energy sources, saying that USDA needs to make sure that the biofuels industry has the necessary support to survive recent market challenges while promoting policies that will accelerate the development of next-generation biofuels that have the potential to significantly improve our energy independence.

Making progress on major environmental challenges, including climate change. Vilsack said it's important that farmers and ranchers play a role with USDA in efforts to promote incentives for management practices that provide clean air, clean water, and wildlife habitat, and help farmers participate in markets that reward them for sequestering carbon and limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

Supporting the profitability of farmers and ranchers by providing a safety net that works for all of agriculture, including independent producers and local and organic agricul-

ture, and enforcing the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Quickly implementing the 2008 Farm Bill; modernizing the food safety system; and investing in programs that alleviate hunger and suffering overseas and support long-term agriculture development.

Restoring the mission of the Forest Service as a protector of clean air, clean water, and wildlife habitat;

a provider of recreation opportunities; a key player in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration. Vilsack indicated that it is important that we appropriately budget for wildfires so that the Forest Service has the resources it needs for both wildfires and its other missions.

Vilsack also said he intends to move quickly on the major challenges facing the

Department — modernizing USDA's computer systems and finally closing the sad chapter of the Department's struggle with civil rights.

"We need to do a better job of responding to challenges, apologizing for mistakes when we make them, empowering our employees to make decisions and drive change, and emphasizing a transparent and inclusive style of governing."



John Shoemaker, Tonganoxie, was inducted into the Kansas Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. Shoemaker served as KAA president in 2003. Also pictured are his wife Jan, children and grandchildren, who surprised Shoemaker with their presence at the announcement of the award.

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• 25 steers, 650-800 lbs.
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STEERS				HEIFERS			
4	427	121.00	60	889	90.75		
17	528	116.75	56	914	87.75		
20	448	114.75	60	904	87.60		
33	541	114.00	58	943	86.50		
23	599	111.00	55	473	114.75		
36	624	104.50	10	507	108.00		
21	660	99.75	14	534	100.00		
27	663	98.85	25	576	95.35		
72	759	97.30	23	624	94.45		
77	771	95.10	38	753	91.50		
23	809	94.60	94	692	91.50		
71	794	93.00	109	722	88.30		
120	879	91.80	123	787	85.50		
62	851	91.50	25	790	84.75		

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18
13 black steers, 575-650 lbs.T. Jones
50 black cross steers & heifers, 525-625 lbs.J. Brown
35 black cross heifers, 650-700 lbs. ..Poland Farms
65 Char cross heifers, 775-800 lbs.Ryff Farm
15 black steers & heifers, 625-725 lbs.G. Hamm
70 mixed steers & heifers, 550-675 lbs. ..E. Bachura
10 black steers & heifers, 550-600 lbs. ..J. Robinson
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Representative sales from last Tuesday, February 10

STEERS				HEIFERS				
20	451	122.00	21	832	92.75	9	505	92.00
10	508	118.00	8	850	91.25	10	548	89.50
4	629	103.00	8	876	88.00	4	620	90.50
7	664	100.25	22	957	87.00	66	685	89.35
28	754	95.75	10	983	85.75	4	725	89.00
16	774	95.25				4	815	87.10
18	818	93.75	9	408	112.00	29	785	85.85
4	821	93.00	6	348	110.00	61	805	87.00
			30	487	102.00	24	907	85.50

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
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AQHA executive vice president Bill Brewer stepping down March 9

The registration of more than 2 million of the now more than 5 million horses in the American Quarter Horse Association registry and a growth in membership numbers from 276,500 to more than 350,000 are examples of the success of the customer service-driven management model that Bill Brewer implemented during his 16-year tenure as AQHA executive vice president.

"I believed that by increasing the opportunities for people to enjoy their horses through member-based programs, the industry would grow because these programs would generate more members, which would increase the demand for our horses," Bill says.

Now after 37 years of days, nights and weekends in a position that he never once considered a J-O-B, Bill has decided to step down.

"It's time," he says matter of factly. "It wasn't — and still is not — a decision that was easy, but in the long run, it is the right thing to do, and this is the right time, difficult as that might be."

Difficult is right. AQHA and the American Quarter Horse have been Bill's passion for most of his adult life.

