



By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Stopping the slide toward divorce in farm marriages

Where are two letters I received from readers in the Midwest. I've disguised any identifying details to preserve anonymity. I have received several more emails from readers whose marriages are on the brink of divorce or who are unhappy with their husbands' relationship with their adult children.

I am a 57-year-old teacher, married to a 62-year-old crop farmer in western Illinois. We have four grown children not living at home. We have been married for more than 32 years.

The farm personality traits that you described in an article fit my husband and his family "heritage" with an uncanny sense of accuracy. It also seems to me that the anger that my husband can display when irritated at things not going his way, has magnified as he has grown older.

This past fall, I was ready to leave my marriage. The emotional stress that my husband's temper and his lack of tolerance have really taken a toll on myself and also on our children. At times, it can be a huge wedge in his relationship with our children.

As a mother, who deeply cares for her children, I find the pain of this almost unbearable at times. I fear for the future and the relationship my husband will have with his children as well as myself.

What would you recommend as a step in this solution to solving this problem? My husband is very resistant to seeing a counselor. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. The second letter goes like this: My husband has a lot of the same characteristics that you referred to in your article about being raised in an alcoholic home. I am nearing retirement age, and would like to figure out how I can tolerate living like this in the future.

He is a very charitable man — to other people, of course. He doesn't physically abuse me — he just says things that make me feel like I would be smart to get out — and let him try to replace me (which he sometimes threatens to do,

whenever I complain about something).

Our 38th anniversary is coming up and I'm surprised that I've lasted this long. I don't feel like celebrating — with him — anyway. So many of our neighbors have gotten divorces — it's scary.

Could you write an article about how to salvage a long-term marriage that might not last into the retirement years? **Recommendation A:** A heart-to-heart talk. You need to help him understand on an emotional level the pain he has inflicted and how you

feel about him and the future. Describe in detail the destructive impact of his disrespectful judgments and/or temper outbursts on you and the children. Call attention to the loss of your feelings for him and the likelihood of divorce if the marriage doesn't change. Be clear about time frames and the certainty of your actions so that he takes you seriously.

He will likely be defensive, blaming or argumentative. Remind him that all you want is for him to listen and summarize your feelings in a caring way —

there will be plenty of time for him to give his side of things at a later time. If he "gets it", then he will need to go through the door he just opened and follow through on the changes you are looking for. Meaningful and heartfelt apologies will bring healing to your heart.

Remind him of the bond and connection you once had and how you need to have that back again. He will need to invest time and energy into pleasing you and to show that he really wants you in his life.

If the conversation doesn't go well and he doesn't hear you, have a letter prepared to hand him with your feelings and worries described in graphic and alarming terms. Some men may absorb disturbing news better by reading than by listening — a skill they haven't used too much in the marriage.

Counseling may or may not be a part of the solution, but if not, he will need to come up with his own plan that is strong enough to solve the problems.

Recommendation B: Create pain and distress. Sadly people don't change until they have to — and they don't go for help until they are in significant distress. You have to create the conditions where he realizes he has something to lose by not addressing your very real concerns.

I believe under the right conditions, a separation or threat of a separation will dramatize the reality and gravity of the situation. Living alone, facing the financial pressures involved, watching the adult children side in with their mother, and the social repercussions within the family and community will not be pleasant to face.

Don't wait until your feelings are gone before separating because then it will seem like such relief to be away. Act while you still care. If any child has your husband's ear, maybe he or she will also reinforce your message that his behavior is indeed the problem and he will have to change to save the marriage.

Going for counseling may be one of your conditions for reconciliation. Or a demonstration of meaningful change — enough to recapture your hope that your marriage can be free of destructive behavior and can meet your emotional needs as well.

For further information on farming and marriage, go to www.valfarmer.com, especially the article on "With an Empty Nest, Another Bird Flies Away" available under sample columns.

