

Rural bankers: Midwest, Plains economy still sick

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly survey of rural bankers suggests that, thanks to the weaker market for farm products, the economy was still ailing in a region of 11 Midwest and Plains states.

The Rural Mainstreet Index dropped to 32.6 in July, down from 34.0 in June and 36.2 in May. The report issued Friday said the figures were significantly higher than the index's record low of 16.9 in February.

A reading of 50.0 is considered growth neutral. Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, said the gauge of overall economic activity seemed to bottom out earlier in the year but is now trending downward. Goss and Bill McQuillan, CEO of City National Bank in Greeley, Neb., created the survey, which covers Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The survey's confidence index, which reflects what the bankers expect six months from now, dropped below growth neutral: to 44.6 in July from 52.2 in June and 56.0 in May. Farm economists have said the weaker global economy has hurt net farm income, which in turn has hurt sales of farm equipment and land.

Goss said the July survey asked bankers what they expected in 2009 crop income.

"Only 6.3 percent of the bankers forecast an increase in farm income over 2008 levels," Goss said. "Fully one-third expect crop income in 2009 to be lower than 2008." Some bankers suggested that the problem with farm income is prices, not production.

"It appears that yields will be 10, 15 percent higher than last year; however, prices will be down close to 25 percent," said Bradley Robson, CEO of First State

Bank in Belmond, Iowa. Joe Kennedy, CEO of First National Bank in Frankfort, was optimistic.

"We have had very good rains in the past 10 days or so. The crop yields should be better than the past three years," he said. The index for rural hiring remained low in July, hitting 25.0, which was 4 percentage points under the 29.0 in June. It was the 19th month in a row that the new-hiring index was under growth neutral. In the survey report, Goss blamed that weakness in part on the national and global recession and weaker farm and energy commodity prices.

"Over the past 12 months, rural areas of the region have lost almost 5 percent of their jobs. July's survey indicates that these job losses are likely to continue in the months ahead," Goss said. July's retail-sales index of 29.5 compared unfavorably with June's anemic 33.7, and for a second straight month, the home-sales index dropped. It hit 40.0 in July, compared with 45.9 in June and 48.7 in May.

"Real estate is selling very slowly," said Pete Haddeland, CEO of First National Bank in Mahanomen, Minn. But Ken Walsh, CEO of Ruby Valley Bank in Twin Bridges, Mont., said real estate agents are telling him "that the inquiries have picked up recently, so maybe the transactions will be forthcoming."

Also in July's survey, bankers were asked about the effect of the federal stimulus package.

None of the bankers reported a large and meaningful impact; 37.5 percent said the impact was nil; 62.5 percent said the impact was "very little or small."

Almost 200 communities are represented in the survey, with the average community's population about 1,300.

Boost cattle profitability with parasite control

Herd health costs account for a relatively small percentage of a cow/calf producer's expenditures, but it can have a big impact on boosting productivity and securing profits.1 This is an important insight that most profitable cow/calf producers already know, according to Cattle-Fax's annual cow/calf producer survey.

"Year in and year out, in good markets and in bad, our cow/calf producer survey shows that high-return producers do not skimp on genetics, pasture or herd health," says Kevin Good, Cattle-Fax senior market analyst.

Of all those practices, Iowa State University data shows that parasite control easily tops the list of most economically rewarding cow/calf pharmaceutical practices. Parasite control comes in at almost six times more important to a cow/calf producer's breakeven cost than growth-promoting implants, which was the second-most important practice.

The same research shows that not controlling parasites in the cow herd can negatively impact a producer's breakeven selling price by 34 percent — equating to a value of \$201 per head.

"Parasites negatively affect cattle performance, and therefore profits, from a number of different angles," says Dr. Frank Hurtig, director, Merial Veterinary Services. "Parasites can cause reduced weight gain, conception rates, immune system response and milk production — negatives that can all build on each other and result in significant losses."

He adds that parasites build up on pastures and in cattle throughout the summer grazing months, making fall cattle work — such as preconditioning, weaning or pregnancy checking — ideally timed opportunities to clear both cows and calves of profit-robbing parasites in preparation for winter, Dr. Hurtig says.

Lice are usually the top-of-mind pest leading up to the winter months. Dr. Hurtig says this is due in part to the fact that the damage from lice is easily seen, but it is important to remember that lice can cause more than a little hair loss. Studies have shown that feeder calves infected with moderate to heavy lice populations can have a decreased average daily gain of as much as 0.21 pound.

Dr. Hurtig says it's also important to treat for internal parasites, such as liver flukes and Ostertagia this time of year.

Research has shown that through improved growth and production, heifers treated for both nematodes and liver flukes in the fall earned \$153 more per head. In addition, in 8- to 9-month-old calves, research has found that subclinical infections of liver flukes caused an 8 percent reduction in weight gain over six months. Higher levels of infection reduced weight gain by 29 percent.

"Controlling both internal and external parasites at fall preconditioning or weaning sets up calves for more efficient weight gain and better overall health as they transition to the feeder or heifer development stage," Dr. Hurtig says. "Left unchecked, parasite infections will cause reduced weight gains, inefficient feed conversion and increased incidence of disease — all of which will quickly chip away at profits."

Controlling internal and external parasites also can give cows a much-needed boost as forage quality declines and they are struggling nutritionally.


"This fall off in forage quality makes it important that cattle get the most benefit possible out of the feed that is available. Parasite loads make that even more challenging," Dr. Hurtig says. "Parasites decrease appetite, have a negative effect on nutrient utilization and hamper immune response. Clearing cows of parasites before winter means that expensive supplemental feed is going to benefit your herd, not feed parasites."

When choosing a parasite control product, Dr. Hurtig notes that it's important to choose a product that will control both internal and external parasites. It's equally critical, he adds, to use products — such as IVOMEC® (ivermectin) Brand Products — that are backed by a trusted manufacturer.

"Low prices make it tempting to use generic parasite control products, but it only takes one pound of gain to pay for the difference between a brand product and a generic," Dr. Hurtig says. "And, unlike generics, all IVOMEC Brand Products are backed by the 100% Product Satisfaction Guarantee, so producers' fall parasite-control investment is protected no matter what."

Dr. Hurtig advises all producers to consider what Cattle-Fax says high-return producers already know and practice: Sound herd health, which includes parasite control, pays big dividends — even in hard times.

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For our sale Friday, July 17 steer calves and stocker feeder steers were selling at steady to stronger prices. Heavy unweaned steers and heifers were showing some resistance on the kind offered. Cull cows and bulls sold at steady to weaker prices. Following is a partial listing.

STEER CALVES — 400-550 LBS.

Parker Farms	Waterville	4 blk str	505 @ 118.00
Robert Bailey	Quenemo	3 blk str	476 @ 117.50
Steve Mayberry	Rossville	4 blk str	470 @ 117.00
Bob Rogers	Manhattan	3 blk str	510 @ 114.00
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	4 mix str	540 @ 114.00

FEEDER STEERS — 550-925 LBS.

Parker Farms	Waterville	14 cross str	568 @ 114.75
Gary/Annette Schreiber	Soldier	5 cross str	555 @ 114.00
Nancy Mercer	Delia	3 blk str	550 @ 112.50
Bob Rogers	Manhattan	11 cross str	591 @ 112.00
Gary/Annette Schreiber	Soldier	12 cross str	619 @ 111.75
Terry Mitchell	Clay Center	5 blk str	606 @ 111.50
Rick Sprang	Effingham	6 cross str	636 @ 111.25
Robert Bailey	Quenemo	4 blk str	625 @ 110.50
Gary/Annette Schreiber	Soldier	14 cross str	660 @ 109.75
Tom Kimball	Manhattan	3 blk str	685 @ 106.50
Robert Bailey	Quenemo	5 blk str	709 @ 106.25
Flying R Farms	Rossville	3 herf str	603 @ 105.00
Bob Rogers	Manhattan	4 blk str	735 @ 105.00
Parker Farms	Waterville	8 blk str	676 @ 104.50
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	5 blk str	635 @ 104.00
Tom Kimball	Manhattan	3 blk str	830 @ 103.00
Jim Salsbery	Baldwin City	25 blk str	850 @ 100.00
Ron Raub	Frankfort	17 herf str	593 @ 103.00
Jason Conley	Centralia	4 blk str	828 @ 102.50
Rick Sprang	Effingham	3 cross str	733 @ 101.00
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	3 blk str	691 @ 99.00
Ron Raub	Frankfort	5 herf str	676 @ 97.50

HEIFER CALVES — 375-550 LBS.

Cody Sprang	Effingham	3 cross hfr	445 @ 107.00
Parker Farms	Waterville	10 blk hfr	478 @ 105.00
Nancy Mercer	Delia	3 blk hfr	506 @ 104.50
Parker Farms	Waterville	5 blk hfr	574 @ 103.00
Bob Rogers	Manhattan	6 blk hfr	503 @ 103.00
Butch Rogers	McLouth	3 cross hfr	500 @ 102.50
Gary/Annette Schreiber	Soldier	4 cross hfr	511 @ 101.50
Larry Schwartz	Beatrice, NE	3 cross hfr	531 @ 100.50

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-850 LBS.

Bob Rogers	Manhattan	10 blk hfr	553 @ 105.75
Tom Kimball	Manhattan	3 blk hfr	576 @ 102.50
Glen/Kristie Dressman	Frankfort	3 blk hfr	585 @ 101.50
Gary/Annette Schreiber	Soldier	10 cross hfr	581 @ 101.00
Terry Mitchell	Clay Center	4 blk hfr	568 @ 101.00
Parker Farms	Waterville	13 blk hfr	613 @ 99.25
Gary/Annette Schreiber	Soldier	14 cross hfr	640 @ 99.00
Tom Kimball	Manhattan	4 blk hfr	688 @ 97.00
Charles Anderson	Topeka	3 blk hfr	615 @ 96.00
Larry Schwartz	Beatrice, NE	4 blk hfr	715 @ 95.50
Bob Rogers	Manhattan	5 cross hfr	716 @ 95.50
Ron Raub	Frankfort	6 mix hfr	579 @ 95.50
John Alexander	Gypsum	3 herf hfr	726 @ 95.00
Jason Conley	Centralia	4 blk hfr	641 @ 94.00

BULLS — 1,500-\$2,250 LBS.

David Breiner	Alma	1 blk bull	1655 @ 59.75
Larry/Rose Stelter	Blaine	1 simm bull	1940 @ 59.25
Flying R Farms	Rossville	1 herf bull	1680 @ 57.50
John Masek	Odell, NE	1 blk bull	1630 @ 56.25
Wayne Banks	Holton	1 blk bull	1550 @ 56.25
Berges Ranch	Onaga	1 blk bull	2010 @ 56.00
Tracy Ahlquist	Onaga	1 blk bull	2000 @ 55.75
Gary Johnson	Dwight	1 blk bull	1840 @ 55.25
Jack Austin	Manhattan	1 blk bull	1875 @ 52.75

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 850-1,750 LBS.

Gary Johnson	Dwight	1 blk cow	1190 @ 59.00
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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 24

124 choice homeraised black & bwf steers & heifers, 700-900 lbs.

90 black steers & heifers, all shots, 600-700 lbs.

27 fancy homeraised steers & heifers, weaned, shots, 550-650 lbs.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 10.00 lower. 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,

"The KDHE" has provided financial assistance to this project through EPA Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant #C900740513 and Kansas Water Plan Funds.

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<p>BRYAN WENDLING JUGGLING & COMEDY Thursday, July 30: 7 p.m. • Friday, July 21: 7 p.m. • Saturday, Aug. 1: 8 p.m.</p> <p>MISS POTTAWATOMIE CONTEST Thursday, July 30: 7:00 p.m. • Onaga High School</p> <p>BINGO: Friday, July 31, 7:00 p.m. • Saturday, Aug. 1, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>RODEO - Kraft Rodeo Co. Friday & Saturday, July 31 & Aug. 1 at 8:00 p.m. Dance following on Saturday</p> <p>SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - Saturday, Aug. 1, 9 AM</p> <p>HORSESHOE PITCHING - Saturday, Aug. 1, 10 AM</p>	<p>FREE SWIMMING - Saturday, Aug. 1, 1:00-3:00 PM</p> <p>KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL - Saturday, Aug. 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>TURTLE RACE (all ages) & FAIR GAMES - Saturday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m.</p> <p>INFLATABLES Thursday, July 30: 6-10 p.m. • Friday, July 21: 6-10 p.m. • Saturday, Aug. 1: 6-10 p.m.</p> <p>ANNUAL FAIR PARADE - Sunday, August 2 - 1:00 p.m. Entertainment Dara & the Little Nixie Ridge Band. Free Ice Cream Social following Parade</p> <p>GARDEN TRACTOR PULL - Sunday, August 2 - 2:30 p.m.</p>
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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The corn fell to another new low for the move last week as funds continued their long liquidation. Traders fear that we will see a higher yield estimate in the August supply and demand report, and although old crop export demand is good, it won't be enough to offset the higher production estimate. The December corn had been able to hold at the \$3.30 area and make a corrective bounce. It was a very feeble corrective bounce, which was a bad sign, and with little bullish news, the market is headed lower again. The contract low of \$3.02 is now a viable downside target.

Old crop export sales came in at 669,700 MT and new crop at 468,000 MT. The old crop total was big enough that is basically guarantees that USDA will have to raise the export estimate again in the August supply and demand report. Gulf basis levels were strong again last week due to the good demand and also to offset some of the decline in futures price. Unfortunately that hasn't translated into better basis here, but perhaps it eventually will if too much corn from the mid-west is drawn south.

The wheat benefited from being the long side of spreads. It didn't result in

much strength, but it did keep the wheat from falling to new lows. The September KW gained 19 cents, most of which came on Monday.

Export sales were down from the prior week at 422,500 MT. We need to sell at least this much each week to meet the USDA export estimate for the year. We have really only had one good export sales week so far this crop year and it is going to take much more than that to create speculative interest and a sustained rally.

The unwinding of bull spreads put the August soybeans under pressure. Old crop export demand is still very good, so one has to wonder how long the weakness can last. Also, the August soybeans completed a 62% retracement of the last leg up, so there is a good technical reason for a bounce as well. The August soybeans lost 35 1/4 cents for the week, and it would have been much worse had it not been for the 33 1/2 cent bounce on Friday. The November contract was actually up 6 1/2 cents, which show how much spread activity there was.

