

Wheat harvesting becomes way of life

LIBERAL (AP) — Harvesting wheat from south to north across the High Plains has drawn many to a way of life that's hard to explain.

As Lester Glenn works on his broken-down combine, he knows all too well the ups and downs of harvesting wheat. And well he should, wheat harvesting has been his way of life for more than six decades now. At 82, Lester might possibly hang up the keys to his combine this year, but his friends, neighbors and family doubt they have seen the last of him out in the wheat fields this summer.

Lester Glenn began harvesting wheat in 1944 with members of his family, it got in his blood and he hasn't stopped much since.

"Made the first run north in 1944," Lester said. "I started down in Loyal, Okla. Went with my cousin, and we went as far as South Dakota sold out and came back.

"In 1945, Uncle Sam said he needed me, so I didn't go again until '47 I went again up to South Dakota with a crew," he explained. "Then we worked for my uncle out in Eastern Colorado, we broke sod. I worked for him until I got married in 1950."

With a wife and four children, Lester couldn't live on harvesting alone so he ran a ditching business during the winter to provide for them. However, harvesting was still on the agenda each summer.

"We were out in Colorado at the time, that is where I got married," he said. "And we had four little ones along the way, three boys and a girl.

"So I started and bought the first combine," he continued with a smile. "I worked around here and then the next year we went to Texas

and followed the harvest."

Working at his own pace for himself has always been Lester's way of putting food on the table.

"I always worked for myself," he said with a very humble amount of pride. "I have always been self employed."

When Lester started harvesting wheat more than 60 years ago, the going rate for a bushel of wheat was only a few dollars less than it is today. However, the cost of combines, fuel and wages have gone up considerably.

"I think back when we started, I can't remember for sure, but wheat was somewhere around \$1.25 to \$1.50," he said. "I haven't checked in the last two or three days, but now it is probably at around \$5.

When we started out we were getting about \$3.50 an acre for harvesting, now most of the guys are getting \$18 up to \$20. "I don't think there is near the money in it that there used to be," he continued, as he shook his head. "All along, my machinery kept getting higher. When I started, I could give \$6,500 for a combine.

Now it costs you almost \$300,000. I don't know how custom combiners can make it work unless they get their income somewhere else or unless they have some acreage somewhere."

Glenn understood the need for the second income, considering wheat harvest is such a gamble anyway. The ditching business he ran during the winter, along with a few other projects he had up his sleeve, made harvesting profitable for him and his family.

"The ditching business was good to us in the winter time," he said. "I would get somebody to take care of it in the summer time. Moved

to Liberal about 50 years ago, and so I worked and also did some plumbing and heating work. Then I set up sprinklers in the springtime. The first hydromatic sprinklers that came in the country, I helped set up the first one."

Although Lester enjoyed what he did throughout the year, nothing compared to harvesting wheat in the summer.

"It's something that gets in your blood," he said, as he wiped a tear from his eye.

Lester had slowed down for a bit in the '90s until tragedy hit his family.

"I basically quit in '96. I had turned it over to my youngest son, but he got killed," he explained. "So I had the equipment and worlds of parts, and it gives me something to do. He had been running it a couple of years before he died in '96."

Currently, Lester is harvesting, with the help of his family and friends, approximately 2,000 acres.

Lester's son isn't the only one who takes a couple of weeks vacation during the month of June to help him out, his mail carrier has been at his side for years every summer without fail.

"Bob Lovelace, he started with us, he takes off two weeks, too, he delivers our mail," Lester said. "He started with us when he was about 15 or 16, I guess." Lester thinks this year just might be his last harvesting.

"More than likely, it is gettin' too hard to do it and there are just too many sore places anymore," he said.

However, Betty feels that the yearly trip to the wheat fields has been what has kept him happy for all of these years.

"This is his way of life, and you meet the people and all the customers become friends," she said. "From Texas to South Dakota and then Colorado, there are friends everywhere. He did it every year.

This is good for him, these people are good for him."

Time will only tell if Lester will call it quits after this summer's harvest. But he really didn't have time to ponder much on that as he headed back out to the round top to finish getting the combine ready to make another trip back out to the wheat fields south of the Kansas state line in Turpin, Okla.



Reserve grand champion market beef at the Tri-County Fair was an entry shown by Devon Gaines of the Peabody Achievers 4-H club.

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Dairy buyouts continue, says industry group

Another dairy herd retirement was announced last week by Cooperatives Working Together (CWT). This is the second buyout by CWT this year and comes just days after CWT announced the results of its previous effort. It is also the eighth herd retirement round since the program began in 2003.

In order to have a more immediate impact with the new retirement round, CWT is shortening the time frame for producers to submit bids. A maximum bid level is also being announced for this round. "With the ongoing financial pressure on dairy farmers, and because the vast majority of farmers are familiar with CWT's Herd Retirement program and how it works, we shortened the bidding window to two weeks," said Jerry Kozak, President and CEO of NMPF, which manages CWT. "To expedite and simplify the bidding process, CWT will consider bids up to, but not to exceed \$5.25 per hundredweight. However, there is no guarantee that a producer who bids at the maximum level will be selected." Producers must still bid on a per hundredweight basis, and CWT will continue to review and accept bids beginning from the lowest bids received and moving up toward the maximum level. Bids must be postmarked by July 24.

"Carrying out a second herd retirement right on the heels of the largest-ever herd retirement should give us a double-barreled attack on milk production in a very short period of time, resulting in a farm level price recovery several months sooner than would otherwise occur," Kozak said. As has been the case in recent herd retirements, in addition to submitting bids for their milk herds, participating farmers will have the option of offering all of their bred heifers at a flat price of \$700 per animal.

CWT did not announce how many cows it hopes to remove in the new round.

In the just concluded herd retirement round, CWT said it removed 101,040 cows that produced almost 2 billion lbs. of milk. Altogether, CWT's buyout encompassed 367 herds in 41 states.

These figures reflect the final number of dairies that were successfully audited in the herd retirement process in May and June. CWT had received 538 bids from 41 states during the bidding process in April. As has been the case with its previous herd retirement rounds, most of the cows removed were in the western regions of the country. This round also removed 818 bred heifers.

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Jack Fink	Alma	6 blk str	665 @ 104.00
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow. Demand moderate to strong for dairy and stock cow alfalfa, moderate for alfalfa pellets, grinding alfalfa and grass hay. Hot and mostly dry weather with a few scattered showers has aided wheat harvest and hay curing. Prairie hay cutting is off to a good start, quality is reported good to excellent but, yields are on the light side.

Drought conditions in Texas have increased the demand for stock cow quality alfalfa and brome. Parts of North Central Kansas are dry and in need of rain for future cuttings of alfalfa. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares, 190.00-250.00; Dairy, 75-80 cents/point RFV, Supreme 140.00- 150.00; Premium to Supreme 130.00-140.00, or 140.00-155.00 delivered; Premium 120.00-130.00; Good, 120.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 95.00-105.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies 115.00-130.00, ground-on-the-truck 110.00-127.00.

The week of 6/29-7/4, 10,415T grinding alfalfa and 1,200T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Oat hay, good small squares 125.00 delivered, large square 100.00 delivered. Bermuda good, large square 125.00, small square 210.00 delivered. PM6 good, small squares 150.00, fair, some weeds 100.00-110.00. Straw, large bales mostly 50.00-55.00, little 60.00.

The average paid by feedlots on July 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 142.40, down 11.22 from last month, usage was 1,045T/day, down 5%, total usage was 31,352T.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, mid square 195.00; Dairy, 65-80 cents/point RFV, Premium to Supreme, 130.00-150.00; Premium 110.00-130.00; Stock cow, mid square or large round, no test 90.00-110.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 75.00-90.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 100.00- 120.00.