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Purdue ag economist gives spring planting outlook

By Darrel Good
Corn and soybean prices over the next several months will be influenced by several factors. Important among those factors will be the 2009 acreage decisions of U.S. producers and the strength of the bio-fuels markets.
Expectations about planted acreage of corn and soybeans in the U.S. are in a wide range and actual planting decisions may remain uncertain for some time. Uncertainty centers around at least three factors. First, the prices of 2009 crop corn and soybeans continue to fluctuate, giving mixed signals to producers about the likely relative profitability of corn and soybeans in the 2009-10 marketing year. Second, there is considerable uncertainty about the relative cost of producing corn and soybeans in 2009. Fertilizer prices were very high in the fall of the year, but have recently declined, at least for some ingredients in some markets. The cost of producing corn in 2009

could vary substantially among producers. The distribution of producers who have paid high input prices and those who may pay lower prices could influence planted acreage, but that distribution is not known. Third, the sharp decline in winter wheat seedings and expected decline in cotton acreage in 2009 will result in additional acreage for other spring planted crops. The magnitude of that acreage is not known with certainty because some acreage could return to non-row crop production or be idled due to expectations of tighter margins for row crop production. In addition, the large decline in seedings of soft red winter wheat may result in fewer acres double cropped to soybeans.
On the issue of how many acres of corn and soybeans are needed in 2009, the size of the biofuels market will be one of the more important factors, particularly for corn. The majority of biofuels production con-

tinues to be corn-based ethanol production. That will continue to be the case for the next few years. However, the USDA acknowledged in the February 10 report of domestic supply and consumption prospects that sorghum is increasing in use as a feedstock in some ethanol plants in the Southern and Central Plains.
Under current conditions of relatively low energy prices and tight margins for ethanol producers, it is believed that the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS) will determine the level of biofuels production and, therefore, the demand for corn for ethanol. Those standards call for 10.5 billion gallons of renewable biofuels use in 2009 and 12.0 billion gallons in 2010. The standards increase to 15 billion gallons by 2015. Assuming those standards remain in place, how much corn will be used for ethanol production in the 2008-09 and 2009-10 marketing years? The answer is not straightforward. First, mandated

use is for calendar years, which do not match corn marketing years. Second, there is some uncertainty about the mix of feed stocks that will be used to meet the mandated level of use. Third, within certain rules, blenders can use surplus biofuels (in excess of the RFS) in 2008 to meet the 2009 requirements and can borrow some of next year's requirements to meet this year's standards.
In spite of the uncertainty surrounding biofuels production, it is clear that if the Renewable Fuels Standards are maintained, there will be large increases in the use of corn for ethanol production over the next two years and beyond. The USDA projects use during the current marketing year at 3.6 billion bushels. We would expect use to exceed four billion bushels in 2009-10 and to exceed five billion bushels by 2015-16.
The likely increase in corn use for ethanol, along with a rebound in U.S. corn exports, during the 2009-10

marketing year, suggest that planted acreage of corn in the U.S. in 2009 needs to be maintained at least at the level of 2008. For soybeans, an increase in planted acreage is not needed in 2009 if the U.S. average yield is near trend value of 42.5 bushels and use during the 2009-10 marketing year increases by less than 250 million bushels (8.4 percent).

The USDA will release the results of the Prospective Plantings survey on March 31. With the large decline in winter wheat seedings, it is possible that this report will reveal intentions to plant too much of one or more crops in 2009. Based on anecdotal evidence, intentions for a surplus of soybean acreage may be revealed in that report.



Friends and neighbors Duane Becker of Leavenworth and Glen Rihard of Bonner Springs looked over the Black Hereford breeding cattle offering before start of the 16th annual J&N Ranch Sale near Leavenworth.

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1982 JD 4840 diesel with Power shift 8 spd transmission, duals, cab, great rubber, great air, 3 rear hydraulic outlets, 2,000 hours on complete rebuilt, quick hitch, 200 hp; 8 suitcase wts will be sold w/4840 & 8 sold separate; 1975 JD 4630 diesel with cab & duals, great air, Quad Range transmission, Quick hitch, good rubber, 120 hours on complete rebuilt engine, new seat 150 hp; Suitcase wts. for 4630 will be sold separate; IH 560 diesel, wide front good rubber 2 pt. hitch, runs great