Export sales were good at 134,200 MT of old crop and 550,000 MT of new crop. All the old crop number has to be positive in order for it to be bullish. China has

back in the market this week, so next week's report should be friendly as well. We are over the export estimate for the year, so we can plan on a higher estimate in the August report. Soybean oil sales have been outstanding recently and the soy oil futures have been by far the strongest segment of the complex. Concerns about the dry Indian monsoon season are very supportive.

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Youth livestock may get DNA test

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Kansas State Fair officials may use a plan to allow DNA testing of livestock during the annual 10-day fair.

Fair board members approved the plan Wednesday that could start for the 2010 fair. The testing is designed to prevent cheating during livestock competitions.

Hair follicles taken from beef cattle, sheep and swine by their handlers months

before the competition will be used to verify that the same livestock is competing for ribbons and money each September.

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Wichita has yet to vote on whether to use the same system.

Sharon Breiner, Kansas State University's youth livestock coordinator, says the current system of checking nose prints from animals often is not reliable.

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81 IH 986 Rops 3200 hrs 18.4x38 70% Rubber; C/IH MX110 MFWD w/C/IH Ldr; 92 White 170 2WD Duals 4500 hrs; 86 Steiger Puma 4WD 5000 hrs, 2600hrs on Motor (Like New Rubber); 91 C/IH 7120 2WD w/3800hrs; 81 Case 2290 w/4300 hrs & Like new Rubber; IH 5488 Tractor, (Motor Needs Repair); IH Super M w/Ldr; AC 7060 Tractor; Case 1170 w/Cab 3800 hrs; JD 3020 Gas 4400 Actual hrs (Restored); 78 JD 4240 QR 3hy 7000 hrs; 77 Case 1370 C/A Duals; 74 Massey 1085; 46 JD Model B; 44 Farmall H (Restored); 656 Hydro High Crop Tractor; AC WD (Good Engine Brakes & Trans); 80 AC 7020; 89 C/IH 685 w/3825hrs; IH 1086 w/7835hrs; JD Wheatland Wide Front.

INDUSTRIAL

Case 1845C Skidloader; Case W7 Wheel Ldr, Diesel; Davis Fleet line 40+4 Trencher Backhoe; Bobcat 642B 250hrs on engine overhaul; JD 544 Loader; Parson's 75HP Trencher; 93 Komatsu 120 LC Track Hoe; Bobcat 24" Post Hole Digger Bit; Bell Tech Hyd Posthole Digger, High Torque High RPM w/12" Bit; Grauser Steel Tracks For 12x16.5 Tires.

COMBINES & HEADERS

04 C/IH 2020 25' Flex; 2002 JD 693 Corn head; 83 JD 8820 (Very Good) 3000hrs; 1976 JD 7700 Combine; 1988 JD 1243 w/Poly; JD 893 Cornhead w/Hyd Deck Plates; JD 918 Flex; 1993 JD 643 Oil Bath Cornhead; 1998 JD 693 Cornhead; 1981 JD 216 Rigid; JD 653A Rowhead; JD 643 Hight-in; 1988 JD 843 Cornhead; Gleaner N 20' Rigid; JD 930 Flex; 1980 JD 216 Flex; JD 653A Rowhead; Gleaner R 6RW Cornhead; IH 810 20' Rigid w/PU Reel; JD 5' Pickup Head; JD 653 Rowhead; IH 20' 1010 Rigid w/Bat Reel; Gleaner F Corn & Soybean Special; 91 JD 918 Rigid Head; JD 653 Rowhead; JD 653A w/C/IH Adapter; Gleaner LM 630; 2 IH 820 161/2' Flex; C/IH 1063 Cornhead; Field Queen 7600 w/4RN & 3RN & PU Head; C/IH 1063 Cornhead; IH 863 Cornhead; C/IH 1020 25' Flex; Gleaner Series III 20' Flex; Gleaner Series III 20' Flex; 94 JD 920 Flex; 93 JD 920 Flex; JD 230 Rigid.

PLANTERS & DRILLS

GP 3000 20' 3pt Drill 10"; JD 8350 w/Fert. 21x7 Drill; C/IH 5100 EWD Drill 21x7 w/Grass; JD 8350 16x8 Drill; Krause 5250 20' No Till Drill; JD 7000 8RW Flex Frame; JD 8250 21x7 w/Seeder.

TILLAGE

97 C/IH 6650 Consortill 9 Shank; JD 960 42' Cult; C/IH 3950 32' Disk; JD 960 32' Cult; JD 3600 11 Btm Flex Plow; JD 2700 6Btm Onland Plow; JD 3Btm Mtd Plow; Landoll 21' Soilmaster; Case 4sect 3pt Harrow; JD RM 6-30 Cult; Krause 4904 21' Disk w/Harrow; IH 55 18' Folding Chisel; Buffalo 6-30 No Till

Cult; Drill Harrow w/Brackets; Bushog 24' Rock Flex Disk; Krause 5600 28' Field Cult; New 6' 3pt Shredder; Gehl 10 Wheel Rake; JD 704 12 Wheel Rake; Krause 1404 22' Disk; NH3 13 Shank App. w/yetter openers & DMI Closers; Dalton 14 Shank NH3 App w/Coulters & Cover Disks; IHC 720 5x16 Plow (Nice); JD 714 Mulch Tiller; White 508 Plow.

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00 Wabash 53' Reefer Trailer; 98 Wilson Cattle Pot; 1995 Peterbilt 379; 79 C70 W/18' Bed & Hoist, 8.1 Ltr Diesel & Allison Auto; 1952 Chevrolet Deluxe (Runs); 1998 Chevy Pickup (Has Been Wrecked); 1994 Chevy Pickup (Doesn't Run); Dodge Motor home (Doesn't Run); 93 Lincoln Town Car; 93 Ford Club Wagon (Doesn't Run); Chevy C65 Rock Truck; 81 Wilson 40' Hopper Trailer; 2-4 Wheel Header Trailers 25 or 30' Headers; 69 Ford F-600 Grain Truck; 78 C-65 Truck w/18' Bed & Hoist; 94 Ford 2wd Diesel Crew Cab; 88 Int. 8300 9 Speed Day Cab; 74 IH 1700 392 Gas w/1600 Gal Stainless Tank & W/2" Pump & Fresh Water Tank; 75 Ford 8000 Diesel Twin Screw 5 & 2 speed w/27' Flatbed; 96 Kodiak 6 Speed Truck w/3226 Cat.

LOADERS

Ford 7514 Loader w/8970 Mts.; IH 710 Loader w/Magnum Mts.; JD 158 Loader w/20-50 Series Mts.; Farmhand Loader w/JD Mts.; Several Loader Buckets; New 9' Ldr Bucket; New 6' Ldr Bucket; 260 Dual Loader; JD 725 Ldr w/20-50 Series Mts.; Dual 3655 Loader w/JD 40 Series Mts.; Dual 300 Ldr w/JD Mts.; Large 7' Ldr Bucket; Skidsteer Bale Fork; JD 148 Ldr w/20 Series Mts.; C/IH 710 Ldr w/7 or 8000 Series Mts.; White 1165 QA Ldr; JD 148 Ldr w/Valve; JD 148 Ldr; New JD Ldr Bucket; Ford 701 Ldr w/Hyd Bucket; Westendorf WL 42 Ldr (Like New) White, Oliver or JD Mts.

HAY, FEED & LIVESTOCK

Acublend 330 Feed Wagon; Sitrex 10 Wheel Rake; NH 688 Baler w/Wrap; Dew Eze Roto Slicer Bale Processor; JD 350 Mower; Small IH Manure Spreader; Bale King 3010 Hay Processor; 1998 C/IH 8590 4x4 Baler; Skidsteer Bale Fork; Stainless Dry Fert. Spreader; JD 4ton Dry Fert. Spreader; NH 185 Spreader; 97 C/IH 8580 4x4 Baler; JD Green 3RN Chopper Head (Like New); NH 116 Hydro swing Swather; JD 336 Twine Baler (Very Nice); Owatonna Grinder Mixer w/Hay Grinder; JD 510 Baler; Gehl 170 Grinder Mixer; JD 336 Baler; Gehl DM 1165 Disc Mower; JD 3RN Chopper Head; C/IH 8465A Round Baler; NH 790 Spreader; Heston 1014 Hydro Swing Swather; 94 MacDon 5000 14' Hydro Swing Swather; JD 566 Baler w/Wrap; NH 1000RPM Silage Blower; Kelly Ryan Silage Wagon; Int. Silage Blower; Davis Portable 10x20 Roller Mill w/10HP Electric Motor;

C/IH 8460 Baler; NH 660 Baler; C/IH 8340 Swather; JD 1600 Hydro Swing Swather; 78 JD 2280 Swather.

WAGONS, CARTS & SPRAYERS

EZ Flow 425 Grain Cart w/Tarp; Parker 450 Grain Cart w/Rollover Tarp; Parker Gravity Wagon w/Auger & 10 Ton Gear; Dakon Gravity Wagon w/12 Ton Gears; 18.4x38 Clamp Duals; 2 Wheel Trailer; NH3 Nurse Tank; JD 250 Pull Cart; Badger 16' Tandem Axle Silage Trailer; Koyker 300 Gal Pull Sprayer w/45' Booms; Kelly Ryan Feed Wagon; 500 Gal Round Poly Tank; 1000 Gal Poly Nurse Tank; 2 H & S Rear Dump Silage Wagons; JD 112 Chuck Wagon; NH N8 Silage Wagon w/Steel Sides (Good); NH N8 Silage Wagon w/Wood Sides & Tandem Axle; McFarland 30' Harrow Transport Cart; JD 68 110 Bushel Grain Cart; 250 Bushel Gravity Wagon; Richardton 14' High Dump Wagon; Dual 5000 Dump Wagon; Bestway 45' Wheel Booms; PK Mtd 200 Gal Sprayer w/30' Hyd Booms; JD 125 Silage Wagon.

MISCELLANEOUS

06 Brandt 70' 10" Auger w/Swing Hopper; JD 709 7' 3pt Cutter; JD 40 Series Front Weights; 2 Sets JD 4020 Slab Weights w/Mts.; JD Wheels; 20.8x38 Duals; 13x26 Tire & Wheel; 16.9x26 Tires; 18.4x34 Duals; Harrows for 750 Drill; IHC Combine Axle; JD 1760 Center Frame; JD Baler Hitch; JD Front Weights; JD 750 Double Drill Hitch; 750x20 Tires & Wheels; IHC Combine Grates; 13 Pipe Panels; Coat 2020 Tire Machine; JD MX7 3pt Cutter; Wide Front Off Of JD 6500 Sprayer; Diamond H 10' Box Scraper; Orthman Q Hitch; Rock Picker; Gleaner to JD Head Bish Adapter; JD 544 12' Dozer Blade; Reynold 10yrd Dirt Scraper; JD HX15 Flex Wing Cutter; Woods 14' 3pt Cutter; Hutchison 70' 48" Auger; Pair of 30.5x32 Tires; 31/2" OD Post 8' & 9'; 27/8" OD Post 8'; 5 Bundles of 4 20' 6 Bar Continuous Fence Panels; Steel T Posts; Mayrath 61' Auger; 12x16.5 Foam Filled Tires; 22.5 Pilot Hub; 110 Gal Diesel Tank; Grill Guard For a Pickup; 15 NH3 Closing Wheels; Kuhn 52" Roto Tiller w/540 Pto; Lincoln 200 Amp Older Gas Welder; JD AMT 622 5 Wheeler; 2-14" Cattle Guards; JD 17' Unload Auger; Kansas Clipper (For Skidsteer); Rhino 9' Blade; 2-2600 PSI Power Washers; Stand Up 5HP Air Compressor; Small Diesel Generator; L Shaped 110 Gal Diesel Tank; Gas Portable Air Compressor; 3-30 Ton Lowboy Axles w/10.00x15; Tires & Wheels; Coleman 5000 Continuous Watt Generator; Lincoln 225 7000 Watt Welder & Generator; Electric Welder; IH Fast Hitch 7' Blade; JD 7' Blade; 8 Aluminum 24.5 Uni Mts.; Trailer Lights ; Truck Lights; 11/2 yrd Dirt Scraper; Acetylene Torch; Loading Chute; 250 Gal LP Tank.

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AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 — 2:00 PM

230 N. Walnut — OGDEN, KANSAS

2 old oak curved glass china cabinets; **Lift chair**; glass door cabinet; lighted china cabinet; dining table and chairs; metal canopy bed; 5-drawer chest and night stand; 1950's floor lamp; single bed; oak sewing rocker; office chair; 2 - 2-drawer file cabinets; humpback trunks; bed; refrigerator; 4-drawer McCall's cabinet; console sewing machine; **Heavy electric wheel-chair, needs battery, like new**; 3-drawer stand; night stands; high chair; portable TV; folding stools; kerosene heater; 2 Redwood chairs; lounge; Theatre seats; Schwinn "Breeze" bike; oak mantel clock; German chocolate set; Goebel full bee figurine; old violins and cases; 35MM carousel holders and projector stand; old Valentine and Postcard albums; Little Golden books; Roy Rogers wind-up toy; Beanie Babies; Chip Hilton books; custard glass, Concordia, Ks. and McCloud, Oklahoma; salt and peppers; printer's tray; Czech purse; hankies; gloves; burnt wood boxes; Ertl banks and cars; Radko Christmas ornaments; records; Coke items; 3 pcs. Fenton; Robot toys; toy trucks; metal school bus; cap

guns; Post magazines; 2 cameos; 2 turquoise bracelets; rhinestone bracelet; Pioneer CD player; Hotrod magazines; decanters; Snoopy collection; dolls including black, bisque, celluloid and plastic; 2 Coke signs; wood bobbins; Dionne Quint book; razors; Michael Jordan life size cut-out; 137th General Hospital yard long; old cameras; Louis L'Amour books; old implement manuals; **Winchester fishing reel**; movie projector from Frankfort Theatre; cookie cutters; baseball cards; license tags; Star Wars books and cards; cigar boxes; decoys; tins; "45" records; phones; Fisher-Price toys; postcards; bolo ties; Hallmark ornaments; train sets; 1937 Conoco book; golf clubs; child's metal lawn chair; character glasses; baseball gloves and bats; 2 new 62 large leather motorcycle jackets; leather motorcycle saddle and tool bags; motorcycle gloves; small cast iron motorcycle; 1950's letters for jacket; Camel cigarette items; mixing bowls; fighting bull toy; lemon squeezer; lots sheet music; dishes; chamber pot; board games; battery T-Rex; antlers; baseball bobbin heads; Boy Scout patches; jewelry chest;

1950's lamp shades; seltzer bottles; sewing items; aluminum Christmas tree; milk bottles; horse statue; GNR oil can; irons; cake carrier; stocking holders; Pez; view-master cards; cowboy boots; Avon; luggage; Christmas decorations; plates; TV trays; SS pots; Halloween decorations; baskets; toaster oven; insulators; pop and other bottles; fruit jars; picnic basket; kerosene and milk cans; cow skulls; rocking horse; teapots; cast iron skillet; hay knife; pipe vise and stand; pipe threaders; lots hardware; lantern; wood ladders; 6 blow torches; flares; grease guns; concrete tools; circular saws; hand tools; fire extinguishers; pipe wrenches; bars; trailer hitch; boxes tools; ammo box; garden tools; boomers; mole traps; buzz saw blades; portable air compressor; many hand saws; 25 cross-cut saws; harness vise; sump pump; shovels; hand scythe; bird houses.

