

EPA says farm dust open to regulation

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)— Nothing says summer in Iowa like a cloud of dust behind a combine. But what may be a fact of life for farmers is a cause for concern to federal regulators, who are refusing to exempt growers from new environmental regulations.

It's left some farmers feeling bemused and more than a little frustrated. "It's such a non-commonsense idea that you can keep dust within a property line when the wind blows," said Sen. Charles Grassley, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee who still farms in northeast Iowa.

Under rules imposed in 2006, rural areas would be kept to the same standards as urban areas for what the Environmental Protection Agency calls "coarse particulate matter" in the air.

The American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Pork Producers Council had petitioned the government to provide an exemption to farmers. They argued that evidence of harm caused by dust in rural areas hasn't been determined.

But the U.S. District Court of Appeals in Washington ruled Tuesday that the EPA had already provided the evidence necessary to determine farm dust "likely is not safe."

Michael Formica, a lawyer for the pork council, said this means farmers

now face the daunting task of proving a negative — that the dust is not harmful.

Formica said his and other groups will consider a further appeal.

Farmers said they will be hard-pressed to meet the standards.

In a letter sent Wednesday to the EPA, Grassley wrote that compliance would be impossible because of the dust produced in farmers' day-to-day activities. Grassley also has noted that because many rural roads are not paved, particulate readings could be affected by wind gusts that constantly change.

"After all, God decides when the wind blows, not Chuck Grassley," he said.

But the EPA said the regulation was overdue.

Every five years, the Clean Air Act requires the agency to review the newest scientific information and recommend changes to its standards.

EPA spokeswoman Cathy Milbourn said the changes are not just a matter of regulating dust. They serve the public's well-being and, regardless of whether someone lives in a rural or urban area, the threshold for unsafe levels of dust in the air must remain consistent nationally.

"It's health-based," she said. "We

don't look at a particular industry. The goal is to protect public health." When counties reach "non-attainment" levels, it becomes a state's responsibility to bring the county back into acceptable levels.

Milbourn said various options exist for states, such as retrofitting buses that run on diesel engines.

But farmers insist the regulation will affect their operations and eventually their bottom lines. And they said unlike fixing a bus, they have few options for limiting dust from their fields and roads.

Roger Zylstra, a director with the Iowa Corngrowers Association, said if left alone, farmers can compete worldwide. But regulation could impede their success.

He said there seems to be a disconnect between farmers and policymakers.

"Many of the people that are making the rules, it feels like they really don't know what (farming) issues are," said Zylstra, a Lynnville resident who has worked on a farm for 35 years. Zylstra said it's hard not to get frustrated.

"We think we've met the demands that have been put upon us and lo and behold, we have new and even more stringent demands. It seems really unrealistic."

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day March 21 at K-State

The 2009 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be March 21 in Weber Arena at the Kansas State University main campus.

The day is for more than youth of all ages. Parents, swine project leaders and other adults can also attend to increase their knowledge and abilities, said Joel DeRouchey, live-

stock specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "This educational event is hands-on and highly interactive. We're hoping to stimulate enthusiasm, as well as provide a foundation in the management and care of youth swine projects," DeRouchey said. In addition, the day will feature giveaways that total more

than \$500 in prizes. The cost to attend this year's Junior Swine Producer Day is \$10 for registrations received by March 12 and \$15 thereafter. All participants will receive a show-pig information booklet, a T-shirt and complimentary lunch.

The day's presentation topics will include: selecting a youth project,

swine skillathon, nutrition know-how, showing like a pro, and three experience-related breakout sessions.

More information and registration forms are available on the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry website at <http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu> or (785) 532-1264

KLA Young Stockmen's Academy meets in Topeka

A group of 20 young producers from across the state met in Topeka this month for the first installment of the 2009 Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA). Fort Dodge Animal Health is partnering with the association to host these members for an in-depth look into KLA and the cattle business. The class will participate in four seminars throughout the year, which will be held in various locations across Kansas.

During the first session, attendees were exposed to the legislative process, media and services provided by KLA. Spokesperson training, presented by KLA staff and WIBW-Topeka farm broadcasters Kelly Lenz and Greg Akagi, highlighted the importance of taking advantage of opportunities to convey a positive message on behalf of the agriculture industry. As part of the presentation, the group was provided interview tips and techniques. Attendees visited KLA headquarters and participated in a financial planning seminar, led by Kennedy and Coe, LLC, that focused on debt management and planning for the future of the family business. In addition, the class had the opportunity to visit the Capitol and attended a Senate Agriculture Committee meeting. Attendees also took part in KLA's legislative meeting, where they and other members determined positions on individual bills under consideration by the Kansas Legislature

The Kansas Beef Council (KBC) provided information on how checkoff dollars are used to develop and market new products that have helped increase beef demand. KBC staff also explained efforts to educate consumers about the benefits of eating beef.

The 2009 class includes Paige Alexander, Satanta; Chris Boyd, Isabel; Sharon Breiner, Manhattan; Parry Briggs, Emporia; Clint Bryant, Arkansas City; Travis Bryant, Penokee; Kyle Casey, Leoti; Garet Farney, Sterling; Brandon Greenwood, Wamego; Abbie Grossnicklaus, Mound City; Spencer Jacobs, Manhattan; Trisha Janssen, Geneseo; Derik Klaassen, Newton; Tiffany Lee, Leavenworth; Mitch Mayer, Alma; Elissa Mullinix, El Dorado; Clem Neely, Chanute; Erik Peterson, Lindsborg; Caleb Strauss, Junction City; and Andrew Sylvester, Wamego.

The second installment of the YSA class will be held in July. Members will tour operations representing various segments of the Kansas beef industry. More information about YSA can be found at www.kla.org.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow. Demand moderate for alfalfa pellets, dairy and grinding alfalfa, weak for grass hay. Drought, the economy, especially the beef and dairy markets and the supply or carryover of hay are on everyone's mind as they try to determine new crop alfalfa prices. Western and South Central Kansas will have very little alfalfa carryover and are very dry. Usage of alfalfa has remained below historical levels this past year as feeders use alternative roughages and heavier cattle placed on feed need less hay. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange. website:www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to soft. Movement slow. Alfalfa, last trades: Horse, small square, 210.00-250.00, large square 195.00; Dairy, Supreme 185.00-200.00, Premium 170.00-185.00, Good 150.00-175.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa shipped in 125.00, at the edge of the field, 150.00, some new crop 125.00-140.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 150.00-175.00, some new crop 160.00. The week of 2/16-21, 10,361T grind-

ing alfalfa and 2,095T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, good large bales 55.00-60.00.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to soft, alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, last trades: 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 2/16-21, 3,628T of grinding alfalfa and 577T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 170.00-190.00; Sun Cured 17% 185.00-195.00; Dehydrated 15% 210.00 and 17% 235.00. Straw, good large bales 55.00-60.00.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady to soft. 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 85.00-100.00, mostly 90.00-95.00, mid and large squares 70.00-85.00, mostly 75.00-80.00, large rounds 45.00-60.00. Mulch, large round 45.00 to mostly 50.00. Brome: Good, Small square 100.00-110.00, mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, large round 50.00-60.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to soft. 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

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North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady to soft. Movement slow. 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 90.00-100.00, Mid square 70.00-80.00, large rounds 45.00-60.00, some 20.00-40.00/large round delivered. Brome: Good, small square, 100.00-110.00, Mid squares, 80.00-85.00, large round, 50.00-60.00, 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.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales. Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

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Research group reveals progress for water conservation

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists are wielding a new weapon in the war on weeds. It isn't meant for direct action, though, but instead to gather valuable information on underground stores of weed seeds, dubbed "seed banks," that enable some species to re-infest fields for years to come. The elutriator, as the weapon is known, uses high-powered jets of water to blast seeds from soil-core samples taken 10 to 30 centimeters below the surface of crop fields. Scientists then collect the seeds to determine their species, number, health and ability to germinate. Until a few years ago, such seed sorting was done by hand over a sink with the faucet running, according to Adam Davis, an ecologist

with the ARS Invasive Weed Management Research Unit at Urbana, Ill. Now that tedious and time-consuming process is carried out with high efficiency by the elutriator, which can handle 48 soil-core samples. It blasts the seed with water at the rate of nearly six gallons a minute, or 360 gallons per hour.

Despite the advantage, Davis and colleagues were concerned about the water they were using to aid their weed-seed research. James

Moody, an ARS biological science technician at Urbana, studied the machine and proposed some modifications. These included hooking up a submersible pump to the elutriator's settling tank and installing a water meter and flow-limiting valve in the water line.

In trial runs and actual research, Moody's modifications consistently reduced the elutriator's water used by 13 percent, or 50 gallons, per hour, mainly by recycling the water. Further tweaking

of the machine could reduce water use by 50 percent, according to Davis.

Of particular interest to

Davis and colleagues is developing sustainable methods of weed control. These will include encouraging


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TRACT NO. 2: SW fr 1/4 19-15-13 Lyon County, Kansas. 151 Acres M/L adjacent to Tract No. 1 to the East on Road 395. approximately 75 acres previously CRP, could go back to crop production, balance grass, some hayable, timber, small pond. 2008 taxes \$480.66.

TRACT NO. 3: SE 1/4 24-15-12 Lyon County, Kansas, 160 Acres M/L NE corner Road US and Road 380 native grass pasture, tree lined draw, 2 ponds. 2008 taxes \$279.02.