The week of 6/29-7/4, 2,975T of grinding alfalfa and

1,252T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 155.00-168.00; Sun Cured 17% 170.00; Dehydrated 15% 210.00 and 17% 208.00. Straw, small square 3.50/bale, mid square 55.00-65.00/T.

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Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, mid square 140.00-200.00. Dairy alfalfa, Good, 127.50; Stock cow, mid square, no test 110.00-120.00; Bluestem: Good, small squares 85.00-100.00, mostly 90.00-95.00, mid and large squares 60.00-85.00, mostly 65.00-80.00, large rounds 40.00-60.00. Mulch, large rounds 45.00 to mostly 50.00. Brome: Good, Small squares 100.00-110.00 mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, new crop 85.00- 90.00, large rounds 50.00-75.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 200.00-250.00. Dairy, no trade. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 90.00-100.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 120.00-130.00, extra freight 140.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse small squares 220.00/T, mid square 150.00; Dairy, Supreme, 130.00-150.00; Premium 120.00-140.00; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 60.00-80.00, alfalfa Ground-on-the-truck 90.00-100.00, Ground and delivered 100.00-120.00. Grass hay: Bluestem small squares, Good 90.00-100.00, new crop contracted 120.00 delivered, Mid squares 70.00-80.00, large rounds 45.00-60.00. Brome: Good, small squares, 80.00-110.00, 130.00 delivered, Mid squares, 75.00-85.00, large rounds, 50.00-60.00, fair 40.00-50.00. Straw, small squares 3.25-3.50/bale, mid and large bales 45.00-60.00/T.

****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.*

**RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.*

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affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

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



Sarah Loomis, Morris County 4-H member, led out the Supreme Champion beef female shown at the 2009 Tri-County Fair completed this past weekend in Herington. Cody Schwartz, Washington, evaluated the entries.



Grand champion market beef shown at the Tri-County fair was an entry owned by Sam Ehrlich, Marion County 4-H member. He was also the champion crossbred.

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Grand champion market hog shown at the Tri-County was a Duroc barrow shown by Ethan Frantz, Hillsboro. Judge for the show was Cody Schwartz.



Reserve champion market hog was a crossbred driven by Ethan Frantz, Hillsboro. He was also named the champion swine showman.



Champion dairy entry at the Tri-County Fair was a Holstein entry owned by Chad Mueller, Tampa. He was also the champion showman. Judge for the show was Pam VanHorn, Manhattan.

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Gray leaf spot building in corn, says expert

Some parts of Kansas have had recurring problems with gray leaf spot in corn and this year is no exception, according to a Kansas State University scientist.

"Recent surveying has indicated that it will be a very good year for gray leaf spot in many of the areas where it has traditionally been a problem," said K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist, Doug Jardine. "In the Kansas River Valley, for instance, gray leaf spot has already reached the ear leaf minus two in some continuous corn fields where the tassel was just beginning to exert itself. On the other hand, southeast Kansas appears to be free of the disease at this time."

Jardine said scouting of fields should be done prior to any fungicide applications. Many of the new hybrids have improved tolerance to gray leaf spot and may not require a fungicide application. "Most seed company catalogs will contain the gray leaf spot rating for a hybrid. Keep in mind, different companies may use different rating systems so you can only compare hybrids within a company, not between companies," he said. "For moderately susceptible hybrids, fungicide applications are appropriate, if lesions can be found on

the ear leaf minus three on 50 percent or more of the leaves at tasseling."

For intermediate hybrids, lesions need to reach the ear leaf minus two and, for moderately resistant hybrids, the ear leaf minus one. "If you have lesions on the ear leaf at tasseling, you need to spray regardless of the rated resistance," Jardine said.

He said producers should keep in mind that there are many reports of crop injury when fungicides are applied prior to tasseling. Also, nearly all research shows that tasseling is the optimum time to apply a fungicide for maximum yield savings.

"Reduced rate applications are strongly discouraged because of the possibility of fungicide resistance development," he added.

Current registrations for many of the labeled products allow application beyond the full blister stage, the plant pathologist said. This will allow for a later application if it is not clear yet that one is needed at tasseling. When making later applications, growers need to be sure to observe the pre-harvest intervals on the label.



Tampa Triple Ts 4-H member, Nathan Barney, led out the grand champion market lamb at the Tri-County Fair. Jacelyn Barten, Tri-County Fair Queen presented the trophy. Judge for the show was Sam Funk, Manhattan.

K-State unveils new wheat variety disease and insect ratings publication

Genetic resistance is the most effective and economical means of reducing the risk of yield losses resulting from disease and insect pests in Kansas, according to Kansas State University scientist Erick DeWolf.

"Each year researchers and Extension specialists at K-State summarize the reactions of the most common wheat varieties to 12 diseases, including leaf rust and stripe rust, which are among the most damaging disease problems in the state," said DeWolf, who is a plant pathologist with K-State Research and Extension.

To help producers and others learn how those wheat varieties performed in various places throughout the state, K-State recently posted the electronic version of the Wheat Variety Disease and Insect Ratings, 2009 on the web, at: <http://www.plantpath.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=49>. The printed version will be distributed to county offices shortly.

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Sofa sleeper; dining table with 6 chairs and matching china cabinet; vintage bedroom set with full size mattress and vanity with chair; bedroom set with full size bed; double dresser and chest of drawers; kitchen table and chairs; microwave cabinet; platform rocker; coffee and end tables; 2 TVs; Maytag HD washer; Kenmore HD dryer; portable dishwasher; old kitchen cabinet; roll away bed; Amana 15 cu. ft. upright freezer; old Singer sewing machine in cabinet; lamps; bookcases; Pfaltzgraff stoneware "Juniper" complete set with glasses; like new set of Queen (by Amway) 18-8 stainless steel cookware; microwave; lots of small kitchen appliances; bakeware; kitchenwares; silverware; small The Hals Safe Co., Borden & Sellock Co. cast iron ornate Victorian safe; Depression glass including Open Lace, Columbia, Oyster & Pearl patterns and others; 6 gal. Red Wing crock with bails; 6 gal. Blue Band crock with bails; 4 gal. crock; EAPG Central Glass Company log cabin compote, no lid; 3 pieces of Miltonvale pottery; head vase; large collection of old pens and pencils; lots of advertising pieces from Clay Center and surrounding towns; antique flat top trunk; Eastlake style Gilbert mantle clock; Bakelite RCA Victor turn table; Philco bakelite radio; vintage ornate cast iron level; 2 EAPG kerosene lamps; vintage Peterboro picnic basket with insert; old toys; large collection of vintage Kitchen Klatter magazines; linens; home decorations; vintage linens and tied comforter; other collectibles; Living Air air purifier; scanner; Kenmore HD vacuum; Hoover steam vac; lots of power and hand tools; air bubble; Homelite chain saw; 3 shop vacs; **NEW never opened 5000 watt Coleman Powermate Generator**; lineman tools; Toro leaf blower; Craftsman electric leafshredder; Craftsman gas blower in the box; 42" Craftsman lawn sweeper, like new; lots of lawn and garden tools; **NEW car polisher**; **NEW 3/8" 18 volt cordless drill and light**; **NEW Craftsman 4 pc. 19.2 volt set with drill; reciprocating saw, worklight, trim saw & accessories**; new garage door opener; new roof turbine; CB radios; electrical supplies; lots of fasteners; electrical supplies; automotive supplies; tap & die set; saw horses; wood step ladder; 16' aluminum extension ladder; patio set with table, 4 chairs and umbrella; wheelbarrow; Daisy Buck BB gun; like new **ITHACA 12 GAUGE SHOT-GUN** (shot less than 3 boxes of ammo).