And that's why Bill's decision to step down as executive vice president has been more than a year in the works — because someone who has guided the day-to-day inner workings of AQHA like Bill has since 1992 doesn't just announce such a decision, get the gold watch and walk out the door.

"This is not something that I or the (AQHA) Executive Committee have taken lightly," Bill told AQHA members at the 2008 convention. "We have had hours of discussions focusing on the questions of who, how and when. We have hired a management consultant to help us work through this process. The Executive Committee and I have done our best to do this thoughtfully and proactively."

When he became executive vice president, Bill, the Executive Committee and the staff expanded AQHA's business model from being primarily a breed registry to including a long-term initiative to grow membership.

AQHA developed the trail ride program, which features more than 100 rides each year all over the world; marketing alliances with reining, cutting, palomino, buckskin, snaffle bit, equine veterinary associations and even dude ranches; the

Bayer Best Remuda Award, which recognizes the Quarter Horse breeding programs of ranches all over North America; and breeder recognition and legacy awards for longtime American Quarter Horse breeders; the Bank of America Racing Challenge Program, which provides more racing opportunities for older American Quarter Horses; the development of America's Horse as the official member publication of AQHA; and a project Bill's very proud of — the remodeling and grand re-opening of the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum, which puts the Hall of Fame members — horses and humans — front and center.

It has been rewarding for Bill to sit in the grandstands of some of the industry's premier events, knowing that he provided the impetus to help them grow and prosper over the years. That includes the Ford Youth World Championship Show and the Youth World Cup, and, of course, the Bank of

America Amateur and FedEx Open AQHA World Championship Show, which he managed for several years, and this year offered more than \$2 million in purse and prize money.

One thing on Bill's to-do list that he hasn't gotten accomplished is making reining the first western equestrian discipline to be adopted as an Olympic event.

What's the biggest change Bill has seen in the industry?

"The continued specialization of the American Quarter Horse," he says. "Shows were started to evaluate the horse. Who would have thought we'd evolve into cowboy mounted shooting competitions and an affiliation with that organization?"

It's the fact that American Quarter Horses are used in a variety of ways that Bill says — along with soundness and disposition — makes the American Quarter Horse timeless.

As March 9, Bill's official final day as executive vice president, is looming, he

knows the future of AQHA also includes him.

"I plan to continue doing work connected to AQHA in various areas," he says.

And get his health back on track.

"In July 2008, I got sick — really sick — with acute pancreatitis. I lost more than 70 pounds, and spent more than a month in the hospital. I'm getting better, but I still have one and possibly two more surgeries ahead of me."

He plans to play golf, spend time with his wife, Sue, and his son and his family, which includes two grandchildren Grady, who is 6, and Holland Rae, who is 3.

"I thought I'd like to

learn to ride a cutting horse, but at the World Show, I became an advocate of performance halter," Bill says. "I was so impressed by these classes that I really want a performance halter horse."

"I think performance halter exemplifies the American Quarter Horse and its versatility; almost every discipline had horses showing in the class — horses with ROMs in western pleasure, hunter under saddle, working hunter, roping, cow horse, reining, speed events and racing," he continues. "It indicates that AQHA can still have a competitive, versatile horse that has proper conformation."