TRACT NO. 4: S 1/2 SE 1/4 30-15-13 Lyon County, Kansas. 80 Acres M/L Northwest corner of Road W. and Road 380. approximately 21 acres crop ground currently alfalfa, balance timber pasture with small pond, excellent wildlife habitat. 2008 taxes \$221.46.

ORDER OF SALE: Bid by the acre, high bidder takes choice of 4 Tracts, by selecting one tract, combination or all tracts.

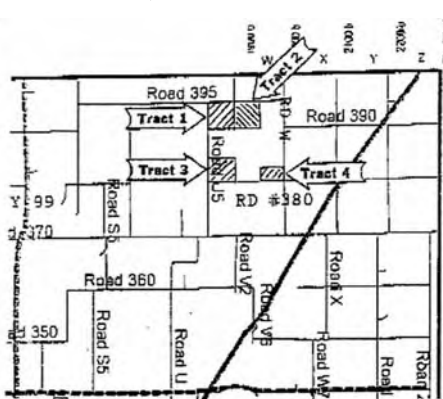
DIRECTIONS:
From Harveyville: West on 31 Highway 1 mile to Miller Road, then South 3 miles to 400th Road, West 1 mile to W Road, South 2 miles to 380th Road which is SE corner of Tract No. 4.
From Highway 56 and 99, 1 mile North of Admire: Go North on Highway 99 to old school house at 390th Road, then East 1 mile, North 1/2 mile to 395th Road, then East 3 miles to US which is NW corner of Tract No. 1.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 — 10:00 AM

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ESTATE OF JOHN KECK

DIRECTIONS: From Rock Road and 63rd Street (corner of the Fire Station) go east 2 1/2 miles to Greenwich, turn south and proceed 1/4 mile to AUCTION!!

NOTE: This is a lifetime of antiques, collectibles, primitives, glassware, tools, tractors, 3 -point machinery, older machinery, antique toys, pedal tractors, 100+ metal lunch boxes, lawn equipment, a barn full of lumber, piles of scrap iron and everything that you can imagine including a 1998 Ford pickup. More items to be discovered!! We will run (2) rings most of the day!!

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT
1990'S Ford 3600 diesel tractor, 3-point hitch SNB5N-N6015F, actual hours 1,437 (runs good); IHC Farmall Cub Cadet; Massey Ferguson tractor, 3-point hitch miscellaneous tractor weights; Ferguson 30 with 3-point hitch.

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Case International 5420 square baler, string tie, used 3 times; 3 point rear end forks; 3 point lift boom; 3 pt. 7" cycle mower Case Inter. Model No. 1300; 3 pt. seed/fertilizer hopper; 6' rotary mower; 3 point 2 bottom plow; 3 point weed sprayer; Huskee 3 point post hole auger; 2 wheel weed sprayer; 3 point 6' box blade.

VEHICLES

1998 Ford F-150 XL, 1/2 ton pickup, 41,000 actual miles.

MISC. OLDER EQUIPMENT

Manure spreader; miscellaneous scrap iron; fuel tank and stand; steel post; 2 old grain drills; 2 point cultivator; 3 point tumble bug; side delivery rake; misc. hog panels; 3 gallon fuel tank; 3 point cycle mower; 4" pipe 2 wheel springtooth carrier; 3 point 12" disc; 3 point rotary hoe; dump rake; 2 pull behind side delivery rakes; front end loader, small tractor.

ANTIQUES

Western Flyer pedal tractor; fire truck pedal car; misc. parts for pedal tractors and cars; children's wagon; misc. Hardy Boys books; misc. adult calendars; misc. play houses; Western plates and cups; barn lanterns; boxes of old license tags; 1940's radio; approx. 100 plus 1960' metal lunch boxes; Dr. Pepper and Pepsi pop crates; Budweiser clock; Brass cash register; misc. old pop bottles; misc. old saddles; Steffen

Dairy milk crate; coffee grinder; 2 hand crank corn shellers; copper boiler; misc. pink and green Depression glass; Meadow Gold milk bottles; wooden crates; miscellaneous costume jewelry; several portable Singer humpback sewing machines with wood cases; children's toy sewing machiner; pottery; old first aide kit; children's furniture; cast iron kettles; cast iron skillets; lightning rods; Coleman lanterns; baseball face masks; granite wash tubs; old utensils; railroad crossing sign; meat grinders; snow sleds; 2 man saw; cast iron presses; galvanized tubs and cans; well pulley; misc. trunks; Mobil Gas cans; oak 2 wheel iron framed dolly; milk cans; cast iron wood stove; iron bed; ammo boxes; misc. bicycles; Roseville pottery; Queen Elizabeth coronation pitcher; Weller pottery; 1950's pink Sunbeam mixer; postcards; glass lamp shades; old barb wire; 1905 set of History of Free Mason books; wood wagon wheel; cast iron buggy weight; tricycle; child's bicycle; misc. Carnival glass; Singer commercial sewing machines; original Edison diamond disc phonograph with wood case; kitchen cabinet; treadle sewing machine; oak dressers; misc. chairs; misc. rockers; ornate oak dressers; Mission style rocker; 1940's Zenith radio; Borden's glass milk bottles; De-Corusey glass milk bottles; Fire King dishes; green jadeite dishes; glass gallon jars; glass washboard; misc. furniture hardware.

ANTIQUE TOYS

Circus wagon toy box; Tonka car transport; Tonka dozer; Erytl trucks; fire trucks; Tonka trucks; Ford tractor; misc. train pieces.

TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS

Tool boxes; pipe benders; floor jacks; hand saws; 5 speed bench drill press; carpenter's level; Sears electronic radial saw; Sears 10" table saw; car ramps; pipe vise; clevis; boxes of new oil; oil cans; grease guns; battery charger; drill bits; mitre box saw; saw blades; extension cords; complete tune and test kit; sanding disc; meat saws; brass torches; antifreeze; W&W grinder; air bubble; window fan; saw platforms; hi-lift jacks; tractor bumper guard; 3 point tractor arms; genuine Duff Barrett house jack; cement mixer; misc. gasoline engines; 50 gallon barrel and pump; acetylene bottles and cart; 2 - 1,000 bushel steel bins; nut and bolt cabinet; Drake press; air compressor; Sprunger 14" drill press; Bailey wood plane; new wire; heavy duty metal lathe; 2 small chain hoists; electric fence charger.

MISCELLANEOUS LUMBER

A barn completely full of 2x10's, 2x8's, 2x4's, 2x6's, 1x4's, 1x6's, 4x4's.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

John Deere Model LX176 riding lawn mower; Simplicity riding lawn mower; AMF riding lawn mower; spades; potato fork; rakes; pick ax; flat shovels; hoes; electric chain saw; all terrain 2 wheel cart; 2 wheel lawn cart; push garden tillers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lawyers bookcase; metal book shelves; metal shelving; aluminum windows and doors; 4 wheel dollies; metal cases; tire rack; wheel barrows; 1950's boat motor; 2 wheel pull behind wheel barrow; galvanized squeeze chute; floor jacks; cycle sharpener; galvanized burn tank; galvanized air roof turbine; misc. small animal cages.

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Top awards announced in feeding and carcass portion of Beef Fest

The Flint Hills Beef Fest announced the winners of the 2008 Flint Hills Beef Fest Feedlot and Carcass Contests at the Winter Awards Banquet held Sunday, February 8. For the 2008 contests, there were 58 separate contestants or entities that entered pens of 3 head of steers or heifers in the summertime grass futurity, with the majority of them carrying on to the feedlot and carcass contests recently concluded.

In the heifer division 89 head were individually weighed and shipped from Royal Beef at Scott City, on December 17, 2008 to National Beef in Dodge City, where carcass data was collected. Average daily gain in the feedlot for the heifers was 3.83 pounds per day. The average dressing percentage for the pen was 64.3%. 67 of the 89 received a USDA Quality grade of Choice, with 2 Prime and 20 Select. 76 of the 89 head were yield grade 3 or higher, with 12 yield grade 4's and one yield grade 5.

On January 7, 2009 the process was repeated for the 98 head in the steer contest. Average daily gain on the pen was 3.74 pounds per day, with a dressing percentage of 64.06%. There were 56 steers with a quality grade of Choice, with 40 Select. Yield grades were good,

with 93 Yield Grade 3 or better and only 5 Yield Grade 4.

The top placings for steers in the feedlot contest and average daily gains were:

First place to Spring Creek Ranch, Joe and Debbie Reinert, Cassoday, 4.77 pounds per day; 2. Darbyshire Farms, LLC, Dennis, Mike and Kevin Darbyshire, Hartford, 4.43; 3. Anderson Ranch, Matt, Julia and Mark Anderson, Alma, 4.42; 4. Woodbury Farms, Howard, John and Fred Woodbury, Quenemo, 4.34; 5. Darby ETC, Emily, Tammy and Connie Darbyshire, 4.26; 6. Leffler Farms, Jackie and Mary Leffler, Americus, 4.19; and 7. Arndt Farms, Mike and Steven Arndt, Emporia, 4.18.