TRUCKS
1974 Ford F-750 custom cab grain truck with 3208 cat diesel engine and Allison automatic transmission, twin screw with 18' bed with 62" sides, dual tanks extra good rubber, good interior, twin cylinder hoist, power steering (nice truck); 1974 Ford LNT 880 gas twin screw grain truck with 477 V8 engine 5 sp transmission with 4 spd auxiliary, with 18' bed, 62" sides with twin cylinder hoist, twin saddle tanks good solid truck with air brakes & power steering; 1969 Ford F 750 with 391 V8 5 sp w/2spd axle grain truck with 16' bed with 64" sides all metal bed with twin cylinder hoist, tag axle, win saddle tanks; 1963 F600 262, 6 cylinder, 4 spd w/ 2 spd axle with 15 1/2" steel side bed with hoist; 1951 COE cab over 1 1/2 ton with 6 cylinder engine with 4 spd (cab & chassis only).

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APPROX. 12:30
1975 IHC 656 diesel tractor, WF, OS, 3 pt., 1 SVC, good TA, good 15.5x38 rears, 9618 hrs., front wts., purchased on Ernie Sharp sale, VG; 1969 IHC 656 gas tractor, WF, OS, good TA, 15.5x38 rears, 2 SVC's, 7372 hrs. with 1984 Koyker K5 loader, 7 ft. bucket and spear, nice unit; 1968 IHC 205 gas combine, 13 ft. hdr., good tires, always shedded and field ready; 1974 Chevy C-60 2 ton truck, 16 ft. bed with hoist, steel sides, wooden floor, folding stock racks, nearly new 8.25 rubber, 350 eng., 4x2 spd., PS, 39,130 actual miles, bought new and Medlins, VG; 1951 Chevrolet 3/4T pickup, long bed, step side, 6 cyl., 4 spd., body good, was in good shape when parked in shed 15 years ago; 1990 Vermeer 5041 silage BR baler, VG; 1991 Hillsboro 16x7 ft. bumper hitch stock trailer, good; 1974 IHC 430 sm. square baler; 1981 IHC No. 1100 9 ft. pull type sickle mower; 1973 IHC 1150 grinder/mixer, std. auger, hammers never turned, VG; Kutter 7 ft. 3 pt. rotary mower, VG; 1979 JD 1240 4R planter with insecticide and fertilizer, good; 1975 IHC No. 570 13 ft. disc, good blades; 1980 IHC No. 45, 13 ft. vibra-shank field cultivator with Noble leveler, good; 1981 IHC No. 133 4R vibra shank cultivator, good; 1969 IHC 7 ft. 3 pt. chisel with sweeps, good; Oliver 365 3x16 mounted plow with colters, good; Winco 18KW generator on 2 wheel trailer, good; GT 6"x36 ft. PTO auger on transport; Rhino 3 pt. 8 ft. rear blade; Danuser Cat. 1 rear blade, VG; IHC No. 10, 16x8 grain drill; 3 pt. bale fork and carry-all; 3 - 4 wheel hay trailers; old drill, works good; old IH side delivery rake on rubber; Clark pull type sprayer with poly tank, pump, booms; 12 ft. JD springtooth; 5 section drag harrow; 2 row weeder; Dearborn 3 pt. dirt slip; combine bin bottom; 2 row IH lister, shedded; roll-o-cones; misc. other old machinery for salvage, various scrap iron.

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In their seventh year of attendance and making purchases of Black Hereford breeding cattle, brothers Richard (left) and Rex (right) Buckhaults of Ellisville, Miss., visited with Phil Brice, new ranch herdsman, before start of the 16th annual J&N Ranch annual sale.

Gelbvieh board approves aggressive policy

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) Board of Directors recently approved an aggressive plan and policy to eliminate the Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) gene from the Gelbvieh herdbook. Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) is a genetic defect found in certain lines of Angus cattle. The Balancer® cattle registered with the American Gelbvieh Association have the possibility of being AM carriers if the Angus genetics used in the hybrid seedstock carry the AM gene.

The AGA Board began discussions on a policy at its January 2009 board meeting following recommendations from the Rules & Bylaws Committee during the 2009 AGA

National Convention in Denver.

With input from the membership, the AGA Board and staff began crafting a policy that will eliminate the AM gene from the herdbook.

“The AGA Board approved an aggressive plan that requires all bulls applying for an A.I. permit to be tested AM-free before an A.I. permit will be issued,” explains Dr. Wayne Vanderwert, AGA Executive Director. “The AGA is also testing the 30 most popular A.I. sires as a risk assessment for our breed.”

