

Annie's Project is based on the life of a farm woman in Illinois. Annie was a woman who grew up in a small town in northern Illinois. Her goal was to marry a farmer and she did. Annie spent her lifetime learning how to be an involved business partner with her farm husband. Annie's daughter, a university extension specialist, developed Annie's Project to take Annie's experience and share it with

"This program would help women learn where to go and get answers, and what questions to ask," Clu-

“The sessions of Annie’s Project are designed to provide research-based information to participants that can help them improve their operation and lives in many ways,” said Scott Gordon.

“Backgrounds, experiences, and the levels of involvement in the farm may

"No one has all answers, all the time," said Seibel. "Annie's Project will help expand the resource base for participants and give new tools for farm-level decisions. Sometimes, that may be as simple as knowing a farm woman in another part

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For our sale Friday, Sept. 18 unweaned steer and heifer calves were selling \$2 to \$3 lower, especially on the calves carrying extra flesh. Stocker feeder steers and heifers were also selling \$2 to \$3 lower according to quality and condition. Cull cows were selling at mostly steady prices with several high yielding cows being offered.

STEER CALVES — 400-550 LBS.

Mark Scott	Manhattan	7 blk str	433 @ 118.00
Glen/Kristie Dressman	Frankfort	8 blk str	486 @ 115.25
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	5 blk str	509 @ 114.50
Mark Scott	Manhattan	6 blk str	517 @ 112.00
Gordon Heathman	Cottonwood Falls	6 bwf str	447 @ 104.00

FEEDER STEERS — 550-950 LBS.

Brad & Connie Hull	Frankfort	15 blk str	563 @ 111.75
Dennis/Jason Bernasek	Topeka	9 blk str	640 @ 107.00
Garry Scott	Cottonwood Falls	9 blk str	627 @ 105.75
Glen/Kristie Dressman	Frankfort	7 blk str	550 @ 105.00
Brad & Connie Hull	Frankfort	8 blk str	654 @ 104.50
Bruce Day	Council Grove	8 blk str	639 @ 102.50
Curtis Botkin	Cassoday	18 blk str	603 @ 102.50
Curtis Botkin	Cassoday	5 blk str	551 @ 102.50
Marin Abitz	Onaga	10 blk str	626 @ 102.50
Mark Scott	Manhattan	12 blk str	628 @ 102.50
Glen/Kristie Dressman	Frankfort	14 blk str	643 @ 102.00
Mason & Lisa Lee	Alta Vista	6 blk str	610 @ 100.00
Frank Hug & Sons	Scranton	7 herf str	637 @ 99.50
Tom Link	Manhattan	7 blk str	730 @ 98.00
Chip Hammond	Olpe	9 blk str	568 @ 97.50
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Curtis Botkin	Cassoday	9 blk str	695 @ 92.50
Bruce Day	Council Grove	8 blk str	766 @ 92.00
Eddie Finger	Powhattan	6 herf str	620 @ 91.25
Eddie Finger	Powhattan	6 herf str	776 @ 91.00
Malcolm Casey	Council Grove	107 blk str	947 @ 88.25
Gordon Heathman	Cottonwood Falls	7 blk str	649 @ 86.75
Chip Hammond	Olpe	5 blk str	691 @ 86.00
Jim & Foye Moloney	White City	5 blk str	699 @ 85.00

HEIFER CALVES — 350-550 LBS.

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Dan Reves	Westmoreland	9 blk hfr	536 @ 97.50
Gordon Heathman	Cottonwood Falls	14 mix hfr	517 @ 92.50

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-900 LBS.

Garry Mott	Cottonwood Falls	5 blk hfr	574 @ 92.50
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	5 mix hfr	645 @ 91.00

BULLS — 1,575-2,025

Charles Garrett	Council Grove	1 cross bull	2000 @ 56.75
Russ Umscheid	Flush	1 herf bull	1930 @ 53.75
Grace Flowers	Havensville	1 blk bull	1825 @ 53.75
Tom Link	Manhattan	1 blk bull	1580 @ 53.25
Ralph Brooks	Manhattan	1 blk bull	1670 @ 53.25
David & Teri Umscheid	Onaga	1 blk bull	2015 @ 52.00
Bruce Day	Council Grove	1 bwf bull	1935 @ 50.25

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 1,000-1,550 LBS.