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LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 25 — 1:00 PM

At the American Legion Building, HANOVER, KANSAS

Two Farms, 315 acres Washington County, Kansas Land

The NE ¼ 35-1-4, 155 acres, more or less, Franklin Township, Washington County, Kansas.

The southeast corner of this farm is the intersection of 24th Road and Wagon Train Road. The west part of the farmstead, including the barn, cattle shed, grain bin, corn crib, and corral, is included with the land being sold. The east side of the farmstead, including the dwelling, and the small cemetery in the northwest corner of the farm, are not included.

There are approximately 92 acres cropland, with 22 acres in the north bottom field, 69 acres in the south and west fields, and a little over an acre north of the river. The 22 acre bottom field, which is excellent Eudora silt loam, is flood irrigated. The upland fields to the south and west are nearly level to gently sloping Crete soils, with some Longford soils to the west. The land presently in pasture, about 43 acres, is also nearly all gently sloping productive land, and could easily be converted to cropland and much of the large field could then be center pivot irrigated. The Little Blue River runs through the north and northeast part of the farm and the river timber provides excellent deer habitat.

The FSA bases and yields are 82.4 acres milo, 113 bushels; and 25.9 acres soybeans, 26 bushels. The 2008 taxes were \$1,006.41. The water rights from the Little Blue River and Mill Creek have a priority date of June 20, 1953, with 132 acres permitted at a rate of 650 gpm from the river and 700 gpm from the creek. This year there are 62 acres corn and 30 acres soybeans.

The NE ¼ 29-1-5, 160 acres, more or less, Independence Township, Washington County, Kansas.

The northeast corner of this farm is the intersection of 26th Road and Zenith Road.

There are approximately 92 acres cropland, nearly all gently sloping Crete soils. There are 39 acres cropland on the east side of the old railroad right of way and 53 acres on the west side. The rest of the farm is native grass pasture and waterways, with some timber and excellent wildlife habitat along the draws and along the old railroad right of way. There are two ponds.

The FSA bases and yields are 60.5 acres wheat, 38 bushels; 4.6 acres milo, 96 bushels; and 25.9 acres soybeans, 26 bushels. The 2008 taxes were \$1,026.24. This year all the cropland is planted to milo.

Terms on both farms: Ten (10) percent down, the balance due in 30 days. Possession will be given at closing, subject to the tenant's rights. Full possession will be given on February 1, 2010. The buyer will receive the cash rent due on November 15, 2009 on the pasture and on January 15, 2010 on the cropland. The escrow fees and the title insurance will be shared equally by the seller and the buyer. The 2009 taxes will be paid ½ by the sellers and ½ by the buyers.

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The July supply and demand numbers came in as expected, which was bearish. New crop production and ending stocks were raised in the corn, wheat, and soybeans mostly due to the acreage increases we saw in last week's Planted Acreage report. The wheat yield estimate was increased, but corn and soybeans were left alone for the time being. There were numerous other changes as well. In the corn, both the old crop and new crop export estimates were increased, which is friendly, but the old crop feed usage and ethanol usage estimate were both cut, which led to a large jump in the old crop ending stocks. The \$3.30 area is acting as support in the December contract. The weather in the Corn Belt is non-threatening and there is going to be fear that USDA will increase the export estimate in the August, so it is questionable how long the support is going to last. The market is very oversold, which can be shown by either technical indicators or by the fact that Gulf basis keeps rising to offset losses in the futures. The corn is overdue for a corrective bounce, but

there is no guarantee it will happen.

In the soybean tables there were increases in old crop exports, crush, and seed usage, but that was offset by higher imports and lower residual usage. I always find it interesting when USDA has to change the residual usage figures. I have always thought it was strange that soybeans are the only crop with this residual usage figure in the first place. Anyway, the important thing to point out is that actual old crop soybean sales are already higher than the new estimate, so look for another increase in the August report.

Long liquidation by the funds took its toll on the soybeans last week. The beans were sharply lower 3 days in a row and spent a big part of Tuesday's session limit lower. Since we still have strong exports, it won't be surprising to see a significant bounce back in the August contract, but the chances of seeing new highs are very, very remote.

The weather is going to have to become a problem in order for the soybeans, particularly the new crop soybeans, to turn the trend

around. Hot and dry weather in the last part on July and in August could drop the soybean yield by 2 bu/ac, which would make stocks very tight. Otherwise new crop stocks are more than adequate and extended rallies will be hard to come by.

For the wheat USDA surprisingly increased the export estimate and increased the feed usage estimate. I feared that USDA would have to cut the export estimate because sales have been so poor, but hopefully things will improve.

Wheat was under pressure just like the other markets, but the selling was a little less severe. The December KW lost 16 cents for the week, which wasn't bad considering the negative crop report and the good yield reports.

Perhaps one reason for the fact that the wheat wasn't as weak as the other markets is that trading funds already have a very large net short position in Chicago wheat. As harvest winds down and selling pressure decreases, it is possible that the funds could cover a significant number of their short posi-

tions to take profits and we probably saw some of that happen last week.

Schwieterman Marketing, L.L.C. specializes in risk management and cash grain and livestock marketing plans. For information on the markets or our marketing service you can contact Bret Crotts at 888-437-9131 or bret@swbell.net.

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Emergency loans available

Jack Salava, Acting State Executive Director for USDA's Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that FSA is making emergency loans available to help qualified producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural disasters.

Presidential Disaster Declaration M1848 for severe winter storm and record and near record snow on March 26-29, 2009 in Kansas made the following primary counties eligible: Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Cowley, Dickinson, Elk, Grant, Greenwood, Harvey, Lyon, Marion, Sumner, and Woodson; and the following contiguous counties eligible: Allen, Anderson, Clay, Finney, Franklin, Geary, Hamilton, Harper, Haskell, Kearny, Kingman, McPherson, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Osage, Ottawa, Reno, Saline, Sedgwick, Stanton, Stevens, Wabaunsee, and Wilson.

Producers in these counties have until February 24, 2010 to apply for an emergency loan.

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vere storms, flooding, straight-line winds, and tornadoes from April 25 to May 16, 2009 in Kansas made the following primary counties eligible: Anderson, Barber, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Elk, Finney, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Labette, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Reno, Rice, Sumner, Wabaunsee, and Wilson; and the following contiguous counties eligible: Allen, Barton, Chautauqua, Comanche, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Franklin, Geary, Grant, Gray, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kiowa, Lane, McPherson, Miami, Nemaha, Ness, Osage, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Riley, Saline, Scott, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Stafford, Washington, and Woodson. Producers in these counties have until February 25, 2010 to apply for an emergency loan.



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THURSDAY, JULY 16 — 5:00 PM

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Glass front china hutch; antique buffet; 3 antique dressers; antique bed; wood cabinet radio; dining table, chairs and leaves; 2 Singer sewing machines; large dresser; Baker's rack; 2 metal lawn chairs and glider; 7 trunks and footlockers; king size head and footboard; Singer and Free sewing machines with cabinet; MW dual 8 cartridge movie projector; Fenton; Westmoreland; Boyd glass; cut glass; lots of Milkglass; Depression glass; glass pitchers; Moonstone glassware; toothpick holder collection; collection of banks; vases; thimble collection; Avon; Barbie dolls; several hen-on-nest; McCoy; Villery and Bach Saxony plate; Mickey Mouse collectibles; cherished teddies; cast iron cookware; old cameras; frame picture; Pez dispensers; Holiday decorations; bell collection; LP records; glass salad set from France; jewelry box; coin books; salt and peppers; 2 pocket watches; egg crate; washboard; old games; lamps; cake decorating items; yardsticks; several dolls; lanterns; pocket knives; lots Hotwheels; wood lathe; old fishing poles; tackle box and reels (Ocean City, Interstate, Pflueger, Akron, Ocean City 1600, Kalamazoo Tackle Co., Bronson Green Hornet, Ocean City 981, Pflueger Rocket 1355, Fleetwing Bronson, 2 Great Lakes Whirlaway, 75); lots golf balls, clubs and tees; shotgun shells; 4 - 4' shop lights; 8-tracks; ladies bike; rakes; shovels; canning and collectible jars; many puzzles; lots more.