Vanderwert says the Gelbvieh herdbook’s exposure to the AM gene is relatively low, but obviously may increase as more

Angus sires and dams are tested. “We are in a good place and the policy will help us eliminate AM carriers from the herdbook with a step-up policy over the next three years. By January 1, 2012, all Balancer cattle will need to test AM-free to be eligible for registry.”

The other component that makes the Gelbvieh policy more aggressive in identifying AM-Carrier animals is the requirement to test all AM-50 females in the herdbook. An AM-50 animal has one or more AM-Carrier parents or more than one AM-Carrier grandparent.

“AGA is underwriting testing on the first 500 AM-50 females in an effort to identify the AM-Free

and AM-Carrier females,” explains Vanderwert. “We aren’t just concentrating on the sire-side of the pedigree to tackle this problem. By underwriting 500 tests this will cover virtually all of the AM-50 females currently identified in the Gelbvieh herdbook.”

“The AGA’s policy is aggressive and tackles the AM genetic defect from multiple angles,” says Vanderwert. “The ultimate goal is to eliminate the AM-gene from the Gelbvieh herdbook. This policy goes the distance to ensure the goal is met.”

A complete copy of the Gelbvieh policy and plan to eliminate the AM-gene is available on the AGA website at www.gelbvieh.org.

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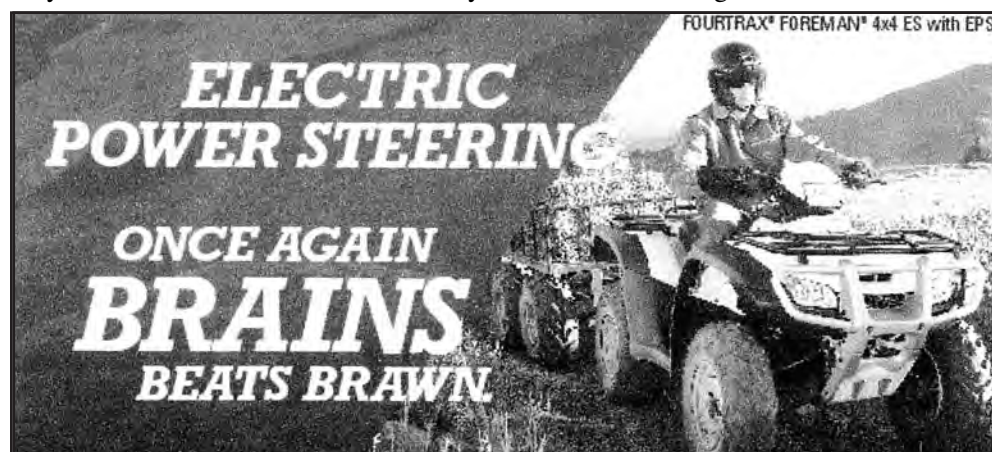
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Septic tank additives not necessary, says expert

When an essential system is hidden away underground, it's natural to wonder about its upkeep. Could a problem be sneaking up with no warning? Such is the case with septic tanks, an essential part of the on-site wastewater treatment system used by many rural property owners, said DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist. It's only natural to wonder what kind of regular maintenance might prevent an unexpected problem. One possibility being promoted is the regular use of additives for the septic tank.

"Property owners see and read advertisements all the time for various products that can be added regularly to septic tanks to keep them functioning properly," Presley said. Limited third-party research studies have been conducted on these products, but the research that has been done is not promising, she said. "This research has found no benefit in septic tank function to using any type of septic system additives. In fact, some additives potentially could be detrimental to the function or components of the septic system or to groundwater quality," she said. One research study, for example, found that the use of a biological additive caused the solid sludge layer at the bottom of the septic tank to decompose too rapidly,

Presley said. This led to rapid gas production. "As a result, solids floated up in the tank and were transported into the soil absorption field, which clogged soil pores, and led to reduced soil absorption rates," she said.

Another claim sometimes made for biological additives is that they are beneficial for the microbe population or diversity in a septic tank. Additives are not necessary for "restarting" microbe populations after the tank is pumped, or after the use of harsh chemical products in the home (such as drain cleaners, heavy duty cleaning products, or disinfectants), she

said. "In a matter of a few days, microbe populations will become naturally re-established after the use of these products," the soil scientist said.