The top placings for heifers in the feedlot contest and average daily gains were: 1. Spring Creek Ranch, Joe and Debbie Reinert, Cassoday, 4.73 pounds

per day; 2. Woodbury Farms, Howard, John and Fred Woodbury, Quenemo, 4.66; 3. Heine Farms, James, Tammy, Brad and Zach Heine, Alma, 4.36; 4. Woodbury/Lusk Cattle, Howard and John Woodbury and Ann Lusk, Quenemo and Osage City, 4.35; 5. Fowler Farms, Harry, Joan and Larry Fowler, Emporia, 4.33; 6. Leffler Farms, Jackie and Mary Leffler, Americus, 4.20; 7. Linsey Farms, Ronald, R.D. and Landon Linsey, Lebo, 4.17.

Steer carcass contest Winners were: 1. Anderson Ranch, Matt, Julia and Mark Anderson, Alma; 2. F&F Feeds, Harry, Joan and Larry Fowler, Emporia; 3. Ron and Janet Bathurst, Allen; 4. Jim Dause, Richmond, Ky.; 5. Lee and Marilyn Kidd, Fredonia; 6. Rocking Double E, Earl and Evan Porter, Fredonia; 7. Hannah Wise and Leigh Ann Swigert, Emporia.

Winners in the heifer carcass contest were: 1. Lowder and Keith, Jim Lowder, Amarillo, Texas and Brian Keith, Allen; 2. Leffler Farms, Jacquelyne and Natalie Leffler, Americus; 3. Ernestine Hatch, Americus; 4. Kristen Putman, Emporia; 5. Lowder and Keith, Jim Lowder, Amarillo, Texas and Brian Keith, Allen; 6. A & A Cattle, Jamie Adams, Neosho Rapids and Frank and Tim Arndt, Emporia; 7. Burton and Potter, Bill Burton and Roger Potter, Emporia.

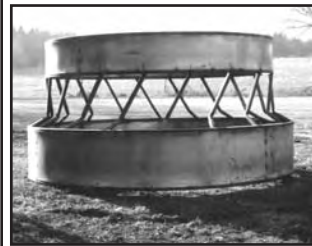
Tom Leffler of Leffler Commodities of Augusta sponsored a marketing contest in association with the Flint Hills Beef Fest for the second year. The winner of a "Bear Beware" sculpture, representing the Bull and the Bear in the marketplace, for the 2008 Feedlot portion of the contest was Rocking Double E,

Earl and Evan Porter of Fredonia.

The Flint Hills Beef Fest Committee would like to thank all of the cattle owners for their participation in this event, and we look forward to having more entries for the 23rd Annual Flint Hills Beef Fest in 2009. If you

would like information on the contests or an entry form, please call the committee at (620) 528-3444 or e-mail flinthillsbeeffest@yahoo.com. Be sure to contact the committee by April 10 to reserve your spot, as entries are taken on a first come, first served basis.

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This farm is located generally 9 miles northwest of Linn or 9 miles southwest of Washington; 1 mile south of Enosdale or 3 miles north of Diamond Center to the corner of 13th Road and King Road, then 1/4 mile east on the south side, this is the northwest corner of the farm. This farm is 80 acres, more or less, and is all native grass. The grass has been very lightly grazed in recent years. Water is provided by springs and the small creek that runs from southwest to northeast. Much of the farm is overgrown with trees, mostly cedars, cottonwood, ash, and Osage orange; this together with the small creek and excellent native grass, provides for excellent habitat for whitetail deer, turkey and other game.

The 2008 taxes were \$223.81.

Terms: 10 percent down, the balance due in 30 days. Possession will be given at closing. The buyer will pay the 2009 taxes. The escrow fees and the title insurance will be shared by the sellers and the buyers.

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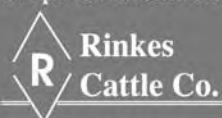


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Moran opposed to changes in farm safety net as outlined in budget

Rep. Jerry Moran stated his opposition to proposed changes to farm policy contained in President Obama's budget proposal — released last week — that makes clear the President's intention to phase out direct payments to farmers and substantially change the crop insurance program.

Moran's concerns with the administration's position on agriculture policy initially stemmed from the State of the Budget speech where the President proposed reducing direct payments to farmers.

Also this past week, Moran learned that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, in a meeting with the U.S. Wheat Associates and the National Association of Wheat Growers, commented that, "the future of direct payments is not going to be an easy future."

"Farmers in Kansas have made it clear that the direct payment program is the best safety net available to help them meet the challenges of high diesel and fertilizer costs and costs associated with potential increases in environmental regulation," Moran said.

"Direct payments are also the most market oriented by allowing the farmer to plant according to market conditions, and

it is the least disruptive of trade. The President's comments are not helpful for our farmers or our economy." "As rural America faces economic challenges, this is not the time to re-visit debate on the Farm Bill, where commodity programs were significantly cut less than one year ago," Moran continued.

Moran's concern with the President's budget proposal includes a provision that will change the test that determines who can receive direct payments.

Under the President's proposal, a farmer could experience a net income loss and be ineligible for direct payments because the President's approach fails to take into account expenses.

The change would affect over 4,000 Kansas farms, which is more than 13 per-

cent of farmers in Kansas who have listed their primary occupation as farming. "The President's budget released this week also calls for changes in the crop insurance program that will negatively impact farmers and might lead to crop insurance companies not offering policies in states with unpredictable weather patterns, like Kansas," Moran continued.

"If the administration is successful in implementing its proposal, it will severely hurt the agriculture industry in Kansas and frustrate the very economic recovery the President is promoting. It is clear to me that the President and Sec. Vilsack have taken a position that is out of touch with production agriculture."



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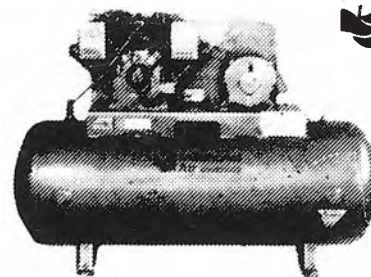
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86 acres, m/l, Washington and Farmington Townships, Washington County, Kansas Land.

North Tract

That part of the SW ¼ SW ¼ lying north of the road and Lot 2 in the SE ¼ SW ¼, all in 34-2-3, Farmington Township, Washington County, Kansas, 45 acres, more or less. There are approximately 9.7 acres CRP, 20.4 acres cropland, 11.7 acres creek and timber. The 2008 taxes are approximately \$310.00.

South Tract

The NW ¼ NW ¼ 3-3-3 and that part of the SW ¼ SW ¼ 34-2-3 lying south of the road, Washington Township, Washington County, Kansas, 41 acres, more or less. There are approximately 7 acres CRP, 23.6 acres cropland, .5 acre grass and 9.4 acres creek and timber. The 2008 taxes are \$292.00.

All the cropland on both tracts is open for spring crops. The CRP contracts expire on 10/01/14. The annual CRP payment is \$1,747, about \$1,015 for the north side and \$732 for the south side. The FSA bases for the two tracts are approximately 5.3 acres wheat, 36 bushels; 25.6 acres corn, 75 bushels; 9.8 acres milo, 71 bushels; and 6.8 acres soybeans, 17 bushels. These farms have been enrolled in the "walk in hunting" and "walk in fishing" programs.

These farms are a nice mix of productive Mill Creek bottom cropland soils, native grass buffer strip CRP, and Mill Creek wildlife timber and creek land.

TERMS ON THE REAL ESTATE: Ten (10) percent down, the balance due in 30 days. Possession given at closing. The CRP payments and taxes will be pro-rated to the date of closing. The title insurance and the escrow fees will be shared by the sellers and the buyers.

TRUCK & AUTOMOBILE: 1967 Chevrolet C-50 truck, 327 V-8, 4&2, 15 ft. bed & hoist, wooden box, 8.25x20's, blue cab, no rust, 59,930 miles. 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix 4 door, 125,740 miles, 3800 V-6, moon roof, gray.

TRACTORS: IHC 1066 Diesel tractor, white cab, 1,000 hrs. on engine overhaul, weak TA, 18.4x38's, good tires, 3 pt., SN 29835. John Deere 3020 Diesel tractor, wide front, no cab, 2 hydraulics, 8,900 hrs., 15.5x38 tires, 1,000 hrs. on engine overhaul, synchro range, SN 50405.

FARM EQUIPMENT: Koyker 510 front end loader, 7 ft. bucket, bale spear, quick-attach, like new, JD 3020 mounts; JD 210, 15 ft. tandem disc; JD 7000, 6-30 planter, plateless; monitor & Kinze type corn finger pickups for JD planter; Kelly Ryan 5x8 Feed-R-Wagon on 2 wheel trailer, some new chains; IHC 430 twine tie small square baler; Krause 10 ft. pull type chisel; IHC 4500, 18 ft. field cultivator w/harrow; NH 56, 5 bar, 2 wheel hay rake; Buffalo 6-30 3 pt. cultivator; JD FB-B, 16x8 grain drill, w/fert., yellow top; BMB 6 ft. pull type rotary mower; 7x18 flat bed 2 wheel trailer; Fact 8 ft. 3 pt. blade; 200 gal. 2 wheel sprayer; 20 ft. bale elevator w/electric motor; iron; other equipment and scrap metal.

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Lincolnvill, blk	1120@42.50
Burdick, blk	1440@42.50
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Lincolnvill, blk	2110@55.50
Council Grove, blk	1935@55.00
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By Frank J. Buchman

Young Emporia Cowboy Does Fancy Tricks With His Rope

Trick and fancy roping is not a lost art.

While the artistic use of a lariat in nearly unimaginable spins, twists, curves and maneuvers may not be of prominence as in days gone by, it is still alive and well.

Emporia native Jake Miller, 18, is living proof of that.