COINS - Sell approx. 4 PM

31 Silver dollars; 13 quarters, 1892-1911; 37 Buffalo nickels; 17 V-nickels; 22 Indian head pennies; 26 Standing Liberty and Pre-1964 quarters; 73 Silver

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Guest Editorial

The “facts” about food production, Hollywood-style

By Jody Donahue

I wondered if I was the only person in the theater who eats meat and shops at regular grocery stores when the movie Food, Inc started playing. By the end of the movie I was certain that I was the only meat-eating, non-organic shopping member of the audience.

Food, Inc is lifting “the veil on our nation’s food industry.” The film contends that efficiency and scientific advancements in agriculture are creating an unhealthy and downright dangerous food supply. Furthermore it asks viewers to fight for tougher regulation because the USDA and FDA have been corrupted by insiders from corporate agriculture who have been placed in high positions in those agencies.

To the average city dweller the movie is closer to horror movie rather than so-called documentary. It features clips from the slaughterhouse, and every piece of downer-cow footage that we who raise cattle wish would be burned.

I consider it part horror movie for other reasons.

I find it horrifying that people will actually believe

these distortions and will change their eating habits accordingly.

The film’s website says that “our nation’s food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment.”

They are pointing fingers everywhere.

From policy makers to farmers/ranchers like my family, the filmmakers blame us all for creating a broken system that is causing obesity, diabetes, and even unnecessary death. They think we’re spoon-feeding hormones and antibiotics to all of our animals and spraying our crops until they glow in the dark.

I’m sure the filmmakers believe that they’re doing the little guys in agriculture a favor by bashing the big guys, promoting sustainability and encouraging shoppers to buy local. Furthermore, I think they believe that we’ve all been brainwashed or coerced into cooperating with the corporations who slaughter our animals and provide our farm inputs. They think we need

saving from ourselves.

But it’s a naive look at our food supply through rose-colored glasses.

It should also be a wake-up call to all of us.

There are part of our system that are very ugly when seen by outsiders. It’s an unfortunate fact that many of our city cousins see our farm animals as pets instead of a source of nutrition. And they’re being taught that any pesticide, herbicide and even fertilizers are bad.

The other side will at worst lie, and at best distort the facts to promote their anti-meat, anti-science, anti-business agenda. And people will believe them because they paint a compelling picture. Their case is so compelling that at one point during the movie, I started doubting what I know about agriculture. I truly began to think maybe ranch life has made me caloused and I couldn’t be objective.

Then I started connecting the dots to see which of their experts had an ax to grind or an agenda to push. I could see the motives really driving the statements and message, but I’m sure nobody

else in that theater could.

Get to a theater to watch this movie. You will be saddened and sickened, but for different reasons than most of the people seeing it. Watch the reactions of others watching this show. You’ll see that all of the city people watching this movie are buying it as Gospel truth.

If you don’t belong to an animal or industry association fighting this propaganda, it’s time to join. If you don’t speak up when you hear someone making a negative or misinformed comment about agriculture, it’s time to get the facts and set them straight.

Between this movie and several of the books that have been making the rounds, there’s a big portion of this country that now questions whether they should be eating the food we produce.

It’s a shame that we’ve come to that. But shame on us if we don’t start doing everything we can to tell our side of the story and get the real facts out there.

Jody Donahue is a food producer and rancher from Fredonia.



Vaughn Stull, Hill & Dale 4-H Club, with his 2009 Cloud County Fair Champion Market Goat, purchased by Stull Pumping. Pictured with Vaughn are Joel & Debbie Stull.

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AUCTION
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 — 9:00 AM

AT THE HOUSE, 104 E. LINCOLN, WATERVILLE, KANSAS.
 (SOUTH OF THE METHODIST CHURCH)

REAL ESTATE (Sells at 12:00 Noon).
 This is a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom ranch style home, nicely located just off Main Street. The main floor has a large living room, dining room, kitchen, and laundry room. The basement is partly finished and has a bathroom. The home has a forced air furnace, central AC, metal siding, and a 2 car attached garage. The place has a lawn sprinkler system. There is a nice deck on the west side of the house. The lot is 88 x 150. The 2008 taxes were \$946.87.

Real estate auction by Raymond Bott Realty & Auction. To see the property, come to the Open House on Saturday, July 25th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, or call for an appointment.

AUTOMOBILES (Sell right after the real estate.): 1989 Lincoln Town Car, white. 1977 Chrysler Newport 4 door hardtop, black. Both cars have been driven regularly.

FURNITURE: Duncan Phyfe walnut & 6 chairs; oak china cabinet; nested Queen Anne tables; roll top desk; maple corner cabinet; bed; 5 drawer chest; beige sofa; recliners; triple dresser & night stand; needle point chairs; bar stools; microwave stand; lingerie chest; TV stand; other furniture.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Hohner melodica; lead crystal; crystal bowls & cake plates; dolls; angel collection (all sizes); carnival glass bowl; glass basket; green Jadite Fire King bowls; nested Pyrex bowls; Longaberger basket; fancy table cloths & other fancy work; granite ware; picnic basket; fur coat, jacket & stole; cook books; other collectibles.

YARD & GARDEN SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT: Snapper LE1438H 14 hp. lawn tractor mower w/bagger; Yard Machine 21 in. snow blower; Snapper 7 hp. push mower; Valentine adult chain drive tricycle; Schwinn ladies bike; cupboards; trimmers; hose; leaf blower; hand tools; long handled tools; oil; fertilizer; chemical; and many other gardening and yard items.

APPLIANCES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Maytag dishwasher; Tappan 30 in. electric range; Amana 17 cu. ft. bottom freezer refrigerator; Hoover steam vac; Euro Pro steamer; other vacuums; Kitchen Aid stand mixer; blenders; rotisserie; Maytag washer; Kenmore dryer; 25 in. TV; small TV; lamps; Federalist Ironstone dishes; Oneida Wm. Rogers silver; bake ware; cook ware; copper ware; pots & pans; blankets; bedding; canister sets; luggage; other household items.

Many of the appliances, household items & yard equipment are nearly new and in like new condition. This is not a complete listing. We will start with the yard and garden items. The real estate will sell at Noon, followed by the automobiles and large appliances. LUNCH

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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
 SUNDAY, JULY 26 — 10:00 AM
 420 E. 2nd St. — POMONA, KANSAS
 Real Estate Sells Approx. 2:00 PM

PERSONAL PROPERTY

TRACTORS & EQUIP.
 1941 John Deere B; 1946 Allis Chalmers B; 1948 Ford 8N; 3 pt. 5' rotary mower; 3 pt. boom; Massey Harris 2 bottom pull type plow; John Deere 2 bottom pull type plow; 3 pt. 7' blade; Ferguson 3 pt. 2 bottom plow; 10 hp. wood splitter; pick-up bed trailer; buzz saw for 8N.

RIDING MOWERS & TILLERS
 8 hp. Snapper MTD GT 2050; Cub Cadet 72; 14 hp. Cub Cadet; Troy Bilt horse tiller; Troy Bilt Pony tiller; Mantis tiller; 3 pt. tiller, fits cub.

TOOLS
 Craftsman tool chest and cabinet; many wrenches, socket sets and wrenches, most are Craftsman and U.S. made; Rockwell/Delta wood lathe; Craftsman drill press; Milwaukee rechargeable drill; Generac power washer; Craftsman 10" radial arm saw; Homelite Super XL chain saw; Homelite Super 20 chain saw; Craftsman elec. chain saw; Walker floor jack; creepers; battery chargers; vises; bench grinder; hand, yard and garden tools; metal work benches; Helper Handle lift; A frame; chain hoist; tool boxes; parts bins; 1/2" drills; HiLift jack; Sears 230 amp welder; power tools; David White transit; pipe threaders and cutters; C clamps; bar clamps; elec. cords; 48" Rigid pipe wrench;

misc. pipe wrenches; planes; belt sanders; forge; anvils; Lincoln Weld Pak 100 wire feed welder; railroad jacks; levels; lots and lots of tools not listed still sorting; lots of misc.

AUTOS
 1988 Jeep Wrangler; International School bus, salvage.

GUNS
 Winchester Classic Model 94, 30/30; Winchester Model 25, 22; Wards Westernfield Model 40, 22; Savage Model 30F, 12 ga.; Excel 410 single shot; Colt Woodsman 22; Hi Standard double 9 22; ATF Recommendations will apply, KANSAS RESIDENTS ONLY.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES
 Singer Featherweight sewing machine and table; 6 qt. butter churn; wash boards; library card catalog cabinet; milk bottle carrier; steel wheels; corn sheller; pitcher pump; Pennzoil cast iron sign base; Stanley No. 77 dowel maker; license tags; oil cans; other misc. antiques and collectibles yet to sort.

ENGINES
 IH LB engine, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hp., 300-500 pulley speed; Maytag engines; 2, L.U.C. J.D. combine engines; Wisconsin engine; 8 hp. B&S engines; other misc. engines; engine magazines.

HOUSEHOLD
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AUCTION
 SUNDAY, JULY 26 — 12:00 NOON
 AT THE 4-H BUILDING, FAIRGROUNDS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS

FURNITURE: Oak full size bed; queen size bed; sofa sleeper; entertainment center; Queen's Rattan chairs; sofa sleeper; dresser; large oak secretary desk; child's desk; child's rocker; swivel rocker; dining table w/3 leaves, 6 chairs & large buffet; platform rocker; chairs; wing back chairs; end tables; bar stools; drop leaf chrome table; other furniture.

APPLIANCES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Kenmore 19 cu. ft. side/side refrigerator; small TV; JVC stereo; blankets; bedding; old quilts; pots & pans; Mel Mac dishes; bake ware; glass ware; framed prints; luggage; wall hangings; paintings; kitchen ware; scanner; jars; golf clubs; grill; cook books; stereo speaker; Golden Books; Sesame Street books; Barbie, Annette & other books; patterns; crafts; knitting & crochet items; microwave; lamps; area rugs; Nintendo game w/games; other items.

COLLECTIBLES: KC Royals 1982 signed print; John Wayne portrait; coin collection; electric Busch & Coors signs; music boxes; decanters; American novelty items; LP's; 45's; Bi-Centennial items; Nebraska Cornhusker items; Tyco train set; Matchbook toys; Case-IH tractor; Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Paraguay, Uruguay, Germany, Philippines and other foreign folding money & coins; other collectibles.

JAPAN ITEMS: Tea sets; sake sets; rice dishes; ginger jars; 7 gods figurines; warrior helmet; Geisha dolls; emperor and empress figurines; Kimi Komi dolls; Shisa dogs; Sanshin instrument; blown glass flowers; papasan and mamasan figurines; monkeypod wood lazy Susan; original oil paintings; cloisine art & hand painted plates; wicker & bamboo trays; silk kimono; oki & wooden shoes; other items.

TACK: Western saddle w/16 in. seat; saddle stand; spurs; cinches; girths; breast collars; bridles; bits; hames; saddle blankets; other items.

SHOP & OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT: Belsaw blade & saw sharpener w/ 1/2 hp. motor, complete w/books & extra discs & blades; buzz saw w/belts & extra blades; traveling sprinklers; M&W front tine tiller; 3 in. trash pump w/frame; Western Auto 12 in. variable speed band saw w/books; Ace 10 in. bench table saw; Wizard push mower; Blizzard snow blower; men's mountain bike; lawn chairs; V-belts; chain saws, bars & links; small engines; operating & repair manuals; mower, new tiller & chain saw repair parts; tents; coolers; rock polisher; pet cages; aquariums; hockey sticks; electrical, plumbing & auto parts & supplies; Weber grill; other power & hand tools; other equipment.

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Svaty will take helm of ag agency

TOPEKA, (AP) — Gov. Mark Parkinson last week appointed a 29-year-old Democratic state lawmaker who is a fifth generation farmer to head the state's agriculture department.

Josh Svaty is among the youngest people ever named to the post, but the Democratic governor said Svaty's age was not a concern and that he will bring energy and know-how to the position.

"He brings a wealth of experience to the position. He knows the ropes, farms himself and understands the trials and tribulations that our farmers go through every day," Parkinson told reporters. "He represents a new generation of leaders in Kansas, among our best and brightest."

The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation, which is expected.

Svaty replaced Adrian Polansky, a Republic County farmer who has run the agency since 2003 and will head the federal Farm Service Agency in Kansas starting this week. He held that job during the Clinton administration.

Svaty's appointment drew praise from the state's two chief agricultural groups, the Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas Farm Bureau.

Report indicates that cattlemen-investment yielding results

The Beef Checkoff Program returned about \$5.55 in value to beef producers for every dollar they invested into it between 2003 and 2008. That's the overall conclusion of a new economic study completed by Dr. Ron Ward, professor emeritus to the Food and Resource Economics Department of the University of Florida.