A properly functioning and well-maintained septic system does not need septic tank additives at any time, Presley added. "In fact, caution should be taken in using these products to avoid damage to the components or interference with the system function. Rather than spending money on additives, a wiser decision would be to have the septic tank pumped by a professional every three to five years," she said.

Tips for healthy septic systems

There are many things homeowners can do, or avoid doing, to keep their septic systems in good working order, said DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist.

Avoid using garbage disposals in homes that use onsite wastewater systems.

Avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper. Items that are labeled as flushable, such as baby wipes and cat litter, may cause solids to build up in the tank and thus require more frequent pumping.

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Biology, however, prevents livestock producers from instantly responding to price changes. The timeline for meat production—from farm to retail—ranges from 2 months for poultry meat to 2 years for beef. From the time a female is bred, it takes about 9 to 10 months to expand milk production, 30 months to produce a steak, 10 months for a pork roast, and 10 weeks for a chicken breast from when incentives to do so appear.

Livestock production's varying timeframes make it difficult to change the direction of output quickly. Producers make decisions to expand or contract production before feed and product prices are known.

Biological lags mean that animal products consumed today are based on production decisions made up to 2 years ago.

Record-high grain, oilseed, and energy prices between 2006 and 2008 increased the costs of producing and marketing meat and dairy products. Expecting feed and energy costs to remain high, livestock producers began to cut back on animal and dairy production. But just as producers were making their livestock production decisions for 2009, feed prices began to decline. The dollar strengthened, which lowered exports, and worldwide economic growth began to slow.

As a result of decisions made before the end of 2008, livestock production will likely grow more slowly in 2009 and could begin to decline. Because of this, consumers can expect to pay higher prices for meat and dairy products through 2009, even as the costs of feeding and raising livestock decline.

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Saving, spending tips help young adults manage money

Changes in the current economic climate also are affecting teens and young adults, a Kansas State University specialist said. Young people who typically enjoy spending time with their friends can find it more difficult to cover the cost of dinner and a movie or other activities, said Carol Young, K-State Research and Extension financial management specialist.

With many costs rising, older teens and young adults who learn and practice money management and saving strategies may be better able to meet their financial needs, said Young, who offered financial management tips for young adults:

Make a list of current fi-

financial commitments, including basic health, car and renters' insurance, and other expenses, which may range from school expenses to rent, food, clothing, car payments and insurance, medical expenses, etc.

Prioritize financial needs. Housing, loan payments, and health insurance are needs that should rank high on the list of priorities. Entertainment, electronic gadgets and eating out might fall into a 'wants' category that should be monitored carefully.

Set financial goals to cover payments and obligations, and look for ways to cut basic costs, such as sharing rent and car rides. Shop for a lower interest rate to re-

finance a car loan or trade for a more economical car to eliminate the loan. Put the credit cards away. Using a credit card to cover an emergency expense that cannot be covered by cash available or an emergency fund may add expense — interest and other fees can add up quickly. Carrying a balance on a credit card obligates future earnings and income.

Choose credit sources with care. Avoid the temptation to apply for unneeded credit cards in exchange for an inexpensive giveaway such as a T-shirt or food. Carrying more credit than needed can impact current insurance rates and future borrowing power.

Keep receipts; verify receipts with debit, checking or other account status regularly. Reviewing receipts each week also can be helpful in tracking unnecessary spending.

Shop with a 'needs' list, and stick to the list to minimize the impulse purchases. Spending free time in stores and viewing shopping as entertainment can lead to unnecessary spur-of-the-moment purchases.

Using software programs to track spending also can be helpful. Such programs include Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Money and Quicken. Several free website programs or software downloads for financial

management also are available. Check the security of the site and take time to read the privacy rules before either uploading personal data or downloading financial management tools. One additional tip from Young touches on wise use of student loans — many students are overwhelmed with both college and credit card loans upon graduation. Plan to only borrow the minimum that you will need. If possible, try to

cover food and other living expenses with part-time work.