Although Miller is a proven winner in rodeo competition, placing sixth in the year-end 2008 Kansas High School Rodeo Association team roping standings, he has taken his roping skills many steps further.

"I've been trick roping for more than five years now. I started out doing a simple spin with my rope,

and I've continued to build on that," explained Miller, who performed his fancy roping during the recent EquiFest of Kansas at Wichita. He's also trick roped at several rodeos and special events in the area during recent years.

Quickly notable though is that Miller's interests and talents with a rope may come in his genetics. Certainly, his teacher is arguably the best trick roper in the world.

"J.W. Stoker is my great uncle. He's my mom's uncle, and my grandma's brother," Miller qualified. "I've spent lots of time learning from J.W., and I actually live with him now at his ranch in Weatherford, Texas."

Stoker started performing publicly at age 10, was on the Wheaties cereal box as the juvenile world champion trick rider at 12, worked for the Casey Tibbs Wild West Show in Japan, has trick roped in ten other countries and was Pro Rodeo's Entertainer of the Year two times. He's been inducted into both the National and Texas Cowboy Halls of Fame.

Appropriately known as the King of the Cowboy Trick Ropers and Riders, Stoker, 81, continues as a regular performer at conventions, rodeos, the Fort Worth Stockyards and other special events.

Additionally, Stoker

coaches trick riding for the All American Cowgirl Chicks, a rodeo entertainment team, of which Miller is an attraction with his trick roping. Miller was working with that group during the EquiFest.

Son of Brad and Debbie Miller, Jake was initially encouraged by his dad, a champion team roper, to focus on learning to team rope before trying to do tricks.

"We were at a rodeo near Eureka, when Barney Kelly saw Jake trying to do a butterfly loop, showed him the procedure, and he picked it right up. Jake is such a natural with a rope," Brad Miller described.

Although Brad Miller can do several rope tricks, he insisted, "Jake can do more left-handed than I can right-handed. You're really supposed to do fancy roping the opposite direction from when roping cattle, so I always do it the wrong direction."

"But Jake got started out right, and whenever he sees somebody do a different trick, he'll figure out how



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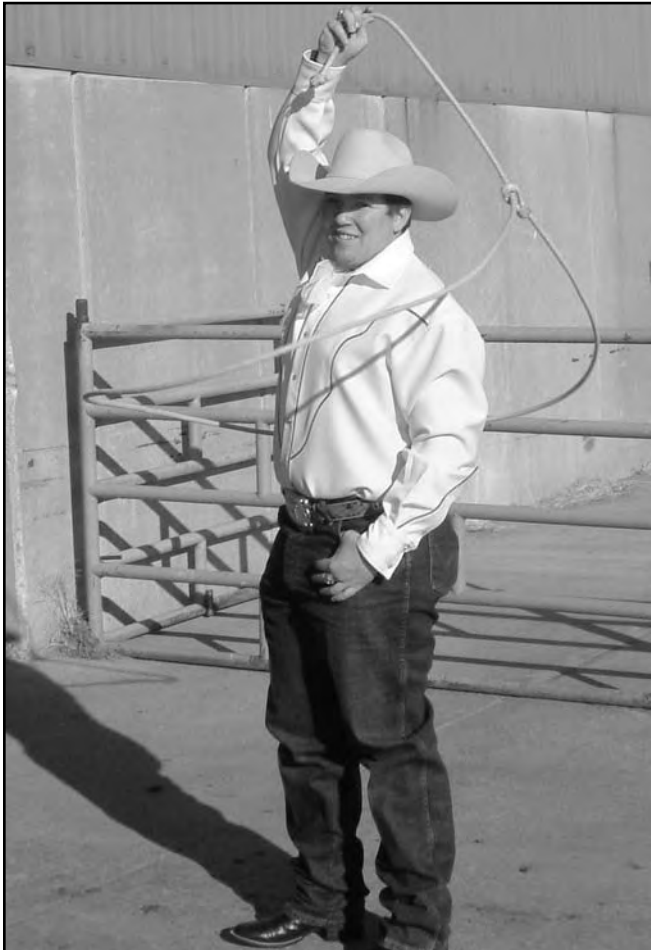
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to do it right away," Dad credited. "Jake practices hard."

A further note on Jake's heritage: his grandmother, Bessie (Stoker) Fugate was a trick rider and performed alongside her brother, and sister Frankie (Hill of Canadian, Texas) in the 1940s with the Clyde S. Miller Rodeo Show. Their parents, Frank and Wilma Stoker of Overland Park, also worked for the company with livestock and outfits.

Miller has spent some vacation time at Stoker's ranch and has also traveled with him to a few shows during the past several years perfecting his roping technique.

"My dad suggested that I go to college in Weatherford and live with J.W., to learn from him while I could. I'm happy that I took Dad's advice," Miller emphasized. "I'm not being prejudiced, but J.W. is one of the best trick ropers ever. Certainly,

he's the oldest continually performing trick roper in the world."

Living with Stoker is an asset to expanding Miller's skills, but uniquely coincidental, it's also a benefit for his career choice. "I'm a freshman at Weatherford College, with my studies directed toward being a chiropractor," Miller informed. "That's at least a six-year curriculum, but I'll be able to transfer to nearby Fort Worth College to complete it."

With regular trick roping

performances throughout the country, Miller, a full-time student, acknowledged, "My instructors have been very cooperative. I had a test scheduled today, but they let me take it ahead of time, so I could be here."

Although Miller wouldn't reveal exactly how many tricks are in his repertoire, he said, "I don't know as many as J.W., but he keeps giving me pointers, and I keep working on them. I also have videos, including those of Will Rogers from back in the '30s, which I still watch and

study to expand my abilities."

Another accomplished trick roper, Vince Bruce from Wisconsin is also staying at the Stoker Ranch. "He came down here so he could practice his trick and Roman riding during the winter," Miller reported. "Vince may have the record for the largest flat spin loop, and he's sure helped me on several rope tricks, too."

"Every trick builds on what has been done in the past, and then it has to be put

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together. The main thing is just to not let the loop stop, once it starts,” noted Miller, who tries to practice an hour daily.

At least 20 completely different tricks can be performed with ease. Miller contended that “jumping through the ocean wave” is the most difficult maneuver he’s working on. Jumping in and out of a giant spinning loop is a favorite of spectators.

Stoker introduced black light trick roping to rodeos in 1953 after returning home from special services in the Army during the Korean War. Miller used black light during a USO Veteran’s Show at Emporia State University and intends to incorporate that technique into some future performances.

Running horse catches were one of Stoker’s feature acts, with six horses and riders caught in one loop. “I’m just beginning to start practicing on horse catches,” Miller commented.

Horses are always a big part of Stoker’s shows. “J.W.’s main horse, Hot Dig-gity, passed away seven years ago, but he has Blanco, a white gelding, and Romeo, a palomino Paint stallion,” Miller stated. “They’re good and getting better, but not near as talented as Hot Dig-gity. He was one of the best high school trained horses, ever.”

Stoker always stood up on his horses while spinning loops, and sometimes even spun the ropes while Hot Dig-gity was rearing. “I am just getting started doing tricks with his horses, too. I really like to work with Romeo, because he’s so playful,” Miller revealed.

Appreciative of the opportunity to perform with the

Cowgirl Chicks, Miller knows each of the riders well. “Trish Lynn organized the group 11 years ago and is in charge of coordinating all of the shows as well as travel schedules,” Miller expressed. “She is really talented, and even performs a song while I’m doing my routine.”

The group had 89 engagements last year. “I try to go with them whenever they ask me,” Miller assured. “They do the Fort Worth Cowtown Coliseum Rodeo every weekend when they’re home, and I usually trick rope with them there.”

Locally, Miller has performed on numerous occasions, including the Flint Hills Rodeo at Strong City the past two years. “Last year, I did my performance to music, with announcer Roger Mooney explaining my various tricks as I was going through them. That really makes a higher quality show for the audience and me, too,” Miller remarked.

For his appearances, Miller wears colorful western shirts, with heavily starched blue jeans, spit-shined boots and a carefully shaped hat. Yet to date, his wardrobe doesn’t match Stoker’s 30 fancy fringed-rhinestone shirts, embroidered, fitted trousers, Ten pairs of handmade boots and 10 styled hats. That’ll likely come with more

engagements.

As if he isn’t busy enough with full-time college and trick roping performances, Miller also works at C.B. Fincher’s Western Wear, and has worked at Luskey’s/Ryon’s western store in Fort Worth.

The roper fits right into those positions, since he spent a lot of time helping at his family’s western store, Jim’s Cowboy Shop in Emporia. Miller learned to shape felt hats from his grandpa Jim (Fugate), who is also credited for coaching him on his trick roping, when he’d practice for hours in front of the store, owned by the family more than 30 years.

During Miller’s final performance at the EquiFest, he concluded with 20-plus Texas skips as the crowd cheered him on. As a curtain call, announcer Jerry Hedrick welcomed Miller back into the arena, explained how his career had developed and paid special appreciation to Miller along with Trish Lynn and the Cowgirl Chicks.

While chiropracy is his intended career, Miller summarized, “I really like to rope, and I plan to continue to keep expanding my tricks, so hopefully I’ll be able to do shows throughout my life.”

(Next week: “The Cow-girl Chicks.”)

Minerals important for top beef production, says researcher

Research at the University of Missouri has shown that mineral supplementation is essential for good health and adequate performance of beef cows according to Gary Naylor, a livestock specialist with the University of Missouri Extension.