"Is the beef checkoff a demand driver? This was the most fundamental question of the entire study, and the answer is an overwhelming 'yes,' the generic promotion of beef has shifted beef demand," Ward noted in his research conclusions. "The marginal rate-of-return is large enough to provide overwhelming evidence that the programs are achieving positive impacts (on) the U.S. demand for beef," he said.

"The Beef Checkoff Programs and Their Impact on U.S. Beef Demand" evaluates the effectiveness of checkoff-funded programs in reaching their overarching goal of growing beef demand. To complete this, Ward employs statistical models that measure the effects of major beef demand drivers overall, then specifically, of the Beef Checkoff Program itself as a demand driver. It is a comprehensive study that is peer-reviewed by respected economists versed in

commodity promotions and the beef industry, and is a follow-up to similar beef checkoff evaluations conducted regularly since 1989.

Ward presented the study results to the checkoff's Joint Industry Evaluation Advisory Committee today at the 2009 Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver.

"We evaluate individual checkoff programs every year to make sure that we continue only with those programs that provide the biggest bang for our checkoff buck," said Joint Evaluation Advisory Committee Chairman Dave Bateman, a producer from Illinois and immediate past chairman of the Cattlemen's Beef Board. "But we have to dig a little deeper every few years to make sure that our overall checkoff strategy — combining all of our programs in promotion, research and information — are working together for the benefit of everyone who pays into the checkoff."

Ward said that determining the effectiveness of recent beef checkoff programs objectively required identifying all factors that impact the demand for beef — things like household demographics, market penetration, amount of beef consumed per household and beef promotions, to name a few.

"This study is a pretty high-level economic re-

view, with some complex econometric modeling throughout, so we don't pretend to have the expertise as cattlemen on the Evaluation Committee to make sure it's sound science on our own," Bateman said. "That's why it goes through a peer review, and Ward's final version got the thumbs up for research accountability from those in the know — specifically Dr. Oral Capps and Dr. Chuck Lambert."

The report on Ward's research addresses beef consumption patterns, estimation of the impact of the checkoff on market penetration or the probability of consuming beef within a defined period, and the impact on the level of consumption among beef consumers. The end product is the determination of the rate-of-return from beef producers' and importers' national checkoff investments.

Along those lines, report findings include:

The percentage of U.S. households that purchased beef in a given two-week shopping period — at 78.8 percent — would have been about three percentage points lower between 2003 and 2008, if not for the beef checkoff programs in place then, the study concluded.

During the period, it became increasingly difficult to attract households to the beef market, so more of the

checkoff gains arose from increased servings rather than the percentage of them buying beef. Accordingly, the two-week shopping analysis found an average of 3.42 servings of beef consumed per household member and concluded that each of those households would have purchased about 0.11 fewer servings per two-week period if not for the beef checkoff programs.

Expressing shifts in demand back to the live-weight level, Ward estimates the marginal rates-of-return to the checkoff program between 2003 and 2008 to be 5.55 for the average checkoff expenditure level.

"These marginal gains are substantially above one," Ward noted, "thus pointing to a program that is quantitatively effective in influencing the U.S. demand for beef."

Bateman said the positive return-on-investment is great news for cattlemen and importers who pay for the checkoff programs, though he fears some might

be hesitant to believe the results, given current market conditions.

"For those producers paying into the checkoff, it's important to put these findings into the context of their operations — especially at a time when so many are losing money," he said. "It might be difficult for producers to quantify a gain from the checkoff when they're not seeing any gains in their own operations."

"The answer to that goes back to the very basic tenet of the checkoff," Bateman continued. "The checkoff can't singlehandedly turn around a bad market, but we have to stop and imagine if our checkoff dollars are returning \$5.55 for every dollar we invest, just where we might be without the checkoff programs we have in place. That could quickly get pretty devastating, I would think. This study is telling us that because of our checkoff programs — even when times are bad for our industry — we are significantly better off than we would be without those programs."

HALL FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 25 — 10:00 AM

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TRACTORS

AC D-17; JD 4020, power shift, 5000 hrs., original; John Deere A; 706 G, WF, 3 pt.; JD 2240; Ford 2000, new motor; Ford 3910, nice tractor; JD 630, 2-cyl., partially restored; JD 8640, 3 pt., PTO, 6500 hrs.; H Farmall; M Farmall w/WF, PS, 3 pt.; JD 3010; Michigan 380, 20' dozer blade.

COMBINES

JD 7700 4x4, running w/216 hd.; JD 7720, 2-wheel; SH 6600.

HEADS

JD 643 Lo; JD 444, nice; JD 643 Lo Oil; JD 213, plastic fingers & stainless; JD 213; JD 444; MF 20' U2 reel.

LOADERS

JD 48; JD 148; Westendorf for IH.

TILLAGE

JD 2100 in-line ripper, 55K; plows: late model 3-btm. pull; Oliver 5-btm. on land; JD F145 5-15; Ford 5-16 steerable; JD 712 disk chisel; JD 12' pull chisel plow; Dakron Mt. 12' chisel plow; JD 1000 12' chisel plow mt; AC 3-16 snap coupler plow, complete, very nice; JD 2800 plow, 7-btm. on land.

CONSTRUCTION

Cat D6C, cable unit, hyd. tilt, hi hp, 50% undercarriage; Kewanee 9' hyd. blade; JD 115, 9'; JD 78, 6'; New Diamond 10' box blade w/hyd. tilt & lift; MT 5' box scraper w/scarifier.

DISKS

JD PK 12', nice; IHC 490, 20'; JD 310, 15' w/cyl.; 14' BWA; JD 8' MT; MF 8' MT; JD 1018 pull, 10'; JD 709 pull; JD 709, 3 pt.

FIELD CULTIVATORS

JD 24' w/harrow; Glenco 20' w/harrow; JD 1100, 24' mt.

HAY & SILAGE

Vermeer 605H; JD 214 wire baler; JD 3800 chopper; Vermeer 605 Super J auto W & tie; NH 465 disc mower; JD 410 baler, small bale; JD 666 rake; 10-wheel 3 pt. butch; Heider silage wagon; NH silage wagon on 6-whl. gears; Big Blue silage top 6-whl. gears; JD 8' direct cut, Hd; JD 6' direct cut, Hd; JD 2-row N Hd; 10-wheel Sitrex rake.

MOWERS

JD 350, 9'; IHC 1300, 9'; JD SP 830 windrower; SR 15 batwing; 15' flail shredder; 20' flail shredder; Servers 10' pull; Ford 944, 7', 3 pt.; AC 7' R80.

PLANTERS & DRILLS

7000 4-row no-till; Black Machine w/Kinze units, no-till, 8-row Wd.; 494 A 4-row planter; JD 9300, 10', 7" space; JD 1500 pwr.-till pasture drill; GP 30 solid stand.

SPRAYERS

Spray coupe; 500-gal. sprayer w/monitor; 3 pt. 250 w. pump & booms, like new.

ROW CROP CULTIVATORS

JD RM 4-row; JD FM4 w/mts.; Glenco 8-row folding Danish tine; JD 6-row, front mount.

WAGONS

Parker gravity wagon, 300-bu.; JD 953 gear only; Heider box & hoist; 350-bu. Dakron.

TRUCKS

Trailer w/500-gal. tank; Lowboy trailer, 20-ton; 1997 IHC dump truck, single axle, ready to go.

LAWN MOWERS

X495; Rhino FM100 finish mower; JD LT 166, no hood, as is; JD 140, restored, new deck; JD 110; JD 214.

MISCELLANEOUS

Harrow Gator, 20'; pasture harrow; IHC 100 manure spreader; feed wagon, working.

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Alta Vista, bmf	1315@46.00
Hillsboro, hol	1805@46.00
Americus, rwf	1310@45.75
Alta Vista, blk	1445@45.50
Hillsboro, hol	1565@44.00
Hillsboro, hol	1975@44.00
Alta Vista, bmf	1010@43.75

HEIFERS

Herington, 15 mix	912@88.75
Herington, 7 blk	1058@85.00

STEERS

Peabody, 4 blk	735@100.00
Hope, 7 mix	798@93.85
Hope, 8 mix	748@93.50
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Producers should test their forage sorghums before cutting

Searing summertime temperatures have been topping the century mark, and that means cattle producers need to take steps to ensure high concentrations of nitrates have not accumulated in forage sorghums prior to use.

“These high-nitrate plants, either standing in the field or fed as hay, can cause abortion in pregnant cattle, or even animal death if consumed in great enough quantities,” said Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension livestock specialist.

Producers need to remember that nitrates do not dissipate from sun-cured hay, unlike prussic acid. Therefore, once the forage is cut for hay the nitrate levels remain constant.

The major sources of nitrate toxicity in Oklahoma and surrounding areas will be summer annual sorghum-type plants such as sudan hybrids, sorgo-sudans, millets and Johnsongrass, among others.

“We recommend producers test summer annual hay fields before they cut,” said Nathan Anderson, Payne

County Extension director and agricultural educator. “Experience tells us that we cannot estimate nitrate content just by looking at a field.”

Testing before cutting gives producers an additional option of waiting for normal plant metabolism to bring the nitrate concentration back to a safe level before harvesting.

“Another useful tool is to raise the cutter bar when harvesting the hay,” Anderson said. “Nitrates are in greatest concentration in the lower stem. Raising the cutter bar may reduce the tonnage, but cutting more tons of a toxic material provides no particular value.”

Anderson said producers should remember that raising the cutter bar will not totally eliminate nitrate toxicity in the plants.

“If a producer has any doubt about the quality of the hay, send a forage sample to a reputable laboratory for analysis to get an estimate of nitrate concentration,” he said. “This will provide guidelines as to the extent of dilution that may be necessary to feed the hay to cattle more safely.”

Selk added that it is always a good idea to let cattle become adapted to nitrate in hay. By feeding small amounts of the forage sorghum along with other feeds such as grass hay or grains, cattle begin to develop a capability to digest the nitrate with less danger.

“It’s summer now but it will be winter when the hay is fed; producers should remember to avoid the temptation of feeding high-nitrate forage for the first time after a snow or ice storm,” he said.

In such conditions, cattle will be stressed, hungry and not adapted to the nitrates. They are likely to consume unusually large amounts of the forage, increasing the potential for nitrate toxicity.

Selk and Anderson recommend that producers read OSU Extension Fact Sheet No. 2903, “Nitrate Toxicity in Livestock,” before cutting or feeding any sorghum forage hay. The fact sheet is available at <http://osufacts.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-1996/PSS-2903> web.pdf on the Internet.

Industry provides advice on practice of seed-saving

Many have been feeling the crunch of the economy, which has farmers rethinking their business choices. For wheat growers, this means deciding whether to save seed for next year or buy new. While saving seed may help cut initial costs, hidden risks exist that could hurt a farmer's yield in the future.

Consideration has to be given to the viability of saved seed. Damage to seed can occur in the field, during transportation, and during storage. It is wise to have saved seed tested after harvest and again before planting to ensure germination.

Although saved seed may be viable, farmers have to make sure it is legal. The Plant Variety Protection Act allows farmers to plant seed that has been saved. However, this is only legal if the original crop was legally purchased. In the case of certified seed, the farmer must ensure his purchase was accompanied with a blue label. This label, found on the bag, invoice, or bulk sales certificate, verifies the

transaction is legal. If the farmer doesn't get a blue label, the sale might be illegal.

Many seed companies have started exercising their right to pursue retailers that sale seed illegally. They also can pursue the purchasers of illegal seed and request that they destroy the fields they have planted with this seed. Farmers have to remember that a lot of time and money goes into certified seed to create new disease and insect resistance, and improve characteristics like yield.

When planting patented seed, such as Clearfield wheat, it might be illegal for farmers to save seed for the next year. Some patented seed comes with a contract

that specifically states the farmer cannot save back seed. Be aware of these stipulations to avoid problems down the line.

To assist growers in purchasing decisions, K-State Extension and Kansas Crop Improvement Association have collaborated on the Kansas Wheat Book. This publication, distributed by High Plains Journal in August, provides wheat performance tests conducted by K-State in various counties across Kansas. The second half of the book lists growers, retailers, and conditioners that meet the KCIA standards for certified seed.

For more information on certified seed visit www.kscrop.org.

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storage rooms. A separate 2,944± SqFt brick shop building is located to the west of the school building. The roof was redone 2 years ago, the boiler has been re-tubed, and the chiller has been rebuilt 5 years ago.

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sterling flatware & tea strainer; Mother of Pearl knives & forks; stereoscope & cards; 10 hand-made quilts; early wool coverlet; Occupied Japan; Alabaster berry set; 1910 calendar plate; Clay Center bottles; copper boiler; cast iron Dutch oven; Child's sewing machine; many many set & partial sets of silverware including set from KSU President Farrell; Anniversary clock; crocks including 5 gallon Western, 8 gallon Red Wing & 5 gallon Pittsburg; Ladies hats; 3 pcs opalescent; 7pcs pink depression; Red Wing vase; Black Amethyst; clocks; old records; shoe spoon collection; belt buckles Hesston 1983, 1984, 2-1985's, & 2 1986, Santa Fe & others; K-State items; celluloid items; kerosene lamp; early dresser lamp; lots fancywork; Coke collection & bottles; A.I. Root bee keeping books & smoker; old cameras; cast iron waffle irons; fireplace screen; 'Little Jim' child's wagon; 18 Barbie dolls; children's play dishes; vintage clothing; granite coffee pot; Pyrex mixing bowls; milk bottles; 75 yardsticks; hat stand; pictures & frames; many paper dolls; advertising cake pans; records; Mickey Mouse items; china bedpans; wheat pennies; advertising utensils; Political & other pins; sports items; Derby oil advertising; Mr. Peanut S&P's; tokens; bullet pens; wooden nickels; advertising pamphlets; Lone Ranger scrapbook; Hop-a-long Cassidy cards; many fun trinkets; pen-

cil collection; ice tongs; 12 rug beaters; scales; foot warmer; Agnew watch & other watches; Elephant collection; 3 Maxine Fiero paintings; Jesse Baker; Aerglin painting; set of Lenox pottery; boxes; silverplate; Nautilus 'Eggshell' set of dishes; Fireking; Arni Easter eggs; Hull vases; Celery dish with matching salt dips; baby dishes (80 yrs old); green depression; Blue compote; crystal candleholders; McCoy; Hop-a-long Cassidy mug; egg plates; square honey dish; butter dish; old toys; cherry pitter; hand corn grinder; 'End of Day' dish; cookie jar; German crystal; Frankoma trivets; various pink depression glass; Goebel owl; depression sherbets; berry sets; 24pcs tomato Occupied Japan; Frankoma plates 1968-1972; Pfaltzgraf; crystal vases; 2 Jadeite measuring cups; cobalt blue butter dish; variety of depression glass; Kitchen Aid mixer; pasta maker; cook & other books; Westinghouse roaster; White Mountain ice cream freezer; jewelry chest; coolers; Coleman stove; Tupperware; punch bowl; luggage; Christmas decorations; boxes & boxes of vases; fishing rods & reels; Troy Built Pony rototiller; Troy Built chipper vac; 2 LawnBoy mowers; Troy Built mower; John Deere & Craftsman snow blowers; Red-Max edger; leaf blower/vac; wheelbarrow; extension ladder & stepladder; 2 Warner paint removers; tools & shop items.