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6 blk bwf str	429@119.50	42 mxd hfr	460@107.50
9 blk str	453@119.25	2 blk hfr	422@105.00
10 blk bwf str	384@118.25	53 blk bwf hfr	562@105.00
3 blk str	430@116.75	7 blk bwf hfr	424@104.50
5 blk str	513@116.75	11 blk bwf hfr	534@104.00
5 blk bwf str	508@113.50	5 blk bwf rwf hfr	453@103.00
5 blk red str	569@112.50	4 blk hfr	541@102.50
4 blk str	502@112.25	10 blk hfr	458@102.00
8 blk str	562@111.25	5 blk hfr	451@100.85
5 char x str	562@110.75	6 blk bwf hfr	567@100.50
13 blk str	565@110.50	7 blk hfr	455@100.50
5 herf str	374@110.00	7 blk hfr	565@100.00
5 blk str	587@109.50	8 mxd hfr	518@100.00
3 blk bwf str	591@108.50	3 blk bwf hfr	586@99.00
7 blk bwf bulls	445@106.00	10 red rwf hfr	517@98.75
4 blk str	627@104.75	9 blk bwf red hfr	547@95.75
7 blk bwf char str	668@97.25	4 blk bwf rwf str	630@94.50
8 mxd str	671@97.25	7 blk hfr	629@93.00
9 blk red bulls	591@96.50	11 mxd hfr	598@90.00
13 mxd str	722@95.60	7 mxd hfr	685@88.75
5 blk bwf str	704@95.00	5 blk bwf hfr	708@88.50
5 blk str	696@95.00	18 blk bwf char hfr	724@88.50
14 mxd str	814@94.00	11 char x hfr	638@88.25
11 blk str	810@93.75	3 blk bwf hfr	805@87.25
8 blk bwf red str	768@92.85	8 blk char hfr	635@87.25
13 blk bwf str	842@92.85	4 char x hfr	796@85.00
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2 blk	368@126.50	66 mixed	789@94.10	10 blk, red	734@88.50
2 bwf	435@125.00	14 char, b	846@93.00	12 brangux	635@88.50
9 blk	556@114.00	13 mixed	902@88.00	7 red	666@87.75
15 mixed	499@113.00	5 b, char	1019@85.75	13 char, b	816@87.00
7 blk	608@110.75	HEIFERS		25 char, r	754@87.00
21 char,b	589@109.00	6 blk	548@102.00	13 mixed	567@86.75
4 blk, red	570@107.50	14 blk,b wf	523@98.00	13 blk, red	818@84.75
5 blk	639@107.00	4 blk	559@97.00	6 red, blk	910@282.00
12 mixed	575@101.25	16 b, char	569@94.50	BULLS	
10 char,bk	650@98.90	9 blk	592@91.75	5 blk, bwf	475@114.75
27 b,r,chr	684@97.70	28 char, b	690@90.50	6 blk, grey	881@72.25
8 red, blk	656@96.00	28 char, b	705@90.10		

BUTCHER COWS: \$39.50-\$55, mostly \$44-\$49, very active.

BUTCHER BULLS: \$54.50-\$58.25, light test.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 23 Red Angus pairs, 3 yrs. old with 300 lb. fall calves at side, been running back with Red Angus since Dec. 1.
- 35 Red Angus pairs with calves from 6 weeks to 300 lbs. at side. Running back with Red Angus bull since Dec. 1, cows 5-10 years old.
- 8 Red Angus cows, 4-8 years old, heavy springers, bred to Red Angus bull. All these cows are from Darrell Hess of Gridley, KS.
- 20 blk, red cows, 5-10 years old, heavy springers or pairs.
- 140 fancy Angus steers & heifers, 600-850 lbs., home raised
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2-13-09: Total Receipts 741. A nice run of cattle for last Friday's sale. Light cattle weighing from 450-650 lbs. with condition for grazing are in demand and bring good prices. Cattle of those weight ranges with excess flesh selling lower. Feeders mostly steady to \$2 lower due to selling fats lower and lower commodities.

4 hfrs	@320#	\$114.00	6 str	@410#	\$118.00
3 hfrs	@325#	\$112.00	6 str	@475#	\$117.50
2 hfrs	@345#	\$110.00	6 bulls	@358#	\$116.00
6 hfrs	@388#	\$109.00	2 str	@443#	\$115.00
4 hfrs	@400#	\$106.00	3 str	@447#	\$114.00
5 hfrs	@386#	\$102.00	2 str	@415#	\$112.00
4 hfrs	@450#	\$101.00	3 str	@418#	\$109.50
3 hfrs	@480#	\$97.00	4 str	@520#	\$119.00
6 hfrs	@517#	\$102.00	6 str	@506#	\$116.00
4 hfrs	@545#	\$99.00	3 str	@523#	\$115.50
4 hfrs	@510#	\$97.50	3 str	@507#	\$114.00
5 hfrs	@514#	\$97.00	2 str	@590#	\$112.50
14 hfrs	@540#	\$96.00	6 str	@610#	\$111.00
5 hfrs	@563#	\$93.00	14 str	@636#	\$109.00
4 hfrs	@610#	\$98.00	7 str	@609#	\$107.00
18 hfrs	@604#	\$96.00	3 str	@630#	\$105.25
3 hfrs	@630#	\$95.00	8 str	@686#	\$98.75
12 hfrs	@642#	\$92.00	2 str	@648#	\$96.50
4 hfrs	@606#	\$90.50	5 str	@689#	\$96.00
4 hfrs	@708#	\$90.00	5 str	@692#	\$91.00
16 hfrs	@711#	\$89.50	6 str	@716#	\$97.50
5 hfrs	@764#	\$87.10	21 str	@703#	\$96.50
38 hfrs	@797#	\$86.55	3 str	@720#	\$94.00
166 hfrs	@796#	\$86.60	49 str	@789#	\$92.00
41 hfrs	@809#	\$86.85	4 str	@719#	\$90.00
11 hfrs	@885#	\$84.00	3 str	@765#	\$88.00
11 hfrs	@853#	\$83.50	6 str	@820#	\$94.00
16 hfrs	@959#	\$80.50	4 str	@805#	\$93.00
4 hfrs	@925#	\$79.25	9 str	@801#	\$91.25
4 hfrs	@1086#	\$77.25	4 str	@800#	\$90.00
3 str	@380#	\$124.00	11 str	@855#	\$88.50
5 str	@430#	\$122.00	3 str	@865#	\$88.25