“Beef cows that received supplemental minerals had a higher percentage calf crop than groups that were not supplemented,” said Naylor.

He notes that the minerals do not have to be expensive to do the job.

“Some companies promote minerals that can cost four times as much and result in no increase in performance,” said Naylor.

Naylor recommends supplementing with a basic mineral mix of salt, calcium, phosphorus and essential trace minerals.

“The phosphorus content should be five to seven percent. A good low cost formula would contain 30 percent dicalcium phosphate and 70 percent trace mineral salt,” said Naylor.

He explains that a beef cow should consume two

ounces per head per day of this mix.

Naylor recommends adding dried molasses or soybean meal to help increase consumption if needed. He also says that a vitamin pack can be added to the mix at times when poor quality hay or pasture is the only source of feed available.

“In herds where pinkeye exists or has been a problem in the past, you can add chlortetracycline to the mineral mix. Research has shown a reduction in the incidence of pinkeye by nearly fifteen percent in herds that have supplemented with this antibiotic,” said Naylor.

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Prior to 2008, feed costs (concentrate, hay and pasture) accounted for about 60 percent of the cost of producing milk at the Southwest Center.

In 2008, expenses increased by over \$300, and all of the increase can be attributed to higher grain and hay costs. As a result, feed accounted for over 70 percent of the total cost of producing milk in 2008.

“Keep in mind that total expenditures refers to out-of-pocket costs. Replacement heifer costs, depreciation, return to management, and principal and interest payments come out of operating margin,” said Tony Rickard, a dairy specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

However, there is more to the story than simply higher feed costs. A research dairy is different in certain re-

spects from a production dairy. Research projects often last for several years and then finish only to be replaced by another project. Protocols sometimes involve major changes, some of which can be costly.

“Beginning in the autumn of 2006, we began a major pasture renovation process to convert the existing pastures from a patchwork of cool and warm season species to either a soft-leaf novel endophyte tall fescue or perennial ryegrass. Drought that fall resulted in a complete stand failure,” said Rickard.

Staff planted summer annuals in 2007 to provide some pasture for the herd, and tried re-establishing the tall fescue and perennial ryegrass. While better than the 2006 attempt, the stands were still not adequate for research purposes.

“All of this points to the importance of abundant, high quality pasture to reduce feed costs and the overall cost of producing milk. When pasture is not available, either due to drought or research constraints, and we are forced to feed more expensive grain and harvested forages, pasture-based dairies lose their advan-

tage,” said Rickard.

It is interesting, if not a little disconcerting, to note that the cost of producing milk between 2001 and 2006 has averaged less than \$10/cwt for pasture-based dairies; this compares to \$14-15/cwt for confinement dairies.

Today, projections are for costs to be closer to \$12-13/cwt for pasture-based and \$16-18/cwt for confinement dairies. This does not bode well with milk prices expected in the \$10-13/cwt range for 2009 according to Rickard.

“Our response to that challenge at the Southwest Center dairy will be to emphasize the use of high quality pasture while minimizing the use of harvested forages and grain. We do not think we will completely eliminate grain feeding, but hope that we will find the appropriate level that will optimize profitability,” said Rickard.

Remember that profit is income over expenses; when milk price is low, reducing costs is critical. Maximum profit does not necessarily come from maximum milk.

K-State Leadership Seminar to be April 2

A certified life and leadership coach and popular Kansas State University professors will be the featured speakers at the 2009 K-State Leadership Seminar. The topic for the one-day seminar — “Resilient Leadership: Learning to Thrive in Times of Change” — promises tips for weathering change successfully, a Kansas State University spokesperson said.

The seminar will be held April 2 at the K-State Student Union in Manhattan, said Robert Wilson, chairperson of the seminar planning committee. In choosing resilience as the theme for the 2009 professional development offering, Wilson said the sessions will focus on building the skills to work through change, yet also learning to recognize opportunities associated with change; understanding conflicts that arise during change and the effects of a changing culture in the larger world.

Featured speakers for the plenary session of the seminar include: Julia Fabris McBride, a certified life and leadership coach and keynote speaker: “Presence, Space and Courage: Three Doorways to Resilient Leadership.” Richard Baker, associate professor in the Department of Communications and news director of the K-State Radio Network at Kansas State University: “Change: What You Don’t Know ...” Michael Wesch, who will be featured as the luncheon speaker, is a cultural anthropologist and assistant professor in K-State’s Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. He has chosen “Invisible

Leadership: Because Nobody is as Smart as Everybody” as his topic.

The cost to attend the professional development seminar (from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) is \$55, which includes registration, a conference packet, buffet lunch and refreshment breaks.

New to the seminar this year will be two optional afternoon breakout sessions and professional development opportunities: “Resilient Leadership: Managing Self While Leading Change,” presented by Julia Fabris McBride; and “Leading Change at Every Level,” an assessment of personal leadership behaviors. The cost to attend the breakout sessions (\$20) covers the cost of both sessions; space is limited, and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The K-State Leadership Seminar is typically popular and early registration is recommended. For registration and more information, go to www.k-state.edu/leadershipseminar or call the Kansas State University Division of Continuing Education during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) Monday-Friday: (785) 532-5569. Deadline for registration is March 20, 2009.

The 2009 Leadership Seminar is the 13th in a series of professional development opportunities planned to address timely topics in leadership and facilitated by a volunteer committee drawn from the campus and community. A complete list of sponsors, who help to make the seminar affordable, is included on the website and in the conference packet.

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Kids’ ideas offer new views on issues facing the state during session

Building skills in public speaking is commonly identified as a benefit of participating in 4-H programs. So, it's no real surprise that 4-H members visiting Kansas’ capital this month weren’t shy about offering ideas to solve issues facing the state’s lawmakers. A mock legislative session allowed the 4-H members to debate the issues and consider current legislation. It was a new feature for Kansas’ 4-H Citizenship in Action — a two-day youth conference that nearly doubled in participation this year, said Anthony Seiler, who, along with fellow Sedgwick County 4-H member Michelle Hill, co-chaired the Kansas 4-H Youth Council’s planning committee for the event.

“The conference offers an inside look at state government and encourages citizenship, leadership and service,” Seiler said. “Recent elections sparked an increasing interest in politics, and students are paying more attention, particularly to issues that will impact them.” Seiler suggested the idea of adding the mock legislative session to the conference.

While creating this new opportunity, the planning committee identified the following as current high-interest issues for youth: 1) loss of state revenue and the subsequent budget crunch; 2) energy, including development of coal-fired plants; and 3) proposed changes in drivers’ license age requirements.

Teens from the planning team then researched the is-

sues to prepare study sheets for discussion and debate prior to the mock legislative session, said Ryan Yenni, a McPherson County 4-H member who volunteered to research the state’s budget. “It would seem like we have a lot of money, but it’s not enough,” said Yenni, who worked with state Rep. Clark Shultz from the 73rd District to do the homework. He put together a one-page handout on both appropriations and potential budgetary considerations.

Thinking about millions and billions of dollars isn’t something to take lightly, Yenni said. Spending decisions require not only homework but also a vision of what the spending outcome will be. Prior to the mock legislative session, discussion groups provided assorted ideas on budget, ranging from a “Why can’t we print more money?” to a shift in the school week to four days with extended hours that would save on utilities and other costs, plus allow students a day to work. The 4-H members participating in the discussions were not without passion.

Ashley Fitzsimmons from Pratt County, for example, proved to be an engaged, articulate spokesperson for education and its ability to empower citizens to lead productive lives and contribute to their communities. (Later, she also stepped up to the podium and spoke freely during the mock session in the House Chamber of the statehouse). While many of those in the discussion favored across-

the-board budget cuts, most gained knowledge about budget categories and the difficult choices required in cutting funds for essential services to the state’s citizens and communities.

Most also favored developing energy that would allow the state to meet its own needs and, perhaps, make up some of its budgetary deficit by selling energy to neighboring states. Changes in drivers’ license

age requirements and restrictions prompted wide-ranging discussion, as Seiler had expected: “Many, if not most of us know a young driver who was killed during our high school years.”

Yet, for many young people, the current license structure provides much-needed transportation to school and work. The 4-H members seemed more willing to review and update restrictions than to raise the

qualifying age. The 4-H Youth Council planning committee had worked with legislators to gain permission to hold the mock session in the newly refurbished House Chamber at the capitol, Seiler said.

Before that session began, Kansas Rep. Joshua Svaty from the 108th District introduced the conference goers to the elements within the chamber. He offered his perspectives on the historic

building and on opportunities to learn more about state government and get involved in the governing process. Rep. Svaty is a former 4-H member and among the youngest representatives currently in the House.

The Kansas 4-H members attending the conference also had sessions that focused on tips for meeting new people and interacting with legislators and government leaders.