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Hali Buckley, Hopewell Corners 4-H Club, with her 2009 Cloud County Fair Champion Market Lamb. Pictured with Hali is Tom Forshee, representing purchaser Cloud County Farm Bureau Association.

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TRACTORS

1997 JD 7410, CA, power quad, MFD, 3 pt., PTO, 8,100 hrs., Good

1981 JD 4440, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO

1978 JD 4240, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, needs cab door

JD 2150, 3 pt., PTO w/JD 175 ldr., Good

1990 CIH 7120, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 4,500 hrs.

1977 CASE 1570, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 6,000 hrs.

1976 IH 966, cab, 3 pt., PTO, 5,100 hrs.

IH 2500, hydro, gas, 3 pt., PTO

IH 706, LP, fh, PTO w/Koyker K-5 ldr.

IH 656, gas, 3 pt., PTO, Nice

CASE 1070, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 8 sp., Needs Clutch

CASE 1070, PS, 3 pt., PTO, no cab

1974 AC 7000, cab, 3 pt., PTO

FORD 961, 5 sp., 3 pt., PTO

FORD 8N, gas, 3 pt., PTO

AC D-17, Series IV, gas, PTO

1987 WHITE 140, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 5,468 hrs.

1985 WHITE 2-110, CA, 3 pt., PTO

WHITE 2-65, 3 pt., PTO

WHITE 2-65, 3 pt., PTO, Needs Clutch

FERGUSON TO-30, gas, 3 pt., PTO

MM Z, gas, NF, PTO, Like New Tires

DB 990, 3 pt., PTO w/loader, Good

DB 1200, 3 pt., PTO, Good

SALVAGE: IH 1086 & JD 4020, both burnt

COMBINES & HEADS

1975 JD 4400, CA, chopper

NH 975, gas

2004 CIH 1020, 30', flex

2001 CIH 1020, 30', flex

1990 CIH 1020, 20', flex

1989 CIH 1020, 20', flex

1986 CIH 1010, 20' rigid

1991 JD 853-A, row head, Clean

1990 JD 925, flex

1989 JD 920, flex

1994 CIH 1083, corn head

1994 JD 693, 60 Series, corn head

SHELBOURNE, 20', stripper

UNVERFERTH HT-25, header trlr., Like New

SHREDDERS

WOODS MD-315, 15', hyd. fold, pull type, Good

BUSHHOG 160, 13', pull type

RHINO 15', hyd. fold

BUSHWACKER, 15', hyd. fold

FMC, 5', 3 pt.

HAY EQUIPMENT

JD 566, rd. baler w/net wrap, Nice

OMC 596 II, rd. baler, Good

JD 336-T, sq. baler

JD 346-W sq. baler

NH 116, 14', hydra swing, swather

JD 3830 swather

IH 8340, 9', swather

NH 254, 3 pt., tedder

IH 16 rake

VERMEER WR-24, 12 wheel rake

TRACTORS

NI 5409, 3 pt., disc mower

Hay trailers

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

KELLY RYAN, 4x10, feed wagon

NH 358, grinder-mixer

GEHL 315, manure spreader

HAYBUSTER 256, bale processor

Hay feeder

Grain feeder

LOADERS & BLADES

JD 148, JD 158 & JD 260

WESTENDORF TA-76, fits IH

WESTENDORF TA-46

FARMHAND 1140, fits JD

FARMHAND 882, New, no bucket

FARMHAND 358, fits IH

GB 3424, fits Case 2090

GB 880, fits JD

GB 860, fits JD, burnt

MF 1056

KOYKER K-7

IH 2350

RHINO BX-66, box blade, New

RHINO R-300, 7', rear blade, New

4', 5' and 6', 3 pt., box blades

JD blade

DEGELMAN 46-57, 14' fits JD 8000

WAGONS

Several hay, flatbeds w/running gears

M&W Little Red, center dump w/auger

FICKLIN 185, gravity w/hyd. auger

FICKLIN 231, gravity w/hyd. auger

PARKER, dual compartment, gravity box

Parker, gravity box

Hyd. auger for gravity box

LAWN & REC

JD 4x2 and JD 6x4 Gators

BOBCAT 2200, Intellitrack, 4x4, diesel, ATV

JD GT-225, lawn mower, Nice

EQUIPMENT FROM MEYER BROS., OSAGE CITY

1984 JD 4450, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, 8,484 hrs., 18.4x38 duals

1990 CASE 9170, CA, 12 sp., PS, BB, 4,915 hrs., 20.8x42 duals

1984 JD 7720, CA, hydro, 4,370 hrs., chopper

1988 JD 920, flex

1990 JD 915, rigid

1990 JD 653-A row head

JD 653, row head w/Bish adaptor to IH

CIH 1590, 14', hydra swing, swather

CIH 5500, 7 1/2 x 30", mulch till, drill

CRUSTBUSTER, 23', center fold, chisel

KRAUSE 3200, 16', center fold, plow disc

WESTHEFFER, 1,000 gal. sprayer

JD 734, Hi Boy w/weed wiper

AA, 10 coil shank, 3 pt., applicator

CIH 183, 6x30, cult.

IH 1100, pull type, sickle mower

JD 35, chopper w/2x30 head

GRAIN O-VATOR, auger wagon

AA, 1,000 gal., tank

BRADFORD, gravity wagon

ROSKAMP, portable, roller mill

1972 GMC 6000, V8, 5x2 w/16' box & hoist

1969 CHEVY C-50, V8, 4x2 w/15' box & hoist

1966 CHEVY C-60, 6 cyl., 4x2 w/Grainovator box

1966 FORD F-600, V8, 5x2 w/Kraus lime bed

SPRAYERS

GREAT PLAINS, 700 gal., SS, tank, pull type sprayer w/60' boom and 13.6x28 tires, good

PLANTERS & DRILLS

IH 800, 6x30, pull type

IH 800, 12x30, 3 pt., hyd. fold

JD 7000, 6x30, plate

JD 8300, 23x6

KRAUSE 5300, 21x7 1/2, low acre

VERMEER 109, 18x7

HAYBUSTER 1206, 24x6

BEST, 20'x7, 3 pt., 3,000 acres

BAKER, dual drill hitch

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

2007 JD 320, skid loader, 2,600 hrs., Clean

2004 CASE 40-XT, 900 hrs., Good skid loader

1997 NH LX-865, tracked skid loader, 200 hrs. on overhaul, Good

CASE 1845-B, skid loader

CAT 426 II, cab, loader-back-hoe

CHAMPION 720-A, cab, Cummins, road grader

1985 CAT 215, excavator

NPK, hyd. jack hammer for excavator

TEREX 72-31 wheel loader

GALION S4-6A roller

FINN MSD-29, small bale blower w/JD eng., 728 hrs.

HOBART welder w/Ford gas eng.

STOUT 66", grapple bucket, New Skid Loader, pallet forks

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

VERSATILE, 8x42', grain auger

WESTFIELD, hyd., truck auger

MC MILLER, hyd., post driver

BUSHHOG, post hole digger, 12" bit

Bale spear for loader

TILLAGE

CIH 3950, 26', disc

KRAUSE 2400, 25', disc

JD 630, 27', disc

JD BW, 18', disc

JD, 6', 3 pt., disc

MF, 6', 3 pt., disc

IH 37, 10', disc

JD 6x30, cult.

GLENCOE, 6x30, cult.

GLENCOE, 1 spring shank, pull type, chisel

LANDOLL 230, 24 spring shank, pull type, chisel

BAKER, 11 shank, hyd. fold, pull type, coultter ripper

1 btm., 3 pt., plow

2) JD, 2 btm., 3 pt., plow

JD F-145, 3 btm., plow

JD F-145, 4 btm., plow

3) FORD, 3 btm., 3 pt., plow

JD F-145, 4 btm., steerable, plow

Rotary harrow, 12', pull type

COLLECTOR TRACTORS

McCORMICK DEERING 1020, on steel

FARMALL, H, gas, NF, 3 pt., PTO

FARMALL C, gas, NF, PTO

AC C, gas, NF, PTO

TRUCKS & TRAILERS

2002 VOLVO, ISM, Cummins, 10 sp., day cab, air ride, twin screw

2002 IH 9100-I, M-14 Red Top Cummins, 460 HP, 10 sp., day cab, wet kit, twin screw, air ride, Good

1995 FREIGHTLINER, 3176

CAT, 9 sp., air ride, twin screw

1993 FORD L-8000, 8.2 Cummins, 9 sp., twin screw w/10' rock bed & snow blade

1979 IH 4070, 350 Cummins, 13 sp., single axle

2005 DODGE 2500, Hemi, auto, 41,000 miles, Clean

2001 FORD Focus, 4 cyl., auto, 120,000 Hwy. miles, Clean

2000 TOYOTA Tundra SR5, V8, auto

1987 FORD, F-250, 302, 4 sp., 4x4

1987 GMC 7000, 8.2 Detroit, 5 sp. w/17' bed & hoist

1976 DODGE 600, V8, 4x2 w/13' flatbed

2008 JET, 8x42', hopper, grain trlr.

2006 R&R, 76"x20', tandem axle w/mower ramp

2005 ROADHOG, 8 1/2 x 32', tandem axle, g-neck w/ramps

2000 WABASH, 48x102, flat, spread axle, air ride, aluminum combo, Clean

1991 single hopper, 24', grain trlr., clean w/tarp

1978 FRUEHAUF, 8x42', flatbed w/round bale pipes and aluminum floor

1957, 8x46', drop deck w/ramps

Homemade, 20', g-neck, trlr.

COMING FROM 1 OWNER

IH 300, gas, WF, FH, PTO, Bad rear rims

IH Little Genius, 2 btm., plow

AC 80, 3 pt., 3 btm., plow

AC 66, pull type combine, shedded

IH corn binder w/table, shedded

Complete tongue for IH binder

WHITE, chipper-shredder, gas eng.

MISELLANEOUS

IH, 100 lb., front weights

LP, pig tank

18.4x34 duals, off 966

18.4x38 duals, off 1086

Barbed wire & steel posts

Grain bin dryer

Grain auger

Posts: 16) 10' & 10) 20'

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600-700 lbs.	\$108.00-\$113.00	7 mix, Barnard	416 @ 107.00
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900-1,000 lbs.	\$90.00-\$98.75	1 blk, Ellsworth	500 @ 105.00
HEIFERS		3 blk, Gypsum	555 @ 104.50
300-400 lbs.	No Test	3 blk, Lincoln	517 @ 104.00
400-500 lbs.	No Test	2 blk, Durham	563 @ 99.00
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800-900 lbs.	\$86.00-\$96.10	7 mix, Ellsworth	671 @ 97.50
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8 mix, Barnard	599 @ 115.00	15 mix, Brookville	713 @ 95.50
3 blk, Lincoln	613 @ 113.00	4 mix, Ellsworth	813 @ 95.50
1 blk, Hope	630 @ 109.50	12 blk, Lincoln	687 @ 95.00
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3 char, Assaria	642 @ 108.00	23 mix, Wilsey	911 @ 93.75
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2 blk, Ellsworth	738 @ 104.50	1 blk, Durham	275 @ 310.00
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4 blk, Longford	798 @ 103.50	1 blk, Miltonvale	2025 @ 67.00
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HOGS		1 wht, Clay Center	535 @ 30.00
4 mix, Solomon	239 @ 36.50	2 wht, Clay Center	580 @ 28.50
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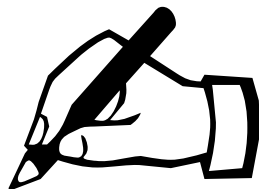
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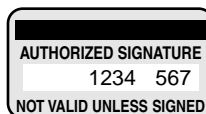
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Madeline Moore, Nicole Rosencutter, Heather Bradford and Ilissa Nolan were awarded Ed Bible Memorial scholarships July 10 during the 10th annual VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Tulsa, Okla.

The scholarships were presented by the National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP). They are designed to help finance higher education for National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members who excel in communication, leadership, and Hereford and agriculture-related activities.

Bible joined the American Polled Hereford Association staff in 1973 and for 25 years supported the senior, junior and Poll-ette associations. He positively influenced the Hereford breed and industry. Therefore, NOP offers four annual scholarships in his honor.

First place award and \$1,000 recipient is Madeline Moore, 21, from Cove, Ore. She has been an NJHA member for seven years and is also a member of the Oregon Hereford Association, the Oregon Washington N. Idaho Hereford Association, the Texas Hereford Association and the Oregon Junior Hereford Association. Moore attended Linn-Benton Community College from 2006-2008 and was on the livestock judging team. She is now working toward her bachelor's degree in animal science at Texas Tech University. At Texas Tech she is Block & Bridle historian and is on the livestock judging team. After graduation she plans to earn her master's degree in agriculture education.

Nicole Rosencutter was awarded second place and

\$750 in scholarship monies. Rosencutter, 21, is from Topeka, and is currently attending Kansas State University (K-State). She is a 12-year member of the NJHA and the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association (KJPHA). She was the KJPHA queen from 2004-2007. At K-State she is an ag ambassador and a member of Alpha of Clovia, collegiate 4-H, intervarsity Christian fellowship and pre-vet club. She also is the president of Alpha Zeta. She will finish her senior year in the animal science program and apply to veterinary school this year.