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ESTATE AUCTION

SUNDAY, JULY 19 — 12:30 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: 3 miles South of Randolph, KS on Highway 77, then East 1 mile on Baldwin Park Rd. to 8320 Baldwin Park Road. (First house on the North side of the road on Baldwin Park Road)

RANDOLPH, KANSAS

FARM EQUIP.: Brand new Work Saver, 3 pt., PTO, hydraulic dump cement mixer; 3 pt. PTO driven lime or fertilizer spreader; MF 7' sickle mower, 3 pt.; Case 2 wheel basket hay rake; Demco 7' rotary mower, 3 pt.; Taylor-Way model T-270, 7'; 3 pt. rotary mower; one section spike tooth drag harrow; 1 folding spray boom, one side of a set of booms. GB grapple fork; bale spear for loader bucket.

TRAILERS: Hale 6x6' tandem axle, stock trailer, bumper pull; 8x16' flatbed trailer w/loading lamps and pintel hitch.

YARD CARE ITEMS: New Craftsman 7 HP, 19" rear tine roto tiller; Weed Eater gas powered string trimmer; Craftsman 110V blower; numerous hand tools and yard tools, many are fairly new; rubber tire wheelbarrow.

RECREATION: Brand new Circle Y padded seat saddle; set of men's golf clubs; some fishing rods and reels; cross bow; metal tree stand; turkey decoys; deer decoys; deer feeder.

LIVESTOCK EQUIP.: 2 big round bale feeders; 2 plastic watering tanks; 1 galv. water tank; 6x10 chain link dog kennel, 6' tall.

WOOD BURNING STOVE: Ashley wood burning stove, very good.

HEAD MOUNTS: Several deer head mounts; 2 turkey mounts, 1 in flight.

SHOP TOOLS & MISC.: Various hand tools and wrenches, approx. a 14' trailer full with the usual odds and ends found around the garage and shop.

FURNITURE: Oak hall tree with mirror, modern, very nice; oak table and leaves and 6 chairs; corner computer desk; oak computer desk; stacking office chairs; round conference table.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD: Partial rack of the usual items found around the house and kitchen.

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Exploring Kansas Outdoors

By Steve Gilliland

Redneck Remedies

What do you get when you mix equal amounts of water and cider vinegar in a jar with a drop or two of dishwashing soap? According to a friend of ours, you get a redneck fruit fly trap. This time of the year along with all the fresh fruit and veggies from our gardens also come those pesky tiny fruit flies that buzz around our produce. This concoction draws them to the scent of the cider vinegar and the dishwashing soap eliminates water surface tension so that when they land in the jar they sink straight to the bottom. She says it works great!

Her husband also explained to us the "Adirondack Mouse Trap" they use in an old storage building on their farm. A hole is drilled through both sides and near the top of a five gallon bucket. Drill the hole to snugly hold a length of dowel rod sticking through the bucket and out both sides. Drill a large enough hole centered in the top and bottom of a pop can so it fits loosely on the dowel rod. Fill the bucket two-thirds full of liquid, insert the dowel through the bucket with the can suspended inside near one edge, then smear the pop can with peanut butter. The goal is to have the can balanced on the dowel so that

when a mouse jumps onto the can for the peanut butter, the can easily spins, dumping the rodent into the drink. (all that's left is to fish out the bodies.) He puts oil in the bucket to keep it from freezing, making it useable year round.

As I again worked to keep this column "suitably outdoorsy," I came across a book by America's Master Gardener, Jerry Baker, entitled "Bug Off" in which he presents bushels full of down-home remedies for keeping all manner of critters out of our truck patches. In my neck of the woods, the big three invaders of gardens and orchards are raccoons, rabbits and deer, in no particular order, so in keeping with my redneck remedies theme, I'll share a few of Jerry's favorite deterrents for all three.



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Raccoons are the bane of the sweet corn patch. Jerry recommends coralling all the electric fans you can dicker for at garage sales, then, using outdoor extension cords place them all around the garden and run them on high all night for several nights in a row to dampen the coon's interest.

Evidently raccoons hate the smell of both bleach and ammonia, so fill old margarine tubs with either

liquid and place them among your most vulnerable plants.

As a trapper, I know that coons have very sensitive feet and this last hindrance uses that weakness. Around the perimeter of the garden, lay a three-foot-wide strip of broken pot shards, jagged stones, thorny rose or bramble canes, wire mesh or anything else sharp or prickly and coons will refuse to cross it. This one requires the most work but will last the longest.

A coworker recently asked me how to keep deer away from his grapes and berries, and a friend of mine in Minnesota who operates a full time animal control business recommended electric fence about waist-high around the patch. Jerry Baker takes that one step further

and says to smear the fence with peanut butter. The smell of the peanut butter will cause them to lick it or smell it, resulting in a zap to the tongue or snoot, and they will never return.

Instead of washing or tossing your husband's old smelly socks and sneakers, hang them around your truck patch. Jerry calls this a classic deer-chasing trick.

We trappers use all manner of strange animal scents and smells, and Jerry says that urine from any major predator will send deer running. Coyote urine is readily available, and a little sprinkled around your garden will never be noticed by you,

but the deer will surely flee.

These are just a few of the more novel suggestions Jerry Baker has for keeping four-footed critters from ravaging your produce, and this book is just one of many he has published full of the same kind of down-home suggestions. Although there's really nothing "Redneck" about any of these remedies as the title implies, I figured it might grab your attention and get you to read further, and if you're reading this sentence, I'd say it worked! Continue to Explore Kansas Outdoors.

Steve can be contacted by email at stevegilliland@idkcom.net.

ANTIQUE TRACTORS & MACHINE SHOP AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 25 — 9:30 AM
645 Road 140, EMPORIA, KANSAS

From Emporia, go South on Highway 99 1 1/2 miles to Road 140 and go West 4 miles to Auction site.

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Tractors have not been started for many years but have been stored in a shed; JD unstyled A, sn 469820, flat rear spoke wheels; IH F20 sn 35468, steel wheels; IH F20 sn 70852, Full round spoke wheels; IH M sn 70883, power steering, live hydraulics, hydraulic Dual Loader that needs serious repair, engine weak; IH H sn 118553, non runner, poor tires; Pair of steel wheels, fits Ford 2N, 8N, 9N; Spoke front wheels for F20; IH 400 pedal tractor; 2 JD pedal tractors need repair (50's or 60's); A few metal Tonka Toys.

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TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

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OTHER

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

30 mixed steers & heifers, 850 lbs.