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2 bwf, Little River 873 @ 88.00

6 blk, Lyons 920 @ 87.75

119 mix, Minneapolis 865 @ 87.50

58 blk, Hope 912 @ 86.50

14 blk, Hillsboro 938 @ 86.50

59 mix, Lincolnville 902 @ 86.25

HEIFERS

13 mix, Dorrance 430 @ 109.50

3 char, Claflin 393 @ 108.00

7 bkmx, Dorrance 368 @ 108.00

5 char, Kanopolis 395 @ 106.50

4 bkmx, Inman 539 @ 105.50

4 bkmx, Buhler 526 @ 105.50

3 blk, Tescott 532 @ 105.50

11 mix, Dorrance 532 @ 105.25

2 mix, Geneseo 458 @ 105.00

1 blk, Lyons 505 @ 103.00

2 rdmx, Dorrance 508 @ 101.00

4 blk, Geneseo 546 @ 99.75

8 blk, Little River 562 @ 99.25

6 blk, New Cambria 533 @ 98.00

20 blk, Lincoln 505 @ 97.50

23 blk, Windom 580 @ 95.00

2 blk, Assaria 618 @ 94.50

10 mix, Buhler 605 @ 93.50

3 bkmx, Lyons 625 @ 93.25

26 mix, Assaria 590 @ 93.00

7 mix, Inman 609 @ 93.00

20 mix, Lindsborg 606 @ 92.75

36 mix, Lindsborg 624 @ 92.50

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9 mix, Hoisington 711 @ 86.75

9 bkmx, Windom 704 @ 86.35

6 mix, Lindsborg 705 @ 86.00

9 blk, Hutchinson 706 @ 86.00

88 mix, Whitewater 743 @ 85.50

5 blk, Ellsworth 727 @ 85.50

9 blk, Tescott 844 @ 84.50

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6 mix, Hoisington 478 @ 121.00

121 red, Pine Bluff, WY 510 @ 121.00

7 mix, Lincoln 401 @ 120.00

7 blk, Inman 552 @ 120.00

1 bwf, Lyons 550 @ 120.00

3 char, Claflin 482 @ 119.50

1 bwf, Hillsboro 450 @ 119.00

11 blk, Little River 576 @ 118.00

6 blk, Lincoln 530 @ 117.50

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3 bkmx, Inman 485 @ 117.00

17 blk, Hoisington 555 @ 117.00

9 mix, Lincoln 467 @ 115.00

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129 red, Pine Bluff, WY 565 @ 115.00

3 mix, Salina 525 @ 113.50

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4 mix, Inman 520 @ 113.00

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14 blk, Little River 695 @ 97.50

45 blk, Hoisington 727 @ 97.00

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2 wf, Brookville 1700 @ 62.50

1 blk, Salina 1535 @ 62.00

2 wf, Brookville 1783 @ 61.50

1 blk, Culver 2130 @ 61.00

HOGS RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 103 BUTCHER HOGS

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10 mix, Lucas 255 @ 37.50

7 wht, Salina 236 @ 37.10

27 mix, Tescott 283 @ 37.00

7 wht, Lorraine 204 @ 36.00

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SOWS

2 hamp, Lucas 620 @ 50.00

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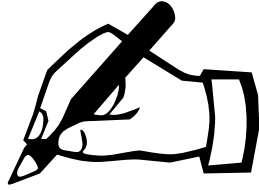
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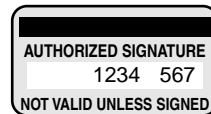
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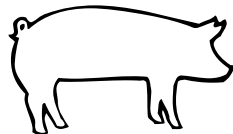
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Winter weather stress of calves can linger for weeks, says vet

Severe winter weather places stress on livestock herds that can dampen their immune response and lead to potential losses. South Dakota Cooperative Extension Veterinarian Russ Daly says the prolonged stress of weather events like the recent sub-zero temperatures and blizzards across the Midwest can cause problems that show up even after the weather improves.

“Wet, snowy weather combined with severe wind chills can produce stress that increases cortisol levels, which in turn dampen immune response,” Daly says. “This makes livestock, especially in young animals, more susceptible to a number of respiratory and digestive pathogens.”

There are some immediate dangers to the health of animals from severe cold, like chilling and frostbite, Daly said, but also problems that may not be apparent until seven to 14 days following the event.

Calf pneumonia due to respiratory pathogens like Mannheimia hemolytica, Pateurella multocida, and Haemophilus somnus usually shows up seven to 10 days following a stressful period or heavy pathogen exposure, according to Daly. “In young calves, scours organisms like rotavirus, coronavirus, and cryptosporidia are potential problems, and can manifest in a week or less,” he adds.

Heavy exposure to pathogens, such as when high numbers of animals are brought indoors, or when the stress is higher, can shorten incubation periods for these illnesses, Daly says. “In most cases, there’s little vaccination can do after the fact, so prompt identification of sick animals is essential,” says Daly. “Calves or lambs with respiratory infections often respond to antibiotic and other treatments that herd veterinarians would recommend.”

Daly said weather stress combines with other stresses animals may encounter, such as weaning, transporting, and processing. He suggests producers must consider winter conditions in light of management decisions. Anything that can be done to reduce weather stress to livestock should be considered carefully. “If processing or transporting, can be delayed until severe wind chills and wet, snowy conditions have subsided, they will reduce risks and losses.”

Daly said local veterinarians are the best sources for animal health information in adverse conditions. “No one else is more qualified to answer prevention and treatment questions in light of conditions on the ground in your area,” he suggests to producers.

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March is "Bake and Take Month," in which Kansans show kindness to friends and neighbors by sharing home-made baked treats. This event, sponsored by Kansas Wheat Commission and Kansas Association of Wheat has been celebrated by Kansas residents for more than 30 years.

Kansas Wheat encourages everyone to celebrate this event by baking a product and taking it to a neighbor, friend or relative. Those who write in to share their Bake and Take experience by April 13 will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of Kansas Gold, a book celebrating the 50-year history of the Kansas Wheat Commission. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: youth (up to age 17) and adult (18 and up).

Bake and Take Day began in 1970 as a community service project of the Kansas Wheathearts in Sumner County. The Kansas Wheathearts, an auxiliary organization of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, set out to share baked goods with family members, friends, neighbors, and those in need, generating goodwill in the community.

Staff members at Kansas Wheat, Aaron Harries, marketing director shares a favorite recipe that embrace them to the Bake and Take Tradition.

"This recipe is from my Grandma. I've been eating and enjoying them my whole life, and probably started making them when I was a teenager," Harries says.

Harries suggests the two recipes below will make excellent, easy-to-prepare Bake and Take goods to share with neighbors and friends, continuing the longstanding tradition of Bake and Take Month.

To enter for a chance to win Kansas Gold, participants of Bake and Take month should e-mail kswheat@kswheat.com or write to Kansas Wheat, 217 Southwind Place, Manhattan, KS 66503. Participants should include the following information: name, organization (4-H club, FCE, church group, etc.), phone number, mailing address, category (youth or adult), and a note describing the Bake and Take activity. Entries must be postmarked by April 13, 2009.

For a copy of the Bake and Take Brochure and Entry Form, log onto www.KansasWheat.org and click on the "Bake and Take Month" link.

Chocolate Chip Spice Bars

Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat Director of Marketing
 ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 1/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
 1 large egg, slightly beaten
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 ½ cup all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ½ teaspoon baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 cup quick-cooking oats, uncooked
 ½ cup semisweet chocolate morsels

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. In large bowl, beat together butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy, 3-4 minutes. Add egg and vanilla; mix well.
 3. In medium bowl, combine flour, salt, cinnamon, baking

powder, and nutmeg. Add to butter mixture. Stir in oats and chocolate morsels. 4. Spread dough evenly in ungreased 8 x 8 x 2 - inch or 9 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. 5. Bake 20 to 25 minutes, or until light golden brown. Do not over-bake. Makes 16 bars.

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The Ag markets really did all right last week considering the Dow Jones and the S&P 500 both fell to the lowest levels since 1997. The economic outlook is not good with the unemployment numbers coming in worse than expected and with so much uncertainty regarding how well past and present stimulus/bailout packages have worked. It is really hard to guess where the stock markets might go from here, but strictly from a technical perspective, we should look for the Dow to head toward the 5500 level

and the S&P to move toward 650.

The energy markets are looking a little bit friendlier. The crude oil is starting to move through trend line resistance, which is a notable development. Also the natural gas posted a reversal higher on Friday. The fundamentals of the energy complex aren't very bullish yet, but do keep in mind that unleaded gasoline demand is higher than a year ago, which is an important first step in an energy bull market and in economic recovery.

The corn market showed

some signs of strength last week when we saw the market move through trend line resistance. Unfortunately traders were looking over their shoulders and the stock market and the gains didn't hold and the poor trade on Friday dropped the market back below the trend line. For the week we ended up being essentially flat to slightly higher. The March contract gained 1/2 a cent and that gives us the first higher close on the weekly chart since December.

Exports were down this week at 448,900 MT. We

need to see better numbers than that or the bears will start talking about demand destruction again. We did see a large sale of 116,000 MT to S. Korea announced on Thursday, so this week's report should look better than the last one.

The only other news of the week was the USDA Outlook Forum and the preliminary projections that come from that. While the Outlook Forum numbers are not nearly as useless as the Baseline projections, they are still just wild guesses at best. The current guess for corn acreage is unchanged from last year at 86 million. Yield is at the second highest level ever of 156.9. Exports are projected to be higher, ethanol usage higher, feed usage lower, and ending stocks lower. Steady acreage has the potential to be long term friendly, be-

cause it is easy to see how demand for both old crop and new crop demand could be better than current estimates and the 156.9 is by no means a given. If yield is steady with this year at 153.9 we will likely see ending stocks below 1.5 billion, which is not bearish.

The July KW lost 5 1/4 cents in what was really just a sideways week. The \$5.62 area has been acting as support in the July KW for a couple weeks now. Failure of that support next week will be yet another indication that the wheat is headed back to the December low.