Third-place and \$500 scholarship recipient Heather Bradford, 19, will start her sophomore year at Purdue University in the fall. Bradford is from St. Marys, Ohio, and she has been an NJHA member and Ohio Buckeye Junior Hereford Association member for 12 years. In 2008, Bradford earned reserve champion senior showman, reserve champion heifer and reserve champion bred-and-owned heifer honors at the Ohio State Fair. As a high school student, Bradford received many academic honors. At Purdue she is a 4.0 GPA dean's scholar, Block & Bridle member and collegiate 4-H member. She is pursuing an animal science degree and plans to also earn a master's and pursue a career in beef cattle quantitative genetics.

Ilissa Nolan, 20, was awarded fourth place and a \$250 scholarship. She will be a junior at Texas A&M University in the fall. Nolan, from Gilmer, Texas, has been an NJHA and Texas Junior Hereford Association

(TJHA) member for nine years. In 2007 she showed the grand champion owned and the reserve champion bred-and-owned at the Texas Junior Hereford State Show. She served the TJHA as sweetheart, queen, junior director, senior director, reporter, vice president and president from 2002-2009. At Texas A&M she is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, memorial student center council, college of agriculture and life science council, conference on student government associations and freshman leaders in progress, and host of Aggie Muster. She is majoring in agriculture leadership and development with a minor in business and horticulture. She plans to continue her education at Mays Business School of Texas A&M to earn a master's degree. She hopes to work for the Go Texan program, which promotes products produced in Texas.



Ed Bible Scholarship award winners (pictured, l to r) are: Madeline Moore, Cove, Ore.; Nicole Rosencutter, Topeka, Kan.; Heather Bradford, St. Marys, Ohio, and Ilissa Nolan, Gilmer, Texas. Pictured presenting the awards is Paula Tracy, NOP chairman.

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USDA grant to investigate growing biofuel crops while supporting wildlife

Producing biofuel crops can help the environment and ease demand for fossil fuels—or it can do exactly the opposite, depending on how farmers manage the land. University of Missouri researchers have received a \$250,000 federal grant to demonstrate techniques for growing biofuel crops while supporting wildlife, protecting soil and water, and bolstering the farmer’s profits.

“MU is the model for demonstrating how conservation, wildlife and modern agriculture can work together,” said Tim Reinbott, director of the new project and superintendent of MU’s Bradford Research and Extension Center in Columbia. “We have generated a lot of attention from Midwestern and Southern states interested in adopting the educational and extension approaches we have used to integrate these disciplines.”

The award was part of an \$18 million set of Conservation Innovation Grants announced July 13 by Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack. The grants support the development of new technologies and approaches to help farmers conserve and sustain natural resources.

With matching funds from the Missouri Department of Conservation, the nonprofit conservation group Quail Unlimited and others, the award package for MU will total more than \$500,000.

Federal mandates call for the annual production of 36 billion gallons of biofuels by 2022, including 15 billion gallons from cellulosic ethanol. Corn is the main source of ethanol today, but producers are looking at other crops, particularly switchgrass, an adaptable, high-yield perennial that is good at tolerating drought, flooding, pests and poor soil.

But switchgrass has some drawbacks too, Reinbott said. Switchgrass is hungry for nitrogen fertilizer, which in commercial form has a heavy carbon footprint and a price tag tied to fossil fuel prices. The push for biofuels may motivate farmers to convert cornfields and pasture to switchgrass or plant switchgrass on marginal land that now hosts diverse, wildlife-friendly plant communities.

“Large stretches of switchgrass are essentially a desert for wildlife,” Reinbott said.

Densely growing switchgrass provides little space for animals to find food, tend

their young and escape from predators, he said.

For most of the last decade, Bradford Farm has been a center for the development and refinement of techniques that profitably integrate wildlife habitat into modern agriculture. Since 2003, Bradford Farm has seen a 23-fold increase in its population of northern bobwhite quail, a once-plentiful game bird that often serves as a bellwether of ecosystem health. Hundreds of farmers and landowners attend field days and workshops at Bradford to learn about incorporating wildlife habitat into farmland.

Reinbott, research specialist Ray Wright and MU Extension wildlife specialist Bob Pierce have expanded the focus of this work from traditional row crops such as corn and soybeans to switchgrass and other biofuel crops.

As an alternative to switchgrass monocultures, the researchers at Bradford are growing demonstration plots for biofuel production that mix grasses with legumes such as clover and lespedeza, and forbs, which are a group of broadleaf plants that includes sunflowers, goldenrod and coreopsis. Such mixtures provide wildlife with varied types of food and cover. They also can lower the need for added nitrogen and other nutrients, reducing production costs and potentially shrinking a field’s carbon footprint by several tons per acre.

Reinbott noted that research at the University of Minnesota indicates that mixtures of grasses, legumes and forbs actually can yield more biomass for biofuel use than monocultures.

The Conservation Innovation Grant will enable MU to showcase alternative production strategies for biofuel crops at three other MU research farms: Greenley Center in northeast Missouri, Hundley-Whaley Center in northwest Missouri and Southwest Center in Mt. Vernon. Each center will collaborate with private farmers or landowners.

“With the grant, we can take this to different parts of the state,” Reinbott said. That will not only allow more Missouri farmers to learn about the strategies developed at Bradford Farm, it will allow researchers to tailor these strategies for different climates and soil conditions. “There’s not one formula for every place.”



Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Fairs provide exhibit opportunities

Local fairs are in full swing right now. The Riley County fair is Thursday, July 23 through Monday, July 27. Open class events are open to anyone in Riley County and adjoining counties. Gardening and flower exhibits need to be brought to Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park between 8 AM and noon on Thursday, July 23. Exhibits are released at 7 PM on Monday, July 27.

There is a lot to see and do at the fair. Carnival rides, take in the rodeo, listen to music, enter the Riley County Idol contest and everyone will want to see the 4-Hers biggest onion. A list of activities can be found at the fair website www.rileycountyfair.com.

Vegetable exhibits are judged on 5 criteria. The judge looks at the exhibit’s condition, quality, uniformity, typical of variety and size. Unless it is a class for the biggest specimen, size should conform to market demands.

The two most important criteria are condition and quality. Everyone would choose produce that was clean and without any bruises. Quality indicates that the specimen is ready to eat. Overripe is not desirable.

Uniformity and typical of variety are the other criteria. Attractiveness of an exhibit is enhanced when all specimens are similar in size, shape and color. Avoid using unusual specimens for exhibits.

Flowers are judged mainly on the quality of bloom. It should be just peaking at full bloom. Cleanliness is also important. Give your specimen a bath before you enter it.

The container is part of the exhibit but you don’t generally want to draw attention to it. It should be clean, plain and around 1/3 of the height of the overall exhibit. Remove any leaves that would be in the container.

I hope your garden has some purple ribbon specimens for the fair. Contact the Extension office for the publications “Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables” and “Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit.” It is also available on the web at www.ksre.ksu.edu.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 25 — 10:00 AM

LOUISBURG, KANSAS

The following machinery, equipment and tools will be offered at public auction located at the farm 4 miles east of 69 Hwy. on 311th Rd. to Coldwater Rd. and then south 1/4 mile. Watch for signs.

PICKUP: 1996 F250 XL 4x4 auto, 460 V-8, air, flatbed, hydraulic bale spear, gooseneck ball with bar 6 cake feeder, runs great.

DUMP TRUCK: 1987 IH single axle DT466 diesel engine with Allison auto transmission, 10' steel bed (very good condition).

CATTLE EQUIPMENT: Ritchie Thrifty King CTZ-2000 non-electric cattle water (new); 15'-6" portable auger with elect. motor; Trojan 66B propane tank heater; elect. tank heaters; yellow electric cattle prods; 12V Mighty Handy cattle fogger; 2 Solar Pak 6 electric fence chargers; 4 Pride of Farm bull type mineral feeders; 5 pipe big bale feeders; 2-1200 lb. calf creep feeders; several Poly Tron style feed bunks; several Rubbermaid stock tanks; some with tank heaters; 3 - 16' steel feed bunks; 20' square bale feeder; Wind Vane mineral feeder.

GOAT AND BOBBY CALF SUPPLIES: Approx. 20 6 qt. fence hanging plastic feeders; several calf nurse bottles and buckets.

GATES: Several pipe gates of various lengths.

FENCE BUILDING: 2-man Hoffco post hole gas digger w/31/2 hp. gas engine; ratchet fence stretcher; electric fence wire; electric fence supplies; fence splicers; steel post driver; large offering of fiberglass elect. fence post.

LAWN & GARDEN: Patio set; Stihl gas weed eater; leaf blowers; Stihl 009L and Homelite Z40 chain saws; John Deere and Agri-Fab tilt lawn trailers; lawn seeder; leaf rakes; concrete planters; Ariens push grass trimmer.

FARM EQUIPMENT: 3 pt. bale spear; Land Pride FS 700 3 pt. seeder (like new); like new Bush Hog heavy duty 8' 3 pt. blade with hydraulic cylinder; 4-wheeled hay wagon with great rubber and new treated floor; Land Pride like new 6' 3 pt. tandem disc (nice) with scalloped blades; 7'x3' roller; Bramco hydraulic slip-in pickup bed stinger (hooks over gooseneck ball).

TIRES: 6 new 215-85R-16; 6 new 215-85R-17 tires; 265-75-16" mud & snow; 4 Ford aluminum wheels off '02 1 ton dually with new 235-85-16 tires; new Uniload tire and Case wheel 12-16.5; '92 Ford 8-hole wheels with new 265-75-16 mud & snow tires.

CONCRETE TOOLS: 36" Whiteman power trowel; gas powered chop saws; bull floats and other finishing tools; Clipper concrete walk-behind saw w/Honda 11 hp engine (very little use); Dewalt DC 935 electric hammer drill; concrete bits; large offering of 14" Diamond blades; 50+ 4' used aluminum concrete forms.

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PROPANE HEATERS: 2 Bernz-o-matic propane patio heaters.

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PRIEFERT CATTLE PANELS: Priefert cattle panels; 2 Priefert head gates and alley sorting gate.

power 16 spd. standing drill presses; pneumatic bottle jack; halogen shop lights on stand; large offering of hand tools including crescent & pipe wrenches; straight and box wrenches; block and tackle; hose clamps; Snap-On torque wrench; pneumatic buffer; Rigid 5 hp. shop vac; CH 7/8 hp. portable airless paint sprayer; cotter pins; grease fittings and more; brass fittings; Craftsman creeper; 3 alum. extension ladders 16' to 32'; Hitachi hammer drill; chain booms; lots more.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Milk can; labeled milk jars; Johnson vintage outboard; vintage pony saddle; iron wagon wheel bench; Dinky, Corgi, Brooklyn die cast model car collection; Hubley WWII metal airplane; assorted metal vintage cars, trucks & airplanes.

SILVER COINS: North American hunting club big game series, one troy ounce silver coins, super slam series.

WELDING: Miller Millermatic 130XP on cart with bottle; MillerMatic 210 with bottle & aluminum spool gun; lots of HD leads, guns and extensions; Lincoln portable arc welder/generator (Weldon power 130).

OIL: Barrels of oil including hydraulic and 15W-40 with hand pumps; grease buckets with pumps; drum pumps pneumatic and manual.

KENNELS: 2 aluminum Pro Bilt dog houses; 6' x 10' chain link pen.

GM TRUCK PARTS: Clutches; rear-end gears; center caps; grills for '08 Chevys; rocker arms; assortment of Big Block Chevy parts including alum. intake, cams, roller rockers; new '08, '09 Chevy pickup grills.

TRANSFER TANKER: Oil changer for vehicles.

BANDING MACHINE: Signode model DF-10D bander.

WATER PUMP: Enduro 2"- 41/2 hp. pump; GR 2" w/ Honda 51/2 hp.; Robin 4 hp. Subaru 2" gas trash pump.

GENERATORS: Powermate 4,000 watt generator; MQ Multiquip 3600 generator. New 13 hp Honda Black Max 8125 6500 portable generator; Titan diesel generator w/elect. start, only 29 hrs.

FUEL TANK: 300 gal. fuel tank on stand; gas hand pump.

HOUSEHOLD: Hoover Steam Vac; Hamilton Beach electric roaster; like new earth stove.

HOME GENERATOR: New 7,000 watt B&S propane home standby generator.

TOOL CABINET: Harley-Davidson 12-drawer like new tool cabinet (nice).

MISCELLANEOUS: Aluminum 10 spd. aluminum Mega light bike; GMC 6-hole wheels; Blazer track hurdles; misc. oil filters; PTO drive shafts; several interior paneled doors; misc. red iron; '99-'02 Ford receiver hitch; much, much more.

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books; massager; paper shredder; cast iron skillet; pressure cooker; baking dishes; pots & pans; aluminum extension ladder; garden tools; fish net; flower pots; miscellaneous lumber; saw horses; sprayers; AVC pipe; lawn spreader; sockets; drill bits; drill wrenches; chisels; weed-eater; ladder; extension cord; rods & reels; lawn chairs; **Shooting bench; steel cowboy action targets.**

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Drought-stressed trees can attract predators

Trees aren't silent when they're suffering from drought — which can easily happen in the High Plains during a typical hot, dry summer.

Like a dog whistle's sound, trees' distress signals are too high for humans to hear. For many species of bark beetle, however, trees' ultrasonic noises are a sirens' call to come and feast.

"These distress signals are just one example of how plant and insect interactions can change during periods of drought — sometimes in rather curious ways," said Raymond Cloyd, entomologist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. "Homeowners need to be aware of the possibilities, so they can recognize when they need to step in to protect their landscape."

Warm, dry weather spurs a decline in the fungi that help keep plant pests in check during spring, he explained. At the same time, summer-type weather actually shortens the time pests need to progress from egg to adult. In turn, the faster development can expand both the number(s) and the size(s) of the generations pests are able to produce during the growing season.

"In some cases, the expansion can quickly become an explosion," Cloyd said. "The two-spotted spider mite is well known for staging that kind of rapid increase."

Oddly, though, drought-stressed woody plants sometimes change in ways that help or even foster the well-being of their enemies — the plant-feeding insects and mites.