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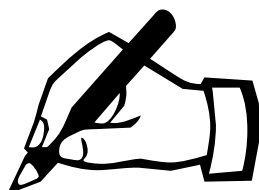
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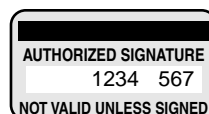
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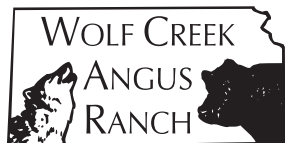
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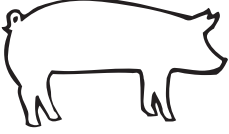
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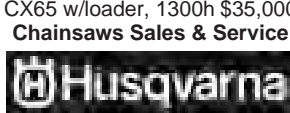
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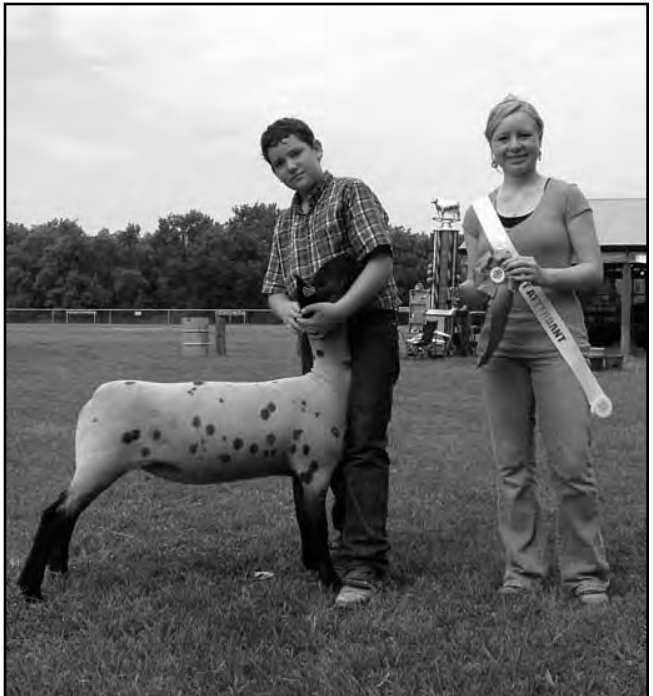
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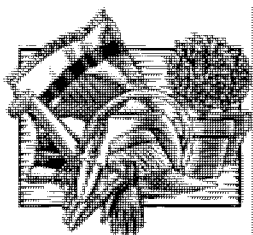
Jared Barney, Tampa, showed the grand champion breeding ewe at the 2009 Tri-County Fair in Herington. Also pictured is Jacelyn Barten, Tri-County Fair Queen. Judge for the show was Sam Funk, Manhattan.



Reserve champion ewe shown at the Tri-County Fair was an entry owned by Zach Barney, a member of the Tampa Triple Ts 4-H club.



Austin Abeldt, Dickenson County 4-H member led out the reserve grand champion market lamb shown at the 2009 Tri-County Fair in Herington. Abeldt was also the reserve champion sheep showman and went on to be named the Round Robin showmanship champion.



Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

A Blue-Gray Landscape

A popular blue-gray plant that people want is the Colorado blue spruce. Related to it is the bird nest type spruce. Wormwood, catmint, many Dianthus, some Hostas and some varieties of ornamental grasses are others with this blue-gray color of foliage. Perhaps the easiest to work into the landscape is the Kansas perennial of the year, the Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*).

This perennial plant grows 24 inches to 60 inches tall. The site and variety will determine actual height. When the roots are disturbed by cultivating around the plant, it will colonize or spread. Generally, the width is 36 to 48 inches.

Like most blue-gray foliage plants, they grow best in full sun with well-drained soil. Once established, don't give them too much water. Maybe, don't even water unless during a lengthy drought.

Along with the foliage, the blooms are interesting. The lavender-blue flowers are set on spikes above the foliage. It is beginning to bloom now and will continue up to frost. Hummingbirds are attracted to the blooms even if they aren't red. They can be cut and used in flower arrangements. Cut the plants back to several inches from the ground in early spring for good plant habit and best flowering.

Another characteristic of this plant is that the leaves are strongly dissected. This gives it an airy or ferny texture to the landscape. The leaves along with the square stems have the sage scent when crushed or cut.

A good perennial combination is Russian sage with the goldenrod variety 'Fireworks' along with my favorite perennial *Salvia greggii*. Asters, white coneflower and *Heliopsis* are

other combinations to try. Ours is currently in with purple coneflowers, a Miss Kim lilac and garlic. I'm not promoting our combination.

My first encounter with Russian Sage was at Rock Springs 4-H Center. There was one on each side of the step leading to the health center. It was quite effective in that design. If you're not sure where to use it, put them in a container and move it around your landscape. It might find a permanent home in the ground or in the container.

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

Health care costs strain farmers, ranchers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A new report says farmers and ranchers often can't afford the health insurance offered to small-business owners.

The report from The Access Project says family farmers and ranchers are insured at a rate higher than the general population, but that 10 percent of them were uninsured, or had an unin-

sured family member, sometime during the previous year.

The report was based on data gathered through a 2007 survey of farm and ranch operators in seven Great Plains states including Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota.

The survey found that more than one-third of the uninsured farmers and

ranchers spent more than 10 percent of their income on health care. They were also four times more likely to have incomes under \$20,000 than those with insurance.



In the meat goat show at the Tri-County Fair in Herington, Judge Sam Funk selected Matt Cole's entry (pictured left) as grand champion. Trent Granzow earned the reserve grand champion title. Jacelyn Barton, fair queen, presented the trophies.

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700-799 lbs.	\$93.50-\$105.00	700-799 lbs.	\$89.00-\$97.75
800-899 lbs.	\$90.00-\$100.20	800-899 lbs.	\$85.00-\$96.75
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3 blk, Yates Center	432@115.00	8 blk, Thayer	417@106.25
6 blk, Eureka	465@115.50	6 mix, Girard	421@104.00
19 blk, Thayer	478@116.25	31 mix, Oswego	492@101.50
10 blk, Wichita	520@114.00	22 mix, Peru	539@104.75
11 blk, Peru	579@113.50	7 blk, Eureka	548@105.00
19 blk, Fredonia	599@111.75	15 mix, Tyro	569@103.25
6 blk, Howard	614@108.00	13 blk, Fredonia	650@99.50
70 mix, Almena	729@98.85	3 blk, Buffalo	655@106.50
25 mix, Sedan	744@97.50	10 mix, Tyro	694@98.50
123 mix, Girard	797@98.90	7 red, Altoona	709@97.75
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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

How to help families in financial trouble

If a rural family suffers a calamity, illness or injury; rural neighbors are quick to pitch in with comfort, material aid and emotional support. It is one of the aspects of rural life that people appreciate.

However, there are few traditions for helping a suffering family who is in the process of losing a farm or ranch. Just how do you reach out to those families weighed down by onerous financial problems? Here are some points to consider.

Give love and acceptance. The family often feels alone and isolated in their struggle and grief. Their faith and trust in others has been challenged. Even close relationships with friends and relatives suffer during this time of pain and turmoil. Proud and self-reliant people who aren't used to having strong emotional needs often erect barriers between themselves and the people who care about them.

These hard-pressed families may not feel comfortable in sharing feelings or knowing how to ask for help. Some may feel suspicious and untrusting of the things that have happened to them. It takes persistence and consistency for the power of love and concern to break through hardened shells. Physical presence alone at sensitive times is enough to send a strong message of support.

The attitude of family members - parents, siblings, in-laws, children and especially a spouse - and good friends mean so much as the family draws into itself. Support and acceptance by the people closest to them is a Godsend in troubled times.

Their own self esteem may be floundering. Though they know deep in their

hearts that they did everything right, they wonder how they are perceived in the eyes of others. Negative judgments from others weigh heavily on their minds and erode the faith they took for granted about the goodwill of others.

Little things help. During a time of grief, people in trouble have little energy left over to deal with the troublesome ordinary problems that come up. Getting help with these tasks frees them up to deal with the more painful tasks in front of them.