HEIFERS

300-499 lbs. \$95.00-\$114.00
500-599 lbs. \$93.00-\$102.00, light test
600-699 lbs. \$90.00-\$98.00
700-799 lbs. \$86.50-\$90.00
800-899 lbs. \$83.00-\$86.85
900 lbs. & Up \$77.25-\$80.50

COWS

\$43.00-\$48.75

\$36.00-\$42.75

SHELLS: \$35.00 & DOWN

STEERS

300-499 lbs. \$109.00-\$124.00
500-599 lbs. \$110.00-\$119.00
600-699 lbs. \$91.00-\$111.00
700-799 lbs. \$88.00-\$97.50
800-899 lbs. \$88.00-\$94.00

BULLS: \$55.00-\$59.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 20

10 mix steers & heifers, 400-500

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
I really enjoyed Gordon's article about the terraces. I served on the Ellis County Conservation District board of supervisors for many years. My Dad started building terraces in the '50s with a Whirlwind Terracer which our hilly ground didn't make a terrace with a big enough channel. Then they invented a terracer that made a lot bigger channel. We also learned not to make the terrace so long and to use waterways instead of trying to reach a pasture to empty them into.

Our area in northeast

Ellis County is pretty hilly and also has a lot of clay which takes rain in only at 1/10 inch per hour.

I think we learned two very important points. The terraces gave us a guideline to work our fields on the contour, and with the advent of undercutters to leave the stubble on the surface we got a lot better infiltration.

It does take longer to work a field on the contour and more fuel but it really disturbs me that there is so much advertising of the GPS and using computers to promote straight rows. That's all right on flat ground but on

hilly terraced ground in tearing down the terraces and promote lower yields, and costs more in the long run as the terraces need to be rebuilt. At one time the USDA would not help pay for the rebuilds if the fields had not been worked on the contour. I don't know if that still is the policy or not.

**Bob Dickinson
GORHAM**

Access denied

Editor:
Not long ago, my family purchased a tract of land

south of our farm in Jackson County. To obtain access to a brome field on this land, we must use a county road that has remained unused for many years. Since all of this land was once owned by just one family, access was easily gained by traveling across the neighboring brome field. Upon sale of the land, the tracts were split and the access point to the field owned by my family is a county road.

We have faced opposition in using this right of way, even though my family is willing to accept all necessary costs of doing so. Such costs include moving fence and clearing brush in the right of way. These expenses are a more economical alternative to the substantial cost

of building a crossing to access the field from the pasture, which if denied access to the county road, is our only viable option.

In this day and age it is not easy to make a living and provide for a family, much less to do so by way of farming. Farmers provide food — a very basic essential of life. Every bit of food consumed (not to mention cotton for clothing and lumber for homes) has to be raised and harvested by a farmer. When I see farmers facing this type of opposition for something so simple, I am deeply frustrated. Have we lost sight of

the fact that our food does not merely come from the grocery store?

I was raised to support those who support me and not to bite the hand that feeds me. If this project was going to cause the county substantial expense, we would not suggest it, as we do not believe in wasteful spending of taxpayer money. However, there is NO cost to the county. Without access to the brome field, my family is unable to feed cattle that we raise to make our living.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW 1/4 & W 1/2 SE 1/4 4-5-10 Marshall County KS. - 240 Acres More or Less.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 27th Rd. & Zenith Rd.