"That's one reason why supplying the extra water plants need can be so important when drought hits your landscape," Cloyd said. "The changes that drought can cause may be how nature gets rid of weak plants. I doubt that will be much comfort, though, if your 60-year-old oak is drought-stressed and under attack."

Trees in that situation don't actually call out or even whisper to invite bark beetles to visit, he said.

Instead, they act a lot like a pan of boiling water. Their internal water system (xylem) starts to produce bubbles that quickly pop, creating little shock waves of sound and lid-rattling force. Rather than being a reaction to heat, however, the trees' "boiling" liquid is the result of a big, drought-caused drop in internal water pressure.

Cloyd said extreme dry weather can alter the plant-insect interface in other ways, too:

Drought stress cuts plants' production of such compounds as oleoresin (a mix of oil and resin), which normally deters insects.

Some water-deficient trees and shrubs will emit volatile chemicals (e.g., ethanol, alpha-pinene) that to many types of wood-boring insects are as attractive and attracting as perfume.

Lack of moisture in a tree's canopy can cause upper stem tissues to degrade in places, thereby turning those locales into prime egg-laying sites for such pests as the female bronze birch borer.

As plants become water-deficient, the nutrients they

contain become more concentrated. This translates into a nutrition boost that helps the plants' attackers improve — in survival rate, reproductive success and even larval weight.

Fortunately for the plants, however, insects and mites don't all benefit equally from such situations, Cloyd said.

"Their benefits have a lot to do with their feeding behavior. The insects and mites with piercing-sucking mouthparts do fairly well. Their kind encompasses the broad range of aphids, whiteflies and scales. They also include the plant bugs that in Kansas can range from the tarnished plant bug to the chinch bug," the entomologist said.

The insects that don't benefit all that much are those with chewing mouthparts — e.g., caterpillars, beetles and sawflies.

"On the other hand, woody plant species vary a lot, too. For example, they vary in how much dry weather they can take before their leaves begin to wilt or brown," Cloyd said. "They also vary in how soon drought can make their xylem start cavitating — which is the word for breaking apart inside and creating ultrasonic popping sounds."

"Trees' range of drought tolerance is why you usually have to supply more water to a river birch than to a bur oak when you want to protect it from the effects of droughty weather. It's also why limiting yourself to planting native trees can be a pretty good idea in the High Plains."

Few answers about the future of Cottonwood Ranch

HOXIE AP) — For 90 minutes Tuesday evening, supporters of the targeted-for-closure Cottonwood Ranch engaged in a fencing game with the director of the state's historic sites.

Supporters would thrust with pointed questions about how best to save the site, while Terry Marmet, the architect of the closing, would deflect the questions, detailing the small amount of visitation and the budget crisis that has all but crippled the Kansas State Historical Society.

Even pointed comments about the disparity of cuts in eastern vs. western Kansas didn't do much, other than elicit applause from the almost 100 people attending from five area counties.

Ultimately, there was talk of efforts on the part of area historical groups to either raise money to keep the site open or simply purchase it from the state and operate it locally.

Either way, Marmet would make no promises — other than to relay information to the historical society's director and then contact Jane Haffner, president of the Friends of the Cottonwood Ranch.

Cottonwood Ranch, located just outside the Sheridan County community of Studley, has been targeted for closure on Sept. 5. Its long-time director, Don Rowilson, would be laid off if he declines the chance to work four hours a week as groundskeeper. Or he can retire.

Marmet, the director of the state's 16 historic sites, was in Hoxie Tuesday in response to letters asking why the state plans to close the historic Cottonwood Ranch.

Cuts in the historic society's budget, amounting to 17 percent, Marmet said, required dramatic moves, including the closing of historic sites. Historic Fort Hays wasn't spared either, he said, with hours for

two of its three employees cut in half.

Cottonwood Ranch is the only historic site, however, that will be closed permanently, converted into a drive-through attraction. Eastern Kansas sites will be closed temporarily.

Marmet said the decision to close Cottonwood Ranch was made based on its low visitation rates, only 594 paid visits in 2008. All told, about 2,200 people visited the site, either paying the admission fee or attending special events.

But because of the cost of a salary and utilities amounting to about \$54,000, he said, each visitor is costing the state about \$25.

As the question-and-answer session continued, a glimmer of hope emerged that perhaps if supporters were able to raise as little as \$10,000 — to cover the 17 percent budget cut — the future of the site might secure.

But as Marmet talked, he told of the dire situation and how money once dedicated to Cottonwood was being used elsewhere.

That prompted Fred Pratt, Hill City, to ask if raising even \$10,000 would ensure the survival of the ranch.

The focus then shifted to how cuts were made in the historical society and the possibility of a historic group buying the site.

Marmet again said he could promise nothing, but said he thought the state society might be willing to sell to a local non-profit group, subject to approval by the Kansas Legislature.

"My assumption is what we paid for it," he said of what a price might be.

The historical society paid \$25,000 for the ranch house and the more than 20 acres around it.

"Like I said, the historical sites board is not looking to make money," he said.

Renewed interest in conventional soybeans prompts new trials at KSU

Responding to an upswing in producer interest in conventional (non-Roundup Ready) soybean varieties, Kansas State University Research and Extension has established trials in three locations around the state. "Despite the renewed interest, there aren't many conventional soybean varieties on the market now," said Bill Schapaugh, soybean breed-

er with K-State Research and Extension. "There also is very little information on how the yield potential of the current conventional varieties compares to that of Roundup Ready varieties at similar maturity."

As a result, K-State has established trials at its research fields near Scandia, Ottawa and Parsons as part of this year's K-State Soy-

bean Performance Test for conventional varieties. Thirteen varieties are entered at both the Scandia and Parsons locations, and 18 at Ottawa.

Each location has either two or three Roundup Ready varieties entered for yield comparison purposes, Schapaugh said. Each also has a combination of public and private conventional varieties.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, JULY 26 — 12:00 NOON

902 S. Garfield— JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, GLASSWARE, HOUSEHOLD, CAMPING, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS, FISHING, DUCK UNLIMITED COLLECTION

Living room furniture very new and top quality-curved sofa with large footstool; 3 Wingback chairs; 2 carved end tables with marble tops-very nice; Drexel dining table & chairs; china cabinet; rocker/recliner; wood framed sofa; **Lift chair only 2 months old**; trunk; 3pc bedroom suite; blonde bedroom set; Oak rocker; Kenmore washer; Es-tate dryer; upright freezer; Sanyo TV; entertainment center; dinette table & 4 chairs; rocker; Maple desk; office chair; step tables; daybed; wardrobe; chairs; dressing screen; shelf; folding chairs; stool; 2-door metal cabinet; desk/cabinet; trunk; small wood bench; desk; 3-drawer chest; end tables; bookcase; computer desk; exercise bike; table/magazine rack; card table; step stool; microwave; cabinet; humidifier; file cabinet; approximately 50pcs American Fostoria; Knowles dog plate collection; globe; hat

rack; linens; towels; porcelain flowers; kerosene lamp; cups & saucers; stainless; bedding; afghans; lamps; fan on stand; corner shelf; baskets; TV trays; vacuum; bread machine; AVON; plates; cookbooks; Fiesta; stoneware; cups; glasses; cookie jar; Rowe pottery jug; cassettes; kitchen utensils; Tupperware; bread box; knives; Foreman grill; bowls; Corningware; nice pots & pans; cutlery; planers; decorations; Hallmark ornaments; bakeware; pictures & frames; luggage; vases; cast iron skillets; stockpot; Camping supplies; coolers; Craftsman 12" Band saw; Craftsman jointer; Delta sander; large & small table saws; shop vac; carpenter's chest; B&D workmate bench; saber saw; 1/2" & 3/8" drills; router & table; router bits; planes; braces; saws; screwdrivers; bench grinder; belt sander; drill press & bench; 9 bar clamps; C-clamps; 2 step ladders; blower

vacuum; weedeater; garden tools; pliers; hammers; wrenches; punches; files; battery chargers; drill bits; sprayer; work bench; clippers; trimmers; paint supplies; tree saw; gas cans; hardware; garden hose; chain; tackle boxes; ammo boxes; fishing rods & reels; fish nets.

DUCKS UNLIMITED COLLECTION

Ducks Unlimited "That Special Time" (Killen), "Morning Glory" (Tara Moore); "Great Beginnings" (Killen); DU plates; DU pup & shells figurine; carved Mallard (Veasey); 2 Special Edition Carved Decoys 1989-1990 by Gewerth; carved Decoy 2000-2001 by Gewerth; carved decoy 1992-1993 by Gewerth; DU National Gun Pachmayr Classic jewelry chest & card box; Jerry Thomas 1996 Kansas Waterfowl Habitat print; DU Conservation Edition print by Bohleach & other DU items.

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Dairy graziers cut feed costs to survive low milk prices

At first, dairy producers looked to New Zealand for ideas on how to produce low-cost milk on pasture. Now the world, including New Zealand, looks to Missouri for ideas on grazing dairies.

As farm-gate prices for milk plummeted, the idea of feeding dairy cows more grass and less grain has gained popularity.

The idea was slow to spread. The University of Missouri held the first "grazing schools" in the early 1970s. MU researchers started a pasture-based dairy at the MU Southwest Center, Mt. Vernon, Mo., in 1999.

An attentive audience of 291 people came to the 2009 Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference, July 8-10, to hear researchers and farmers

tell the advantages of management-intensive grazing. "The time for the idea has come," said Ryan Milhollin, MU Extension economist and meeting organizer.

In his welcome, MU Vice Provost for Extension Michael Quart said a small investment in research and extension pays off in economic development for the state. As of 2008, pasture-based dairies contribute \$87 million a year and sustain 777 jobs.

Michael Murphy, an Irish dairyman who has traveled the world looking at grazing dairy farms, says Missouri has an advantage.

"The era of low-cost energy and low-cost grain is over. It is time for sustainable milk production," he said.

In an after-dinner speech, Murphy said the idea for dairy grazing is simple: Reduce labor, reduce feed input, cut machinery costs and build low-cost dairy structures.

He said the goal is not to produce maximum milk per cow, but optimum profit per farm. Mainly, that involves cutting costs to survive in an era of low milk prices.

"You are competing in a global milk market," Murphy said.

Charles Fletcher of Purdy, Mo., an early adopter of dairy grazing, said grazing has kept him in the dairy business. Fletcher doubled and then redoubled the size of his milking herd as he improved his Ozarks pastures and refined his grazing methods.

He said he learned to increase the stocking rate on his pastures. "If you stock too few cows, you have to harvest more forage to use later." As stocking rates increased, he added fertility to the pastures, increasing production and cow-carrying capacity.

"The plan is simple: See how much grass you can grow. Then determine how many cows it takes to consume it," Fletcher said. If grass runs short, add supplemental feed.

He advised those interested in grazing dairies to visit other grazing dairy producers. "You learn a lot from other farmers and university specialists."

David Baker, MU assistant dean for agriculture extension, said there is con-

stant interchange among dairy farmers, researchers in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and specialists in MU Extension. "We all learn from each other."

Murphy said pasture dairies concentrate on making milk. A dairy producer grows only forage and cows. The cows harvest their own feed and spread their own manure. That eliminates the labor-intensive chores of hauling feed and manure.

The pasture system also reduces need for expensive equipment. Fletcher estimated it could take a quarter-million dollars to add all of the tractors and forage harvesting equipment. He hires custom operators for needed harvesting work.

"Cutting operating expenses is a key to increasing operating profits," Murphy said. Too often producers do not track the indicators, such as costs, that lead to profits, he said.

Good management requires measurements, not only of milk produced but also grass growth. "Use the information collected," he said. "People who measure constantly, learn constantly."

Randy Mooney, dairyman at Rogersville, Mo., and chair of the National Milk Producers Federation, said in the opening session that the dairy industry is redesigning itself in this time of low milk prices.

"It's not an oversupply of milk, but a lack of money to buy our product," he said. "Already we are selling milk at below the cost of production."

The large dairies out West, based on hauling feed and low transportation costs, set a benchmark for the industry.

"That has changed, which is good news for Missouri," Mooney said. "We can compete in these situations. While the financial crisis makes it difficult to go to the bank and borrow money, it's an opportunity for the low-input dairy."

Mooney said his concern is that when prices rebound, dairymen will overproduce. "We are good at making more milk when prices are high, but not very quick to ratchet down when prices drop. In the dairy cycle, we have six months of good prices and 18 months of low prices."

USDA announces results of soybean checkoff request for referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the results today of the request for referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Program (soybean checkoff).

USDA received only 759 request for referendum forms at county Farm Service Agency Offices, which reflects approximately one tenth of one percent of all eligible U.S. soybean farmers. Had 10 percent of the 589,182 eligible farmers - with no more than one-fifth of the 10 percent coming from any one state - requested a referendum, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture would have conducted the referendum on the soybean checkoff within 12

months.

USDA requires a soybean checkoff request for referendum period every five years. The most recent period took place from May 4 to May 29.

"These results reaffirm that U.S. soybean farmers strongly support our soybean checkoff," says USB Chairman Chuck Myers, a soybean farmer from Lyons, Neb. "Our effective, efficient and farmer-driven program will continue to strive to maximize the return on investment of each checkoff dollar to ensure that U.S. soy is the highest quality and most competitive in the global marketplace."

Farmers certifying that

they paid the checkoff, which is one-half of one percent of the price per bushel sold, at any time during a period beginning Jan. 1, 2007, and ending Dec. 31, 2008, were eligible to participate in the petition for a referendum. Eligible farmers who did not want a referendum did not need to take any action.

USDA requested and approved a notification plan by USB to inform U.S. soybean farmers about the request for referendum period. USB placed paid request for referendum notifications in national agricultural publications and 30 regional and state agricultural publications. USB also distributed the noti-

cation to all Qualified State Soybean Boards and the news media. In addition, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service and Farm Service Agency distributed information about the request for referendum period.

"Farmer-leaders of the soybean checkoff are very pleased to have this validation of the effectiveness of the soybean checkoff program," Myers added. "All leaders within the U.S. soybean industry should join us and the overwhelming majority of U.S. soybean farmers to help ensure ongoing success of the U.S. soybean industry in this increasingly competitive marketplace."