Friends and neighbors can be sensitive to when a bag of groceries, a plate of cookies, an errand, a loan of a piece of machinery, or other gesture of support may fill a need. The aid probably is a drop in the bucket compared to the financial straits they are in, but small things affirm love. Small acts of kindness and thoughtfulness are truly large because they show the struggling family that people do care.

Encourage communication. Grieving people need to express and accept their emotions. Pain, fear, anxiety, depression, guilt, anger, and frustration are natural feelings under the circumstances. When pain is expressed, its hold is weakened.

Being able to talk about their troubles helps grieving people take control of their thoughts and emotions. It helps them define their feelings and their dilemma. By verbalizing their problems they also begin a process of considering alternatives. What is needed is a good listener. They need to trust that their innermost thoughts and feelings will be held confidential.

Give material information, technical support and

material aid. People in the process of trying to stay afloat need to know about the path they are on. Some of the best advice given to a farm family in trouble comes from people who have been through the crisis already. They can share a message of hope and concern because they have been there.

It takes incredible love and strength to share one's loss to help someone else. They know what was helpful or not helpful to them. They've learned some things, even mistakes they made, that would be helpful to another family.

What is extremely helpful is having access to good financial and legal advice. Open and frank discussion about options and alternatives help most in the long run. Ag financial counselors and mediators can give valuable second opinions that break through denial. There are tax and legal ramifications to debt problems and the whole array of choices needs to be explained. For instance, if a farm family is leaving farming, the tax consequences need to be spread over two or three years instead of just one year.

Referring a struggling family to someone who can shed light on the practical dimensions of their problem may be the best help people can receive. This also includes putting people in touch with those who can offer emotional and counseling support about communi-

cations and relationships.

Many of the unsung heroes are the ag business suppliers, lenders, creditors, and main street merchants who understand and work with people and their financial problems. Many of these business neighbors alter terms of repayment and carry these families at considerable financial risk to their own businesses. Whether the farm family survives on the farm or not, they will remember with great affection those people who put themselves on the line and made their path a bit easier.

Financial aid from other family members is important. The family is the first line of defense when the bot-

tom falls out. These loving acts of sacrifice bind the family closer together.

No one person can or should fill all these roles. Each person in a rural community can play a part in softening the trials of these families as they are facing the loss of their lifestyle, their goals and dreams, and their equity.

For more information on farm financial problems, visit Val Farmer's website at www.valfarmer.com. Val Farmer's book, "Honey, I Shrunk the Farm," can be purchased by sending a check or money order for \$9.50 to: Honey, I Shrunk the Farm, The Preston Con-

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6	621	109.00	8	723	92.50	1	1820	71.00
4	653	106.75	7	946	87.10	1	1760	70.70
40	891	96.10	27	914	87.00	1	1920	70.75
4	864	94.50						
55	914	93.75	1	1265	59.50			
56	949	93.00	1	1100	58.25			
2	1058	84.00	4	1156	57.25			
			10	1182	57.00			
HEIFER						SOWS		
65	724	96.10	11	1130	56.75	600 -	\$29.00	
3	472	96.00	9	1092	56.75	470 -	\$26.50	

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40 blk cross str & hfrs, 550-750 ... D. Litke
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50 blk cross str & hfrs, 550-700 ... P. Peterson
15 blk cross str & hfrs, 600-750 ... S. Miller
25 blk cross str & hfrs, 600-750 ... S&M Farm
60 blk cross str, pre vac., 700-850 ... R. Zimmerman
55 mixed str & hfrs, 850-900 ... B&S Stuewe
30 mixed str, 825-850 ... P. Martin
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2	553	111.00	1	1485	57.50
18	614	107.00	1	1155	56.50
12	677	98.50	1	1190	56.00
			1	1610	54.75
HEIFERS		BULLS			
3	345	108.00			
4	479	97.25	1	2185	68.00
20	580	92.50	1	2080	67.50

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY, TUESDAY, JULY 14
40 black steers, 675-750 lbs., weaned, off grass
70 crossbred cows w/3 pairs
More consignments by sale time.

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Hancock recognized for her horticulture writing

When Jamie Hancock decided to enter a Kansas writing contest, she had no reason to expect she'd end up a state, regional and national winner — the best of the best for 2008-09.

Hancock had been producing a weekly gardening column for Topeka's daily newspaper for just three months. She knew her competition would include people who'd been writing for newspapers for decades.

Worsening her odds as a contestant, the column was the first professional writing Hancock had ever tried. She had 17 years of teaching experience prior to starting work as a horticulture agent with Kansas State University Research and Extension, but no professional writing experience. Besides, she and her husband, Rick, were the parents of a young man and woman in their final year at Wichita State University. For Momma Hancock, taking Composition 101 in college wasn't exactly a recent memory.

Nonetheless, after several months last year of adjusting to her new position as a horticulture agent in the Shawnee County Extension office, Hancock had finally settled down in front of a computer.

From then through the end of 2008, she'd quickly learned that column writing requires in-depth fact-finding forays into a different topic every week — not to mention the writing itself. To this day, she's still amazed by how much time that can take. Sometimes she feels like a foreign (science) language translator.

But, she'd also stuck to her self-defined goal: To make timely, research-based horticulture as interesting and easy to understand as good conversation. Along the way, she'd also realized something surprising. She actually enjoyed this part of her job.

Hancock entered the state contest only because she wanted feedback on how to improve. So, as required, she selected two of her favorite 2008-09 columns to submit: "New Year's Resolutions I Will Never Keep" and "War of the Roses." She also provided clippings to prove the Topeka Capital-Journal had actually printed them.

That took grit — and not just for her being a "newbie" to the writing field. The division she entered is part of a communications contest fielded each year for members of the Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents. The KACAA is one of the professional associations for K-State Research and Extension staff. It has hundreds of members, and its contest judges are always agricultural journalism professionals.

Hancock belonged to the association, but she hadn't met many people yet and certainly was no "good ol' aggie." She had been teaching horticulture for years, so knew a lot more about trees and flowers than wheat and corn. She'd joined the KACAA simply because the state's scattering of Extension horticulturists have no professional association of their own.

Even so, Hancock saw no reason to be nervous after sending off her entry. She just wanted feedback.

She was too busy to worry anyway. Hancock oversees the county's Master Gardener program and an array of demonstration gardens, plus answers questions and develops programs and educational materials for county residents. At that time, rafts of Shawnee Countians were looking forward to spring gardening.

In fact, the horticulturist

had almost forgotten about the contest when she was notified that she'd won the year's KACAA column-writing award.

At the same time, a KCAA officer reassured Hancock that she'd finally get feedback soon. State-winning agriculture agent communicators are automatic entries in their association's nearest regional contest. For Kansans, that means the competition in the North Central Region, which also includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In the end, however, Hancock again got more praise than critique. She won the North Central contest and then the NACAA contest designed to determine the nation's best from among each year's four regional winners. She basically was reduced to saying, "Wow."

Hancock's official recognition will come in September, when thousands of NACAA members gather for their annual meeting and professional improvement conference in Portland, Ore. On some level, though, Hancock suspects she's already received an even bigger honor.

"I was at the Master Gardener booth during Topeka's Lawn and Garden Show when this lady like I can do it — even a non-gardener like me."

For a non-writer who somehow became a columnist, that was high praise indeed.



In the breeding doe show at the Tri-County Fair in Herington, Judge Sam Funk selected Kyle Riffel's entry as grand champion. The Marion County 4-H member was also tapped as the grand champion meat goat showman. Payton Harms, pictured right, was named reserve grand champion.