More money management tips are available at county and district K-State Research and Extension Offices and on the extension websites: www.oznet.ksu.edu and www.oznet.ksu.edu/financialmanagement. To access a basic money management program and workbook, go to publications and search for "Basic Money Management."

What's with the new labels?

New food labels on familiar products in the meat and produce departments at grocery stores may be helpful to consumers evaluating their food choices, a Kansas State University specialist said.

The new labels are an outgrowth of the 2002 and 2008 farm bills and reflect changes in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's country-of-origin labeling requirements on retail foods.

Included in the requirements are retail muscle cuts such as beef and pork roasts and steaks. Ground beef, lamb, chicken, goat and pork; and perishable ag commodities.

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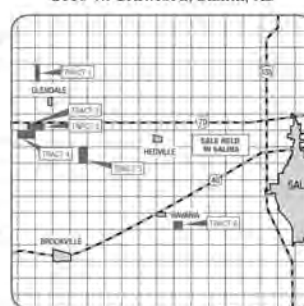
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Eclipsed stars, gulf winds

For those who equate the American robin, turdus migratorius, with the arrival of spring, last week must have been a direct dismissal of Punxsutawney Phil's dire prediction of another six weeks of winter. For two glorious days the red-breasted thrush was ubiquitous, stalking the fields for upper-level grubs and worms, chasing one another through the woods in fevered frenzies, singing from the tops of trees and splashing noisily in the small water dish we keep on the patio. Their sudden appearance did not go unnoticed by the other birds in the neighborhood. It was as if they, too, were swept up in the untamed exuberance of the robins, and matched their songs tune for tune. After winter's wearisome silence, the suffusion of birdsong was a welcome symphony, stirring the pulse and awakening senses gone stale. One

afternoon when I got home from work I rushed into the house and demanded that Lori come outside to listen. She was huddled over the stove with dinner on and shook her head. "Later," she said.

No no no, I replied, taking her hand and pulling her out the door. Her flash of irritation melted into a bliss I recognized as my own. Besides a male robin lustily (and rustily) chirruping in the nearest maple, there were meadowlarks, finches, house sparrows, Harris's sparrows, juncos, starlings, bluebirds and blue jays joining in the chorus. About the time we decided it couldn't get any noisier, a red-bellied woodpecker jackhammered the downspout and a pair of barred owls cut loose down by the creek, their who-cooks-for-you? a reminder that supper was one step from incineration.

Two days later the robins were gone. The fields settled down to an anticipatory somnolence; a cold north wind sang through the naked trees.

Everywhere I went people asked me, Where did the robins go?

Oh, they're around, I said, reminding them that despite their Latin name, robins overwinter on the

Great Plains, often in great numbers. During our annual Christmas bird count last year we tallied 462 of them, about an average figure. Hardly the herald of spring.

And yet when they do arrive it's a flood inundating lifeless fields with movement and color, an antidote to cold and snow and ice, and us cabin-fevered recluses only too willing to see in

their coming the promise of warmer days ahead. In this do we grasp at straws.

In their absence the days have warmed and cooled in the perpetual fluctuations that mark one season's culmination and the unfolding of another. Bluebirds have moved into the nest boxes and irises push through the soil, but mornings are white with frost and the inevitable wind cuts like razors.

My own harbinger of spring is the northward migration of geese. Two nights ago I returned home late and dousing the headlights plunged into a darkness relieved only by a glittering field of diamonds and the dim glow of Christmas lights outlining the neighbor's house. Stepping from the truck, I felt a humid breeze

flowing from the south, a warm whisper of air redolent of salt and the distant gulf, and heard aloft the baying of geese winging inexorably toward the polar star. Their cries tumbled from the pallid ribbon of the Milky Way while one by one the stars forming the constellation Orion winked and flickered with their invisible passage, a raucous and ghostly pack ranging the starfields and nebulae. I stood rooted to the ground as the yelping slowly faded to obscurity, leaving in its wake a faint echo like an aural mirage shimmering the air, waning and waxing to the metronome of my heartbeat, until it at last intensifying and rising like a distant wind more cries split the night and winter silently slipped away.