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Frankfort KS: Cross bridge south of Frankfort then , East Southeast approximately 3 miles to 24 Terrace then South 1 mile to Wildcat Rd. then East 2 1/2 miles to 27th Rd then 1 1/2 mile South. From Lillis KS: 2 miles North on 28th Rd. to Zenith Rd. then 1/4 mile West.

Property is not on an all weather road

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: There is presently 46 acres of bottomland crop acres being farmed. An estimated total of as least 130 acres have been cropland in the past. Approximately 75 acres of brome is being used as hay ground with the remainder of ground in pasture, draws and trees. Good stock farm with potential for more crop acres.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 10% down day of auction. Property is not being sold subject to financing. Property is open for 2009. 2009 taxes will be responsibility of Buyer. Seller will have the option to convey property by Warranty Deed with either an abstract of title, certified to date, or an Owner Policy of Title Insurance. If abstract is used Seller will pay for abstract extension. If title insurance is used Seller and Buyer will split premium equally. Closing on or before March 20 and possession upon delivery of merchantable title. Escrow cost split equally by Buyer & Seller. Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co. is an agent for the Sellers.

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2 blk str	328 @ 116.00
2 blk str	403 @ 115.00
2 red str	523 @ 115.00
6 blk bulls	394 @ 113.00
2 blk bulls	515 @ 111.00

STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS

24 bwf/blk str	567 @ 119.00
7 bwf/blk str	582 @ 115.00
11 blk/char str	599 @ 110.00
5 blk/red str	602 @ 110.00
4 bwf/blk str	603 @ 107.00
17 blk str	648 @ 101.25
12 blk/sim str	655 @ 100.85
7 red char str	647 @ 99.75
9 blk str	685 @ 99.00
12 blk/char str	688 @ 98.85
4 blk/char str	636 @ 98.75
23 bwf/blk str	698 @ 98.50
5 bwf/blk str	699 @ 97.75
4 bwf/blk str	706 @ 97.75
13 blk str	731 @ 97.75
13 blk str	757 @ 97.25
5 bwf/blk str	657 @ 97.00
56 blk/char str	737 @ 96.85

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

11 bwf/blk hfr	557 @ 97.00
6 bwf/blk hfr	568 @ 97.00
11 bwf/blk hfr	567 @ 96.25
7 blk hfr	596 @ 94.50
4 blk hfr	566 @ 92.50
11 blk/red hfr	579 @ 92.50
3 blk hfr	612 @ 92.00
3 blk hfr	667 @ 91.50
5 blk hfr	637 @ 91.00
4 bwf/blk hfr	663 @ 91.00
14 bwf/blk hfr	708 @ 91.00
5 blk/bwf hfr	617 @ 90.75
6 blk hfr	648 @ 90.50
3 blk hfr	683 @ 89.00
8 bwf/blk hfr	720 @ 88.00
14 bwf/blk hfr	715 @ 87.60
14 bwf/blk hfr	703 @ 87.00
4 bwf/blk hfr	728 @ 87.00
8 mix hfr	754 @ 85.00
10 bwf/blk hfr	841 @ 84.50
39 bwf/blk hfr	906 @ 83.00

HEIFER CALVES

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1 blk hfrt	1270 @ 68.50
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2 blk cows	@ 610.00
1 bwf cow	@ 570.00

BULLS

1 blk bull	1425 @ 62.50
1 blk bull	1955 @ 58.50
1 blk bull	1840 @ 57.25
1 blk bull	1445 @ 50.50
1 blk bull	1385 @ 50.00

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 17

70 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 450-550 lbs., weaned, vaccinated

37 Hereford, bwf steers & heifers, 500-700 lbs., weaned, vaccinated

40 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 700-800 lbs.

30 blk steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs., weaned, vaccinated

90 blk steers & heifers, 600-800 lbs., weaned, vaccinated

50 blk, Sim cross steers & heifers, 625-775 lbs., weaned, vaccinated

62 Angus heifers, 800-825 lbs.

62 Angus steers, 850-875 lbs.

110 blk, steers & heifers, 700-825 lbs.

62 blk, Char steers, 900-925 lbs.

61 blk, cross steers, 925-950 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT TUESDAY, FEB. 24

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