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3 blk	537@111.00	7 blk, char	776@95.00
12 b/bw/g	538@109.75	HEIFERS	
7 blk	619@108.70	11 blk,bwf	258@124.00
13 blk	593@108.25	10 blk,bwf	360@109.50
6 blk/char	642@107.25	7 brngx	557@103.00
11 brngx	567@105.00	8 blk, bwf	532@102.00
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- 60 mixed heifers, 750-800 lbs.
- 35 black, Charolais steers, 950-1,000 lbs.
- 26 black, Charolais heifers, 800-900 lbs.
- 80 black, red steers, 800-950 lbs.
- 52 black, red, Charolais cross steers & heifers, 400-650 lbs.
- 25 black, red steers & heifers, 300-400 lbs.

MORE CONSIGNMENTS BY SALE TIME.

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1 red str	415@119.00	7 blk bwf hfrs	531@103.00
2 blk red str	355@119.00	4 bwf red hfrs	530@102.00
6 blk str	490@119.00	4 blk hfrs	551@100.50
3 blk str	541@117.00	9 blk bwf hfrs	568@99.75
3 blk str	453@116.50	3 blk hfrs	516@99.00
6 blk bwf str	501@116.00	9 blk bwf hfrs	622@97.75
3 blk bwf str	448@113.00	17 blk bwf hfrs	757@96.85
4 blk str	541@111.00	4 char hfrs	595@95.00
4 blk bwf str	691@102.50	4 mxd hfrs	818@90.00
12 blk red rwf str	655@102.10	5 blk rwf hfrs	910@84.50
6 blk bwf str	665@101.50	3 l.h. hfrs	358@70.00
9 blk str	788@101.10	BRED COWS & PAIRS	
7 blk bwf str	772@101.00	2 blk cows 4-5 3 prd	@960.00
6 blk str	634@100.25	2 blk cows 5 3 prd	@960.00
8 blk str	731@99.50	1 bwf cow 5 3 prd	@910.00
9 blk str	781@97.10	2 blk cows 5-6 2+	@900.00
27 mxd str	1078@90.60	1 hols x cow 4 3 prd	@840.00
4 l.h. bulls	361@70.00	1 red cow 6 3 prd	@785.00
4 hols str	507@69.50	1 blk cow 8 3 prd	@710.00
3 hols str	341@67.50	2 herf pairs 4	@830.00
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3 hfrs	@517#	\$99.00	3 str	@620#	\$103.00
8 hfrs	@513#	\$97.00	2 str	@600#	\$101.00
5 hfrs	@580#	\$95.50	3 str	@662#	\$99.00
6 hfrs	@573#	\$92.50	2 str	@695#	\$98.50
5 hfrs	@580#	\$92.50	2 str	@700#	\$99.00
4 hfrs	@620#	\$95.00	50 str	@774#	\$98.10
2 hfrs	@680#	\$94.00	4 str	@790#	\$97.75
4 hfrs	@618#	\$93.25	8 str	@730#	\$95.75
5 hfrs	@624#	\$92.25	2 str	@703#	\$93.75
4 hfrs	@720#	\$96.00	18 str	@839#	\$98.85
4 hfrs	@731#	\$94.00	3 str	@870#	\$95.00
3 str	@480#	\$114.00	3 str	@900#	\$95.75
2 str	@500#	\$112.50	60 str	@973#	\$93.10
2 bulls	@525#	\$110.00	43 str	@944#	\$93.10
5 str	@590#	\$108.25			

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\$49.00-\$57.50
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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

Consignments are starting to come in for the following weeks, if you would like to consign some cattle or would like an onsite appraisal give us a call.

12 blk steers & heifers, 675-725 lbs.; 240 mixed heifers, 775-825 lbs.; 42 mixed heifers, 825-875 lbs.; 50 mixed steers, 800-850 lbs.; 1,000 mixed steers, 775-850 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 24TH

180 mixed steers, 775-850 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 31st

240 mixed heifers, 775-850 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

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Cover crops showcased in recent no-till Expo

The sight of a farmer in his corn field with a backhoe would make most heads turn . . . and likely shake in disbelief. But that is exactly what Henry Hill did to prepare for last week’s No-Till on the Plains’ “Whirlwind Expo” on his Jackson County farm northeast of Holton. He dug a four-foot-deep trench about 15 feet into his corn field so that those attending the tour could have a clear view of one of his most important assets — the soil. Henry and his father, William, have been no-till farming for about 30 years and the soil in his crop field shows the signs that Dr. Ray Ward, of Kearney, Neb., likes to see. And as a certified soil scientist with over 48 years of experience working in soil laboratories, Ward knows what he’s looking at.

As Ward dug in the corn field soil, he looked for worms and corn plant roots. He said the idea that roots will find or grow toward the nutrients and moisture in the soil is unfounded. In actuality, he said the “roots grow where the soil is soft and wet” and where the nutrients actually are.

Ward explained that you can tell a lot from the soil and its structure. “You need to understand your soil so you know how to manage that soil,” he said. As the owner of Ward Laboratories in Kearney, Ward also explained the method to gather an accurate soil sample from a pasture or crop field during the Whirlwind Expo’s afternoon session. Paul Jasa, an extension engineer with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, illustrated the differences in soil property using three soil sources — one from a tilled field; another sample from a no-till field, and a third from a no-tilled, cover-cropped field. He poured equal amounts of

water on each sample and let it drain completely. Turning each of the samples out onto a board, he showed how the soil from the cover cropped, no-till field held together due to the microbes in the soil, while the no-tilled soil loosely held together and the tilled soil fell apart.

Jasa said this biological life — the “livestock” — holds the soil particles together and keep the moisture from passing through. Soil structure and residue have to work together, he said. That soil structure, Jasa explained, is what allowed the sample from the cover cropped field to actually hold the water and let the moisture soak in.

Lyle Frees, Natural Resource and Conservation Service, allowed an up-close view of what happens during a rain event using the rain simulator. He said the simulator illustrates “what happens when rain impacts with the soil’s surface”. The simulator provides a rain storm event on three different types of soil coverage. The first is bare ground; the second with some residue on the surface, and a third, in this case, sod from the Hill’s waterway.

The amount of run-off from the bare soil sample was four times greater than the run-off from the both samples of covered ground and quite muddy compared to the fairly clear run-off of the waterway sod. “Water quality and soil quality go hand-in-hand,” he said.

Jasa said the key to no-till is to have uniform residue which results in uniform soil temperature as well as uniform (and increased) soil moisture. One way to accomplish this is by planting cover crops in between regular crops. Keith Berns, a farmer and no-till cover crop seed dealer from Bladen, Neb., discussed the Hill’s

planting of cover crops. According to Berns, a cover crop is a crop planted between periods of regular crop production to positively benefit the soil, soil fertility, control weeds and diseases.

Berns said he likes the mixes of cover crops because they provide diversity from one planting. The mixtures that Berns uses include grasses, brassicas and legumes with plants such as: lentils, common vetch, sorghum sudan, milo, pearl millet, canola, dwarf Essex rape or oilseed radish.

“We want to increase biological activity of soil (by planting cover crops),” he said. Berns said the amount of benefits from organisms living in soil is tremendous.

Berns said the cover crops also serve specific purposes for improving soil quality. For example: he explained as radishes decay, they leave holes in the soil which in turn helps break up soil compaction.

Another no-till farmer featured during the expo was Gail Fuller. Fuller uses cover crops and a double rotation to maximize his benefits from no-till. He incorporates plants like lentils, sunflowers, oats and yellow peas into his rotation of wheat, beans and corn.

Fuller, who farms 1800 acres near Emporia, advises other farmers to start small and ask “what do I want to do?” He said a farmer should ask himself these questions: “Do I want to control erosion? Graze? Build nutrients?” Then he suggested planning your cover crops to help you accomplish those goals.