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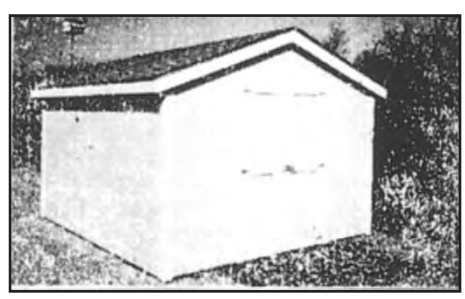
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The research, led by ARS soil scientist Ardell Halvorson, focused on irrigated cropping systems in the Arkansas River Valley, an agricultural region of Colorado that has high levels of

nitrate nitrogen in the fields and groundwater — due, in part, to heavy application of nitrogen fertilizer and the prevalence of shallow-rooted crops such as onions.

The first study showed that onions used only about 12 to 15 percent of the fertilizer nitrogen applied to the crop. Much of the remainder stayed in the top six feet of soil. The next year, Halvor-

son and his colleagues planted corn on the same land and found that it recovered about 24 percent of the fertilizer nitrogen that had been applied to the onion crop. Following that study, the scientists grew alfalfa on the land for five years, then followed it with a watermelon crop, followed by a corn crop. In the first year that the corn was grown, an unfertilized

control plot yielded about 250 bushels of corn.

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90 Gleaner R60	\$20,950 (H)

SKID STEER LOADERS

06 Bobcat S185	\$22,650 (SB)
06 Bobcat S130	\$17,500 (SB)
04 Bobcat S250	\$25,900 (H)
01 Bobcat 863	\$20,750 (SB)
98 Bobcat 773	\$16,850 (SB)
96 Bobcat 753	\$13,450 (SB)

MISC.

04 Kinze 3600	\$61,100 (SB)
03 Knight 3142	\$20,350 (SB)
97 AGCO-Allis 8610	\$39,500 (SB)
91 JD 780	\$7,450 (SB)

AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — 9:30 AM

To be held at the National Guard Armory located at the South edge (on #81 Hwy.) of CONCORDIA, KS.

Note: Be on time, this is a large auction, with many nice items, plan to spend the day.

FURNITURE

Kenmore auto washer; Kenmore elec. dryer; Kenmore 20 cu. ft. refrigerator w/cross top freezer; 20 cu. ft. chest deep freeze; gate leg wood dining table w/6 chairs; new style oak entry way coat rack; curved glass china hutch; Baldwin Aerosonic piano w/bench; 3 drawer chest; divan; assort. of simulated marble top tables; 8 drawer jewelry chest; 2 drawer file cabinet; mahogany love seat; 2 — mahogany round lamp tables; Singer elec. sewing machine w/cabinet; dehumidifier; assort. of luggage; porch glider; card tables & folding chairs; alum. fold up table; floor lamps; assort. of lamps; desk lamps; assort. of nice wall pictures & decorations; AM & FM radio; cassette & 8 track tape player; wall clocks; fans; Simplicity upright vacc. sweeper; 8 track tape player w/cabinet; quilt racks; ornate bevel mirror; assort. of chairs; tables; Sunbeam elec. mixer; blender; elec. skillet; silverware; Pyrex; mixing bowls; sets & partial sets of pots & pans; partial set of china; good assort. of kitchen utensils, pots, pans & other household items; throw pillows; bedding; quilts; table linens; hand painted lamps; ceramic figurines, cats, dogs & etc.; alum. step ladder; assort. of tools; assort. of garage items; lg. assort. of nice wall pictures; candelabras; stuffed animals; tree trimmers; yard windmill; yard people figurines; lg. assort. of other household & misc. items.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES

2 — Aunt Jemima cookie jars; Little Red Riding Hood cookie jar; Coca Cola; Robin Hood; & approx. 10 other cookie jars; 3"