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Stocker and feeder cattle remained steady to slightly higher this week. Cow/calf pairs sold higher with butcher cattle remaining steady.

STEERS		HEIFERS	
300-399 lbs.	\$100.00-\$117.00	300-399 lbs.	\$96.00-\$99.00
400-499 lbs.	\$95.00-\$117.25	400-499 lbs.	\$95.00-\$105.00
500-599 lbs.	\$96.00-\$117.50	500-599 lbs.	\$89.00-\$103.75
600-699 lbs.	\$93.00-\$109.75	600-699 lbs.	\$93.00-\$102.70
700-799 lbs.	\$93.00-\$104.00	700-799 lbs.	\$90.00-\$100.25
800-899 lbs.	\$92.50-\$97.50	800-899 lbs.	\$84.00-\$95.10
Pairs	\$700-\$1,000	Bred Cows	\$750-\$880
Butcher Cows	\$43.50-\$55.50	Butcher Bulls	\$57.00-\$62.75

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

STEERS		HEIFERS	
6 blk, Fall River	460@117.25	1 bwf, Cherryvale	370@99.00
1 rmf, Fredonia	515@117.50	4 mix, Neodesha	444@105.00
4 mix, Fredonia	571@105.00	7 blk, Yates Center	465@103.50
5 red, Latham	593@108.00	7 blk, Yates Center	506@100.00
4 blk, Girard	613@106.00	10 blk, Neodesha	588@103.75
7 blk, Girard	629@109.75	59 mix, Lindsborg	617@101.75
10 mix, Chanute	631@103.00	29 mix, Independence	628@101.25
9 blk, Fredonia	642@107.00	10 mix, Girard	658@98.25
4 blk, Towanda	680@105.00	70 mix, Lindsborg	668@102.00
4 bmf, Grenola	708@102.00	70 blk, Lindsborg	676@102.70
9 bmf, Fredonia	719@104.00	12 mix, Pittsburg	721@95.25
11 mix, Sedan	746@97.25	22 blk, Buffalo	727@96.40
13 mx, Independence	770@100.25	71 blk, Independence	766@97.00
13 mix, Altoona	850@97.00	55 blk, Toronto	770@96.80
42 mix, Sedan	863@97.50	63 blk, Toronto	864@95.10

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4 blk str	475	115.75	6 blk hfrs	540	102.00
2 blk bwf str	452	114.00	6 blk bwf hfrs	599	101.75
7 blk bwf str	537	113.75	5 blk hfrs	478	101.00
9 blk str	549	113.75	11 blk hfrs	577	100.50
5 blk str	632	110.00	11 blk hfrs	595	100.35
8 blk bwf str	730	109.75	9 blk bwf hfrs	480	100.00
9 blk bwf red str	495	109.50	14 blk bwf hfrs	627	99.85
23 blk str	522	108.75	16 blk bwf red hfrs	556	99.85
7 blk bwf str	687	108.00	25 blk hfrs	701	99.85
15 blk bwf red str	583	107.75	170 mxd hfrs	713	99.75
15 mxd str	642	107.75	5 blk bwf hfrs	628	99.50
8 blk bwf str	626	106.75	10 blk hfrs	612	99.35
7 blk str	650	106.35	37 blk bwf red hfrs	606	99.10
7 blk bwf str	747	106.25	63 blk bwf hfrs	727	99.10
9 blk bwf str	578	106.25	33 blk bwf hfrs	704	98.60
16 mxd str	665	106.00	11 blk hfrs	752	98.35
28 char x str	709	106.00	12 blk bwf rfw hfrs	689	98.00
9 blk bwf red str	713	105.85	19 char x hfrs	664	98.00
26 blk bwf str	702	105.75	28 mxd hfrs	597	97.75
10 blk bwf red str	582	105.00	9 blk bwf red hfrs	595	97.25
10 mxd str	673	105.00	24 blk bwf rfw hfrs	639	97.25
11 blk rfw gray str	614	105.00	20 mxd hfrs	641	96.85
11 blk bwf str	752	104.85	23 blk bwf hfrs	789	96.85
63 blk bwf str	742	104.85	8 blk bwf hfrs	578	96.50
28 mxd str	681	104.25	10 blk bwf hfrs	598	96.25
23 blk bwf str	699	104.00	6 blk bwf hfrs	719	96.00
22 blk str	671	103.25	16 blk bwf hfrs	681	94.75
6 blk bwf gray str	799	103.00			
21 blk red str	663	103.00			
9 blk bwf str	807	102.50			
30 blk bwf str	743	102.00			
79 blk bwf str	858	101.10			
8 blk bwf str	699	101.00			
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3 hfrs @521#	\$98.50	2 strs @600#	\$102.00
8 hfrs @553#	\$98.25	10 strs @676#	\$101.75
12 hfrs @588#	\$95.10	2 strs @618#	\$101.10
3 hfrs @545#	\$94.50	7 strs @649#	\$99.50
2 hfrs @525#	\$92.50	4 strs @635#	\$97.00
6 hfrs @690#	\$97.10	3 strs @672#	\$95.00
5 hfrs @665#	\$96.50	7 strs @631#	\$92.25
8 hfrs @631#	\$95.25	24 strs @748#	\$104.60
6 hfrs @636#	\$94.00	339 strs @788#	\$103.10
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11 hfrs @740#	\$98.00	5 strs @706#	\$102.50
10 hfrs @709#	\$97.10	16 strs @760#	\$101.25
89 hfrs @784#	\$96.85	8 strs @775#	\$93.75
22 hfrs @762#	\$96.10	11 strs @820#	\$102.00
3 hfrs @767#	\$95.25	72 strs @819#	\$101.85
6 hfrs @824#	\$96.00	33 strs @819#	\$101.60
39 hfrs @865#	\$95.10	19 strs @822#	\$100.50
69 hfrs @844#	\$94.60	89 strs @852#	\$100.50
2 hfrs @875#	\$92.00	89 strs @849#	\$100.00
6 strs @475#	\$110.00	14 strs @854#	\$98.50
2 strs @380#	\$107.10	21 strs @897#	\$96.75
3 strs @405#	\$106.50	7 strs @961#	\$93.75

500-599 lbs.	\$92.00-\$98.50	300-499 lbs.	\$95.10-\$110.00
600-699 lbs.	\$93.00-\$97.00	500-599 lbs.	\$101.25-\$107.00
700-799 lbs.	\$95.25-\$98.10	600-699 lbs.	\$92.00-\$104.00
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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Five barriers to farm estate planning

Estate planning can freeze you in your tracks. It is complicated. It is legal. It requires tough decisions. Most of all it projects yourself forward in time beyond your lifetime. Not exactly a fun topic to think about, let alone take action.

Here is a list of five common psychological barriers to estate planning.

1. Some farmers refuse to deal with their own mortality. They don't get sick. When they do, they don't go to the doctor. They think they are immortal and indispensable. It is as if they refuse to make plans to prevent the inevitable.

No decision is a decision. Instead of doing the hard work of thinking through a will and an estate plan, a farmer is saying, in effect, that a state or provincial government can do a better job of dispersing the estate according to a predetermined rigid formula. The government gets to keep a part of the estate that would have otherwise would have gone to the heirs.

In families where there has been remarriage and stepchildren, the lack of a will can have devastating consequences and repercussions.

Dying and leaving an estate without a will can be a horror story for the next generation. In a time of mourning and grief, family members will likely experience anger and frustration

by the legal problems and fairness issues created by the lack of a will.

It is important to list all assets and have relevant documents identifying those assets in a secure location. Parents need to provide for a power of attorney for financial and health concerns in case of disability or life sustaining issues.

2. Not planning to retire. People who are not good at retirement planning aren't good at estate planning. Better and earlier transitions can be made if and when people are moving toward personal goals and a future they are excited about.

Farmers who plan for retirement or semi-retirement will make decisions about succession, delegation and have a plan for the continuity of the business. Others just hang on and on and on. Passing on assets and ownership is best done in an orderly fashion over a long period of time.

Confusion or delay in succession planning will inhibit the management roles of the future generation as well as impede the implementation of an estate plan that takes succession into consideration.

3. Staying in control. This is a throwback to a different era when the father was lord and master of his patriarchal domain. Not just then but now, there are perfectionist, workaholic fa-

thers who see the farm as a form of their own personal aggrandizement and which satisfies a need to be in control.

Patriarchs use the land as a whip to control the behavior of their farming children. By being deliberately vague and indecisive about estate plans, they keep the next generation beholden to them and too fearful to challenge their authority or thinking.

4. Deciding what is fair is a tough call. It takes a huge amount of assets to farm and the yearly return on investment is skimpy compared to other enterprises. The farm is a business, not a legacy.

By leaving a business to several heirs shared equally, the ability of the farming heirs to stay in business is threatened. Gone are the days of the benevolent siblings who sit by passively and let their sibling farm.

The on-farm heirs want cash flow and long term investment. Siblings may be

put in the position of questioning their business decisions, the value of their labor and standard of living.

The off-farm heirs want liquidity and short term returns on investment. The farming and non-farming heirs are in a conflict-of-interest situation. Ideally, there would be enough non-farm assets to make the estate as equitable as possible without creating a burden of debt on existing farm assets.

Fair may not be equal. The farm is not just an asset to be given away. Farming is about sharing a career with a son or daughter and his or her family. They have been willing to take the same risks and put in the same sweat equity as the parents. In giving a farm equally to non-farm heirs, the gift has been earned, at least partially, by someone else.

Commitments need to be honored. It is a tragedy when the farming children are left in the lurch by an "equitable" distribution of assets. Estate plans that do not show fairness to off-farm heirs can be painful as well. An unfair will can be interpreted as rejection or lack of love. It hurts. And in some cases, it feels like betrayal.

5. Harmony now and disharmony later. In a

family that thrives on harmony, people may think that talking about estate planning is like upsetting the apple cart. Ongoing conversations about the estate plans will aid in identifying potential problems and taking steps to prevent them after the parents are gone. Parents should invite ideas, feelings and special requests.

Secrecy around estate planning will foster suspicions and resentments among the children after a parent is gone. It will also cause frustration for the on-farm partners whose futures depend on how the estate is distributed.

Sometimes being too open may invite family conflict, strong reactions and pressure. In such cases, an attorney may advise against disclosing too much information. However, this is an infrequent problem compared to heartaches created by denial, inadequate planning and lack of communication.

For more information on

rural estate planning, 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 \$7.50 to: The Preston Connection, Honey, I Shrunk the Farm Book, PO Box 1135, Orem UT 84059.

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2 bwf str	520 @ 113.50	
1 bwf str	515 @ 112.50	
1 blk str	345 @ 112.00	
6 bwf/blk str	522 @ 108.50	
1 bwf str	465 @ 107.00	
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS		
6 blk str	623 @ 108.00	
11 blk/sim str	626 @ 106.50	
7 bwf/blk str	734 @ 106.50	
12 blk str	759 @ 104.00	
142 bwf/blk str	798 @ 103.85	
10 blk/sim str	705 @ 103.50	
60 blk/char str	821 @ 102.35	
120 blk/char str	853 @ 101.60	
115 bwf/blk str	874 @ 100.85	
156 blk/char str	871 @ 100.60	
29 x-bred str	792 @ 100.10	
28 mix str	949 @ 96.60	
28 mix str	935 @ 96.50	
36 x-bred str	772 @ 90.00	
HEIFER CALVES		
9 blk/bwf hfr	400 @ 114.00	
6 x-bred hfr	349 @ 108.50	
4 blk hfr	498 @ 107.50	
2 blk hfr	430 @ 104.00	
1 bwf hfr	430 @ 100.00	
8 bwf/blk hfr	503 @ 100.00	
3 blk hfr	545 @ 100.00	
STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS		
7 blk/sim hfr	550 @ 103.50	
34 bwf/blk hfr	707 @ 98.35	
3 bwf hfr	598 @ 97.50	
65 mix hfr	746 @ 97.10	
72 bwf/blk hfr	796 @ 97.10	
64 bwf/blk hfr	834 @ 96.35	

4 blk hfr	713 @ 95.75	2 sim cows	1310 @ 45.00	1 limo cow/cf	@ 800.00	1 blk bull	1560 @ 62.50
10 blk hfr	645 @ 95.35	2 blk cows	1120 @ 44.75	1 red cow/cf	@ 700.00	1 blk bull	1565 @ 62.00
3 bwf/blk hfr	563 @ 95.00	1 sim cow	1365 @ 44.00	BULLS		1 blk bull	1860 @ 60.25
10 blk/sim hfr	641 @ 93.00	1 wf cow	1045 @ 43.75	1 blk bull	@ 700.00		
12 blk hfr	850 @ 92.75	1 blkcow	1265 @ 42.50				
COWS & HEIFERETTES		1 blk cow	1175 @ 40.50				
1 bwf hfr	1165 @ 75.00	BRED COWS & HEIFERS					
1 red cow	1245 @ 56.50	1 blk hfr	@ 750.00				
1 blk cow	1345 @ 55.00	1 blk cow	@ 720.00				
1 blk cow	1235 @ 54.00	2 blk/sim cows	@ 700.00				
1 blk cow	1390 @ 53.75	1 bwf cow	@ 685.00				
1 limo cow	1305 @ 52.50	1 blk cow	@ 680.00				
2 blkcows	1255 @ 52.00	1 bwf cow	@ 660.00				
1 red cow	1105 @ 51.75	3 blk/bwf cows	@ 650.00				
1 bwf cow	1285 @ 51.00	3 blk cows	@ 575.00				
1 bwf cow	1305 @ 50.75	1 blk cow	@ 535.00				
1 blk cow	1190 @ 50.00	3 sim cows	@ 500.00				
1 blk cow	1120 @ 48.50	COW/CALF PAIRS					
1 wf cow	1050 @ 48.00	5 blk/char cows/cvs	@ 1100.00				
1 x-bred cow	1265 @ 47.50	2 red cows/cvs	@ 1080.00				
1 bwf cow	1205 @ 47.00	8 blk/bwf cows/cvs	@ 1070.00				
4 blk/sim cows	1200 @ 46.75	2 blk/red cows/cvs	@ 950.00				
2 sim cows	1208 @ 45.25	4 mix cows/cvs	@ 800.00				
		7 mix cows/cvs	@ 800.00				

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