Export sales were very good at 465,400 MT of old

crop and 112,500 MT of new crop. Sales are good enough that a higher export estimate is likely at some point. The biggest problem with the wheat market is demand. We have lower new crop acres and a drought in the HRW area but the market won't move higher. Part of that is the outside market weakness, but part of it is that we haven't seen export sales that have been large enough, for long enough, to get the spec community interested in buying wheat.

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Both of those numbers would be bullish if the export market were a little stronger, but USDA isn't expecting that to happen since the new crop export estimate is down 50 million from this year. Like I said earlier, demand is the key to this market.

The July soybeans gains 5 3/4 cents last week, but it didn't feel like the market was higher at all. We had some strong moves higher at times, but the gains were small compared to last week's losses and they didn't hold anyway. On the bright side the soybeans are consolidating at a logical chart point so if we have some good news in the financial markets, the soybeans are in good position to start a move higher.

Exports were down from recent weeks at 339,400 MT, but that is still more than double what we need to see each week. At this pace USDA is more than 150 million bushels too low in their export estimate.

Soybean exports were one of the more interesting numbers from USDA at the Outlook forum. USDA has begrudgingly raised the old crop export estimate, yet has quickly pegged the new crop total at a new record higher of 1.225 billion. Part of that is due to the fact that they think the beans will be readily available. They have acreage higher at 77 million and yield up to 42.6. The record exports aren't enough to keep up with the production, so ending stocks are projected to grow.

The April LC made a strong bounce last week and gained about \$2.50. I am beginning to wonder if maybe that is all we will see. The \$86.50 - \$87 area is going to be strong resistance and we are going to need to see some better cash cattle trade to move through that level. As of early Friday afternoon cash cattle trade was basically nonexistent, but there seemed to be a good chance of seeing \$83. We will have to have that or better next week for the April LC to move through \$87.

The feeder cattle are in a similar situation. The April feeders moved up through the 50-day moving average

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his thoughts and impatience in his stride. The formula for success is clear, as if etched in stone — hard work. It doesn't hurt his standing in the community either.

There she is. A farmer's wife becoming desperate. She knows it doesn't have to be this way. Something is wrong. To her, her husband's work style is an obsessive selfish indulgence — an escape from

family responsibility — an escape from her.

Her plaintive pleas fall on deaf ears. "Spend time with us. The family needs you. I need you. Talk to me. Do something with me. Pay attention to me. Show me you care."

To him, she obviously doesn't understand. Work is as important and as necessary as breathing. The family's survival and happiness depend on it. He escapes

her pleas and then her wrath by throwing himself into that which he does understand — his work.

There they are. A farm couple at odds over what is important about life. The distances between them widen, barriers are erected, seeds of discontent are sown and the harvest is bitter.

The farmer is correct in that progress comes by setting standards and goals, scheduling work, performing routine duties and meeting the obligations of each day. It evokes a spiritual, creative release of his energy. The results are observable.

The farmer's wife is correct in that progress comes by devoting time and energy to important things. Marriage, children, social,

leisure and spiritual outlets all complement the duties of work. These, too, are obligations to be met. The results are unobservable — except as they bear fruit in the passage of years through lasting bonds of love and commitment. It is farming the soul as well as the soil.

Getting through. The wife's arguments on emotional grounds get nowhere. To her it is self-evident that family comes ahead of the farm in the bigger scheme of things. Of course she knows there are times when personal and family concerns takes a back seat to weather-sensitive farming decisions.

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Time off improves the work. Working smart, not hard, is often the key to greater success. The power of creative response to challenges and problems depends on gathering information from various sources and combining them in new and unique ways.

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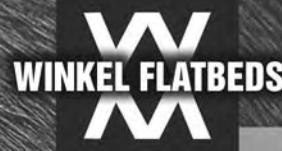
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Judgment is developed when it is exercised. For long term goals, it is easier to teach than to do it alone.

Making the farm a fun place. Work itself should be perceived as fun — something challenging and enjoyable. Some jobs can and

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The most important work. Spiritual pursuits also give perspective and meaning to farming. They put worship, compassion, and personal character on a par with work and economic success. What people believe, how they behave, how they treat others, and how the children turn out as loving human beings and as parents someday are more important than farming success.

Farmers can leave a legacy of both love and success. Financial goals of the operation are most readily achieved when there is a family atmosphere of love, cooperation and effective use of human resources and talents available.

For farmers, it means

that their most important work is within the walls of the farm house. When he does that work well, the other work benefits too. Seeds of love and kindness are sown, happiness blooms and the harvest is sweet.

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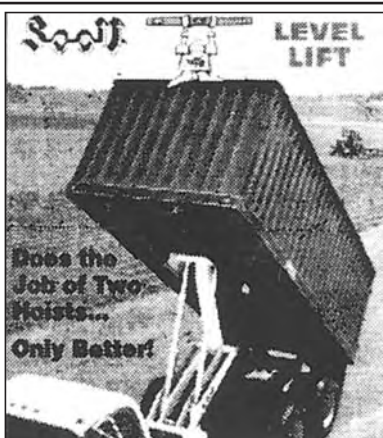
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Operations Manager, Jamie Farr enjoys hosting the event each year. He says "We always look forward to this opportunity to express appreciation to neighbors, friends, area residents and others who are an important part of our success."

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Researchers working to develop methods to improve cattle comfort

Using equipment not all that different from what a runner might take on a jog, veterinary researchers at Kansas State University are working to make life more comfortable for cattle.

A jogger's heart rate monitor and an instrument similar to a pedometer are a few of the tools K-State researchers are using to measure discomfort in cattle undergoing two routine procedures, castration and dehorning.

Hans Coetzee, assistant professor of clinical sciences, is working with David Anderson, professor of clinical sciences, and Brad White, assistant professor of clinical sciences. They are developing a model that can evaluate pain management drugs for cattle. Although producers and veterinarians sometimes use aspirin and other anti-inflammatory drugs, there are no pharmaceuticals approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration specifically for pain management in cattle. It is also unknown what doses are appropriate and how well they work.

"Producers and veterinarians want to effectively treat and prevent pain in livestock, but because these drugs don't have approval from the Food and Drug Administration for cattle they are limited in

what they can do," Coetzee said. "Our goal is to give producers the means to address consumers' concerns about the welfare of farm animals."

The researchers received a \$325,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop a model to assess pain in cattle. Coetzee said ultimately this model will help the FDA evaluate drugs for cattle by knowing how well they work and to recommend proper dosing.

"Managing pain is an inherently good idea, but it is critical to put science behind it because cattle can not communicate their pain," Coetzee said.

The researchers are basing their model on two common practices, dehorning and castration. The frequency of these practices makes them useful to study. More important, Coetzee

said these are routine livestock management procedures that the cattle are undergoing whether the researchers study them or not.

"We're studying common procedures, so we're not inflicting pain on the animal for the purpose of the experiment," he said. "Our goal is to improve the quality of life of the animals in our care without causing unnecessary discomfort."

The researchers took a variety of measurements. They used thermal imaging cameras to measure skin temperature. As cattle become stressed, blood moves toward the heart and brain, cooling the surface of the body.

To see how cattle are moving around, they attached an accelerometer to the legs. Similar to a walker's pedometer, the accelerometer measures the

up and down movements of the leg. Coetzee said the researchers anticipated that the more uncomfortable cattle are, the less they would move around. In fact, they found the opposite to be true, as if the cattle want to "walk it off."

To measure heart rate, they attached a monitor like on a jogger might strap to his or her arm. To affix these monitors to the cattle's considerably larger midsections, the researchers wrapped the monitors to the animals with bandages.

The researchers borrowed an apparatus used by barrel racers to gauge speed as a way to measure how quickly cattle exited the chute. Their assumption was that the more un-

comfortable the animal was, the faster it would leave. Although the experiment didn't accurately account for discomfort, it did tell the researchers other important data. How slowly cattle moved out of the chute indicated the effectiveness of sedatives, Coetzee said.

They also took blood samples to measure for levels of cortisol, which indicates stress level.

Each animal was its own control group, Coetzee said, which meant that all of these measurements were taken before and after the procedures. He said this was important because each animal had a unique stress level to begin with.

"We have some animals that are by nature a little

more excitable than others," he said.

Coetzee presented the research at several conferences last fall and most recently in November 2008 for the FDA.

Another facet of the research is looking at the weight of cattle given pain relievers versus those who weren't. The researchers gave some of the cattle drinking water spiked with a pain-relieving drug. Coetzee said the animals with the spiked water maintained their weight after the procedures, whereas the untreated animals initially lost weight.

"We're finding that maybe there is some additional benefit to pain relief other than just the ethical considerations," he said.

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Rust fungus issues may be concern of the past

The detection of 3,000 proteins produced in plants of common beans could help breeders develop resistance against the bean rust fungus, *Uromyces appendiculatus*, a major concern for domestic dry bean and snap bean growers. This rust is prevalent throughout the continental United States, according to research by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and cooperators. Plant pathologist Bret Cooper, at the ARS Soybean Genomics and Improvement Laboratory (SGIL) in Beltsville, Md., leads the research, which could help scientists determine which proteins produced in bean plants are involved in providing resistance to rust fungus. The symptoms of this rust initially appear as small white flecks on the upper leaf surface, then develop into reddish-brown pustules (small eruptions on the leaf surface). When severe infections occur, the leaves curl upward, dry, turn brown, and drop prematurely, and pod set, pod fill and seed size are reduced.