crock bowl; Cranberry swirl water set w/pitcher & 6 glasses; etched cruet; 12 crystal stem goblets; etched cut glass nappie; cut glass relish plate; Czech red bowl; Germany elephant pitcher; Germany pig pitcher; Ital ceramic flowers; Elec. pressed glass lamp w/prisms, nice; Fenton hobnail ruffle basket; Fenton blue basket; Fenton amber bowl; Roseville planter; Roseville vase 206-7"; elec. "Gone With The Wind" lamp; dresser lamps; 5 gal. Wacanda Springs crock jug; pink depression relish; Willowmere sugar; assort. painted plates; 2 — Elvis plates; Hull sea shell tea pot, cream & sugar; Italy vase; 2 — Cupid vases, ornate; green Imperial; assort. pressed glass bowls; assort. painted plates; etched blue salt; Afro American cast door stop; cast Aunt Jemima door stop; 2 — cast African American figurines; 8" cast dog; cast iron bread pan; horse & eagle sculptures; eagle bell; 2 — painted urns; several needle point pictures & needle pint footstools; Cupid "Awake" & Cupid "Asleep" pictures; Native American mirror; several hand sewn quilts; lg. assort. of nice fancy work; cast bill holders; spooner; Indian picture; 2 — cast iron Budweiser Beer wagons w/8 horse hitch, old; cast iron carriage car; Swedish horse; 3 — Nut Cracker figurines; Desert Rose Francis Ware ie: Platter, cream & sugar, salt & pepper, salad plates, cups & saucers, dinner plates, bowls, gravy boat & etc.; approx. 60 pcs.; lg. assort. of other collectible & misc. items; Collector plates; Lg. assort. of very nice costume jewelry.

DOLLS

(100 plus — Complete list available on web site)

50 plus Barbie's, most MIB, 1 — 1989, 1990 to date; Anniversary; Coca Cola, Happy Holidays Special Editions; Wedding day, Special Occasion, Barbie Had a Little Lamb, American Indian w/Baby Blue Feather; 35th Anniversary Special Edition; Sun Sensation; Wet N Wild, 1989; Jewel Hair Mermaid; Teen Western Girl; Barbie in the 12 Dancing Princesses (2 dolls); Effanbee "Little Bo Peep" & "Alice in Wonderland"; lg. assort. of porcelain collector dolls; Brinn's i.e.: '85 June Calendar clown "Wedding Bells"; '86 January collector clown, 1985 Jerrie; Elvis Presley doll; 18" Art Deco Jester clown; Several Jester clown dolls; Christmas Around the World dolls "Little Match Girl" & "Maria"; "Priscilla" Porcelain Doll Collection; Doll Collection; "Victorian" Porcelain Doll Collection; Porcelain "Sonja Henie" 1992 Ice Skater; 1986 Tiara Dolls by Playmates 21" Love-Me-Baby; Mattel 2003 "My Scene" Madison; Super Model Musical Stepper; Marie Osmond "Fair Tale" 23"; Seymour Mann 1989 "Emily"; Bisque bride doll; Bisque pink angel; Disney "Minnie Mouse" Talk & Skate; Several Japanese Geisha dolls; dolls from Franklin Mint, Brats, Danbury Mint & others; assort. of doll furniture, school desk, 2 wicker strollers; high chairs, some clothes, sled, Barbie car; for complete list go to our web site, click on calendar, go to the auction date & click on highlighted DOLL LIST.

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BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	RE	\$B
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R&L Objective 8104

Bull 16192231



BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	RE	\$B
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Expert gives ranchers advice on deciding production schemes

Deciding on the use of one calving season or two calving seasons is a big first decision when producers are choosing calving seasons. Many fall calving seasons have arisen from elongated spring seasons. Two calving seasons fits best for herds with more than 80 cows.

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the economies of scale, a ranch needs to produce at least 20 steer calves in the same season to realize the price advantage associated with increased lot size. Therefore, having 40 cows in each season as a minimum seems to make some sense. Using two seasons instead of just one can reduce bull costs a great deal.

Properly developed and cared-for bulls can be used in both the fall and the spring, therefore reducing the bull battery by half.

Another small advantage to having two calving seasons is the capability of taking fall-born heifers and holding them another few months to go into the spring season and visa versa. Because of this, replacement heifers are always 2 1/2 years at first calving instead of 2 years old. These heifers should be more likely to breed early in the breeding season and have slightly less calving difficulty. Research has shown that these differences are very small, therefore the cost of the other six months of feed must be minimal to make this a paying proposition.

A disadvantage to breed-

ing heifers to calve at 30 months is found when "open" heifers are culled. They are too old to go to the feedlot and produce high grading carcasses that are available for some international markets. Therefore, the older heifers will be discounted heavily when marketed after an unsuccessful attempt to get them bred.

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