Fuller suggests a farmer experiment when first starting out with cover crops and work with what you already have on hand. “Keep it cheap. Clean out the shop. Throw it in there. It all

works,” he said, referring to some two-year-old wheat seed he sowed as a cover crop.

Fuller also recommends utilizing resources such as Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education “Managing Cover Crops Profitably” which is available online or for purchase from www.sare.org This publication details information about a wide variety of cover crops. Additional information on cover crops is available from the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service at www.

attra.org and from the Kansas Rural Center’s Sustainable Agriculture Management Guides which are available online at www.kansasruralcenter.org/publications.html

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Marlene Bosworth, Dela-

ware WRAPS coordinator said the WRAPS groups wanted to co-sponsor the event to bring a no-till event to the area. “Working together, you can get a lot more done,” she said.

She said it was important for area farmers to actually see the physical make-up of the soil once no-till practices are utilized. “Once you see the cohesiveness of the soil that has been improved by practices such as cover crops, it is a no-brainer . . . it is very convincing once you see the physical changes,” she said.

Range school scholarships still available; apply soon

“The cut-off date of July 17 is nearing for 2009 range school scholarship applications,” said Tim Christian, Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, Inc. (KGLC) state coordinator. “Folks interested in attending this year really need to get their registration and scholarship application in for either school as we are near two-thirds class capacity for each.”

The Tallgrass School is set for August 11-13, at White Memorial Camp near Council Grove, and the Mid-/Short-Grass School for August 18-20 at Camp Aldrich near Claflin. The theme for 2009 is Principles of Rangeland Management — Grass and Animal Ecology in Kansas, Reaching Harmony . . . profit and environment. The focus will be the balance between making a sustainable living while keeping a sustainable environment.

We have firmed up our featured rancher speakers and most other presenters. Featured ranchers at the Tallgrass School are John Bradley and Mike Thomp-

son, Lawrence; Dale Kirkham, Eureka; and Bill Sproul, Sedan. At the Mid/Short-Grass School Ted Alexander, Sun City rancher, and Jeff Davidson, Eureka rancher, are confirmed. Other presenters include Jeff Hansen and Iralee Barnard, Kansas Native Plant Society; Brian Obermeyer, The Nature Conservancy; and Stephanie Manes, Ranchland Trust of Kansas. Obermeyer, Sproul and Manes will discuss conservation easement opportunities for ranch families. Agency and university staff will also play a key role in each school. We are quite pleased that the Kansas Farm Bureau has joined us as a sponsor this year, said Christian. Sponsors for 2009 include the Farm Bureau, Kansas Native Plant Society, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kansas State University Extension, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, and the Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management.

Agency and organization staffs or anyone needing continuing education

credits can work with us to receive credit hours from either Ft. Hays State University or Kansas State University. And, we do encourage college students to attend for undergraduate and graduate credit hours as well, he continued. The schools cost \$250 per person, but scholarships are available to most ranchers interested in attending reducing the fee to \$100 per person, said Christian. Agency staffs may qualify for a \$100 scholarship. Students can also receive a \$150 scholarship. To apply, go to the KGLC website www.kglc.org and fill out a very simple scholarship form and return by July 17. More detailed information about the schools and highlights from 2007 and 2008 schools are on the website.

For more information on the 2009 range management schools, contact Tim Christian, KGLC coordinator, at 620-241-3636, e-mail tchristian@kglc.org, or Ken Sherraden, KGLC co-coordinator, at 785-922-7061, e-mail him at ksherraden@kglc.org.

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We sold 1083 cattle July 7. There was good demand for steer and heifer calves, which sold at higher prices. We had a very good run of feeder steers and heifers, mostly off grass, that sold \$3.00-4.00 higher. Cows and bulls sold steady to \$2.00 lower.

STEER & BULL CALVES		13 blk/red str	915 @ 96.60
7 bwf/blk str	401 @ 115.50	60 mix str	872 @ 96.35
5 blk str	524 @ 114.50	14 mix str	859 @ 96.25
1 bwf str	435 @ 110.00	24 mix str	834 @ 94.50
3 bwf/blk bulls	477 @ 109.50	HEIFER CALVES	
1 blk str	490 @ 109.00	3 bwf/blk hfr	385 @ 106.00
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS		6 bwf/blk hfr	308 @ 105.00
11 blk str	623 @ 113.75	3 blk hfr	533 @ 103.50
3 bwf/blk str	617 @ 112.00	5 blk hfr	532 @ 103.00
2 blk str	553 @ 109.50	1 blk hfr	540 @ 100.75
5 blk str	586 @ 109.50	1 blk hfr	400 @ 100.00
3 blk str	660 @ 107.25	2 x-bred hfr	475 @ 97.50
9 blk/red str	669 @ 107.25	STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS	
3 blk str	742 @ 105.75	10 blk/sim hfr	639 @ 99.50
24 mix str	631 @ 105.00	22 bwf/blk hfr	732 @ 99.50
18 bwf/blk str	705 @ 104.85	73 mix hfr	705 @ 98.85
63 blk/char str	865 @ 101.85	3 bwf/blk hfr	563 @ 98.00
59 blk/red str	875 @ 100.85	5 bwf/blk hfr	685 @ 97.25
169 mix str	867 @ 99.85	8 blk hfr	669 @ 95.75
11 blk str	856 @ 99.50	5 bwf/blk hfr	569 @ 95.00
58 mix str	912 @ 98.25	5 blk hfr	760 @ 94.75
58 mix str	878 @ 97.75	67 mix hfr	822 @ 93.60

2 blk hfr

758 @ 92.00

3 blk/sim hfr

765 @ 91.50

18 bwf/blk hfr

905 @ 90.90

COWS & HEIFERETTES

1 blk hfr

840 @ 80.00

1 blk hfr

1135 @ 75.25

1 blk hfr

805 @ 70.25

1 bwf cow

1470 @ 55.00

2 red/bwf cows

1188 @ 54.25

1 blk cow

1150 @ 53.50

2 sim cows

1355 @ 53.00

2 red/sim cows

1235 @ 52.75

1 blk cow

1600 @ 52.25

2 blk cows

1463 @ 52.00

1 hol cow

1725 @ 51.50

2 blk/bwf cows

1475 @ 51.25

1 red cow

1220 @ 51.00

4 mix cows

1150 @ 50.75

2 blk cows

1283 @ 50.50

2 bwf cows

1368 @ 50.00

2 blk/bwf cows

1333 @ 49.50

1 char cow

1435 @ 49.00

2 bwf cows

1158 @ 48.25

1 bwf cow

1250 @ 48.00

4 blk/char cows

1225 @ 47.25

1 blk cow

1370 @ 47.00

1 blk cow

1100 @ 46.50

1 hol cow

1430 @ 46.00

1 hol cow

1450 @ 45.25

1 blk cow

955 @ 45.00

2 bwf cows

1115 @ 44.50

1 hol cow

1360 @ 44.25

5 blk/bwf cows

1153 @ 43.50

2 bwf cows

1075 @ 43.00

1 shn cow

1300 @ 42.50

1 wf cow

1275 @ 42.25

1 blk cow

870 @ 41.50

1 blk cow

845 @ 40.00

BRED COWS

3 bwf cows

@ 750.00

1 blk cow

@ 740.00

1 blk cow

@ 600.00

1 blk cow

@ 530.00

BULLS

1 bwf bull

1965 @ 65.25

1 blk bull

2115 @ 65.25

1 bwf bull

1745 @ 64.75

1 blk bull

1990 @ 63.50

1 blk bull

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1 blk bull

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