To make matters worse, in 2004, a separate rust fungus that causes Asian soybean rust — which infects soybeans, but not common beans — arrived in the United States. Domestic soybean cultivars have little resistance to soybean rust, and now America's second largest crop is severely threatened by this new disease. It is hoped that the discovery of the dry bean rust disease resistance proteins

will help identify similar proteins in soybeans and advance soybean breeding efforts as well.

Until recently, disease resistance genes and the proteins they produce were studied one at a time, but Cooper and his team used a process called high-throughput mass spectrometry to identify, at a much faster rate, proteins by their unique molecular mass. With this technology, they evaluated more than 3,000 rust resistance proteins in

bean over the course of two-and-a-half years, and measured how protein levels change in plants, and which ones provide disease resistance.

This study revealed more than 1,500 "molecular battles" — interactions between the fungus and the plant — and led to the identification of a potential set of proteins thought to be master regulators of a strong resistance response in the plant. This new information may help breed-

ers improve bean varieties that are currently threatened by rust. The scientific team also includes molecular biologist Mark Tucker, plant physiologist Kimberly Campbell, and bean breeder Talo Pastor-Corrales at SGIL, as well as molecular biologist Brian Scheffler at the Mid South Area Genomics Laboratory in Stoneville, Miss.

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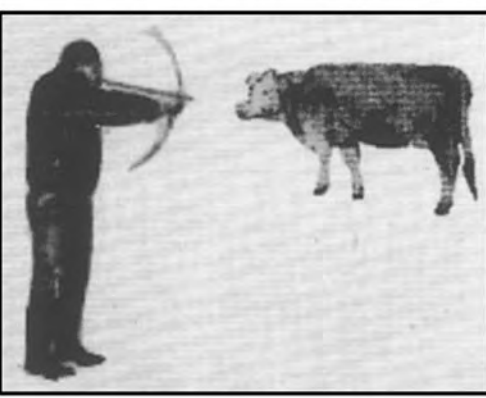
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"The export market in particular, wants beef from cattle with age and source information. It's not that

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Producers not retaining ownership to harvest records will have to search out feeder calf markets or feedlots that may offer higher calf prices for calves with trace back potential.

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Results of annual audit, five-year return-on-investment study presented

Farmer-leaders of the United Soybean Board (USB) and the soybean checkoff met last week to set funding priorities for the 2010 fiscal year. USB directors from across the nation reviewed soybean checkoff programs, discussed strategic approaches for 2010 checkoff programs and set funding levels to protect soybean farmers' investments well into the future.

An early highlight of the meeting was the unveiling of the 2008 annual audit results. This audit gave the checkoff a clean bill of health on USB financial records for the 2008 fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2008. The independent audit's objective is to test the financial records of the board to determine if the financial position and activities of the board are fairly presented. Such annual audits of the board have been done since USB's inception.

"The outstanding audit results reflect the seriousness with which our dedicated volunteer checkoff farmer-leaders take their responsibilities," says Chuck Myers, USB Chairman and a soybean farmer from Lyons, Neb. "The en-

tire board takes great pride in these results and remains committed to spending farmer invested checkoff dollars in the wisest manner possible."

Another highlight of the meeting included Dr. Gary Williams of the Texas Agribusiness Market Research Center at Texas A&M University presenting the results of USB's return-on-investment study that is performed every five years. The independent study showed the soybean checkoff program returns \$6.40 in additional profit to U.S. soybean farmers for every checkoff dollar invested.

According to the study, the checkoff has increased the size and profitability of the U.S. soybean industry since its inception. The checkoff has supported soybean and product prices each year by an average of 2 percent above what the prices would have been without the checkoff program.

"The results of this study should reaffirm for every soybean farmer the importance of their checkoff investments," says Myers. "Every checkoff dollar being invested is done with the most forward thinking in

mind and it's obvious that our board continues to be effective and efficient in the way we do business."

At the board meeting, USB Chief Executive Officer (CEO) John Becherer presented a summary of industry leveraged funds for fiscal year 2008. The figures showed that, in addition to the total 2008 checkoff program funding of nearly \$79 million dollars, there was

an additional \$40 million that was leveraged from industry and other entities.

"Our industry partnerships play a critical role in leveraging additional funds to support checkoff efforts to create demand for U.S. soybeans," says Becherer. "Bringing our industry partners to the table has allowed for greater collaboration in research and promotion through checkoff

programs."

During the meeting, checkoff farmer-leaders evaluated the long-range strategic priorities of each program area as well as the ability of each program to impact the market.

Efforts by the checkoff will continue in areas such as the development of industrial uses for soy.

The checkoff will remain focused on expanding the inclusion of soy into Asian, North American and European markets.

Checkoff efforts will also

focus on supporting the domestic livestock and poultry industries to drive education of the importance of these industries to the U.S. economy and soybean industry.

Supporting the demands of the food industry will remain a top priority in the next fiscal year, with particular emphasis on the edible soybean oil market.

Rounding out priorities for 2010 will be an ongoing commitment to production research and improvements to compositional quality.



Eric Bohl, Ellsworth, and Jeff Janssen, Geneseo, are past buyers of purebred beef seedstock at the Pied Piper-Mill Creek Ranch production sale and arrived early this year with intentions to make purchases for their cow herds.

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5	507	109.50	5	528	96.00
8	594	102.50	14	703	94.35
5	649	100.50	6	625	90.00
15	671	100.00	9	638	86.85
26	657	97.60	19	606	87.75
25	784	90.60	19	727	83.85
50	800	89.35	14	841	80.75
14	826	87.35			
26	826	87.10			
21	827	86.35			
58	876	82.85			

Fat hog top was \$37.00 weighing 258 pounds. 620 pounds

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274 mix strs & hfrs, weaned, vaccinated, 500-650 ...
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Representative sales from last Tuesday, February 24

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3	500	117.50	3	548	91.50
3	517	114.50	8	601	84.75
6	599	105.25	4	438	95.50
			4	818	81.85

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 3

39 black steers & heifers, 575-750 lbs.
32 black steers, 475-600 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 10

60 black heifers, 800-825 lbs.

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SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SHEEP & GOAT SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 11 O'Clock

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300-400 lb. steers, \$105-\$126; heifers, \$92-\$106; 400-500 lb. steers, \$100-\$118; heifers, \$88-\$116; 500-600 lb. steers, \$95-\$117; heifers, \$85-\$100; 600-7700 lb. steers, \$88-\$102; heifers, \$82-\$91; 700-800 lb. steers, \$80-\$91 heifers, \$75-\$82. Trend on Calves; Heifers steady and \$2.00 higher on grazing steers. Trend on Feeder Cattle: No test. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows \$42-\$46.50; Avg. dressing cows \$36-\$42; Low dressing cows \$28-\$56. Butcher bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$52-\$56. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Steady.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH - 11:00 AM

EXPECTING 600-800 COWS, PAIRS & BREEDING BULLS

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS

BULLS

• 4 Reg. Angus bulls, 18 mths old. Some are AI sired, good genetics. The bulls will be semen checked and weigh 1300-1400 lbs.
• 4 Reg. Angus 2 yr. old bulls, 1400-1500 lbs. Some are AI sired, good genetics, will be semen checked.
• 1 Purebred Black Simmental 18 mth old bull, will be semen checked.
• 1 Purebred Black Simmental 2 yr. old bull, will be semen checked
• 2 Purebred Gelbvieh bulls, 1 red and 1 black, 17-19 mths old, will be semen checked.
• 2 Black Balancer bulls, 1/2 Angus 1/2 Gelbvieh, 17-18 mths old, will be semen checked.
• 3 Reg. Angus bulls, 2 yr. old

COWS & PAIRS

• 80 1st calf heifer pairs: cows are out of Purebred Angus cows and Reg. Black simmental bulls. These cows are true F-1 cross, all are black in color. The calves are AI sired out of N Bar Primetime. The cows have had a Bovi Shield and Vira Shield vaccination and poured with Cydectin post calving. Pre-calving the cows had 2 Scour Guard vaccinations. The calves have had a 7-Way and the bull calves have all been castrated. Nice set of big stout true F-1 cows with calves at side. The pairs will weigh 1250 lbs. and none of the calves will be younger than 30 days old, all were born within a 4 week period.
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• 70 Purebred Angus fall calving pairs: the cows are 3 to 8 yrs. old and have had Bovi-Shield, Vira Shield and poured with Cydectin the last of November. The calves, 250-350 lbs., are out of Reg. Angus bulls and born in the last 1/2 of Oct. and first 1/2 of Nov. They have been vaccinated with Bovi-Shield, One Shot, 7 Way and the bull calves have been castrated. Cows have been exposed to Reg. Angus bulls from Dec. 1 to Feb. 8 for a 70 day calving period. Nice set of big, stout angus pairs that will weigh 1500 lbs.
• 100 Black 1st calf heifer pairs.
• 75 Spring calving cows, running age.
• 50 Spring calving cows, running age, some will have calves on ground.
• 48 Black cows, 4 to 6 yrs. old, bred to Angus bulls to begin calving March 1st for 60 day period.
• 20 Bred cows, 4 and 5 yrs. old
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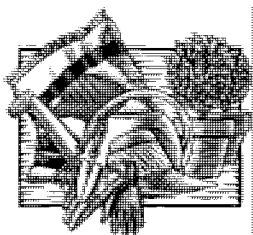
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