Berges Ranch	Onaga	9 blk cows	1071 @ 78.25
William Farrel	Centralia	1 blk cow	1010 @ 76.00
Oneil Dairy	Beattie	1 blk cow	915 @ 69.00
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Loretta Niehues	Manhattan	1 blk cow	1270 @ 48.75
Tim & Brian Beying	Seneca	1 wf cow	1300 @ 48.00
Jerry Kinsey	Easton	1 blk cow	1325 @ 47.75
Maria Serafin	Matfield Green	2 blk cows	1342 @ 47.75
Loran & Ed Hodges	Emmett	1 cross cow	950 @ 46.75
Glen/Kristie Dressman	St. George	1 blk cow	1410 @ 46.75
Bruce Day	Frankfort	1 blk cow	1290 @ 45.00
Donald M. Gudenkauf	Council Grove	1 cross cow	1260 @ 43.75
Anna Mae Ice	Onaga	1 bwf cow	1175 @ 43.25
Dan Reves	Wamego	1 simm cow	1235 @ 41.25
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central Tonnage: 12,414/3,962 Last week: 11,952/3,720 Last year: 12,229/4,567 Hay trade slow. Demand moderate for dairy and stock cow alfalfa, alfalfa pellets, grinding alfalfa and grass hay. Unseasonably cool and humid conditions have not been favorable haying weather the last few weeks. Some of the Fall crops need more heat units to mature properly. There should be an abundant amount of crop residue for grazing this Fall. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares, 190.00-



These auctioneers were the big winners in the 2009 Kansas Auctioneer's Association annual bid-calling contest held during the Kansas State Fair. Charley Cummings, Yates Center (far left) was named champion. Finishing second-fifth were Megan McCurdy, Justin Schultis, Lance Fullerton and Aaron Traffas.

FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 — 10:00 AM

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93 Trailman 26 ft stock trailer; 90 Blair 20 ft stock trailer; 86 Chevy truck 366 gas 5+2 trans.; (2) 14ft JD discs; Donahue BP swather trailer; 5 ft Bushog mower; JD side delivery rake; Farmall H tractor; International manure spreader ground driven; 3 pt post hole auger; 16 ft tilt trailer; pickup bed trailer frame; JD lister/planter; 114 New Hol-

land 14 ft hydrosowing swather; 3 pt bale mover; 24 ft Kent springtooth; hay rack w/Bradford running gear; 68 JD 4020 w/510 Koyker loader; Allis Chalmers D-17 wide front; 78 New Holland 273 Hayliner twine tie square baler; 75 JD 4230 quad range cab and air; 90 JD 3830 300A twin knife 14 ft swather; JD 430 4ft round baler.

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South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 5.00 higher. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, mid square 195.00; Dairy, 65-85 cents/point RFV, Premium to Supreme, 120.00-150.00; Premium 110.00-130.00; Stock cow, mid square or large round, no test 90.00-110.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 70.00-80.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 100.00-120.00. The week of 9/7-12, 3,962T of grinding alfalfa and 1,460T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 140.00-160.00; Sun Cured 17% 159.00-160.00; Dehydrated 17% 205.00. Straw, small square 3.50/bale, mid square 50.00-60.00/T.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, mid square 140.00-200.00. Dairy alfalfa, Good, 100.00-127.50; Stock cow, mid square, no test 90.00-120.00; Bluestem: Good, small squares 85.00-100.00, mostly 90.00-95.00, mid and large squares 60.00-90.00, mostly 75.00, large rounds 40.00-60.00. Mulch, large rounds 45.00-50.00. Brome: Good, Small squares 100.00-110.00 mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, large rounds 50.00-70.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 200.00-250.00. Dairy, no trade. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the

edge of the field 75.00-100.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 120.00-130.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse small squares 220.00, mid square 130.00-200.00; Dairy, Supreme, 130.00-140.00; Premium 120.00-130.00; Stock cow, mid square, no test 100.00; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 60.00-75.00, alfalfa Ground-on-the-truck 80.00-95.00, Ground and delivered 90.00-110.00. Grass hay: Bluestem small squares, Good 90.00-100.00, Mid squares 70.00-80.00, large rounds 45.00-60.00. Brome: Good, small squares, 4.00-4.50/bale, 90.00-120.00/T, Mid squares, 75.00-85.00, horse quality 110.00, large rounds, 12.00- 30.00/bale, 50.00-60.00/T, fair 40.00-50.00. Grass Mulch, large round 45.00/bale delivered. Straw, small squares 3.25-3.50/bale, mid and large bales 45.00- 60.00/T.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. **TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

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

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — 10:00 AM

(Auction last Saturday of every month)

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Kansas Junior Livestock Show anticipating record entries

A total of 83 Kansas counties will be represented by youth competing at the 77th annual Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) in Wichita. The September 25-28 event will feature 738 contestants exhibiting 1,523 head of livestock. Participants have entered 134 steers, 335 heifers, 363 market hogs, 300 lambs, 48 breeding ewes, 163 wether dams and 180 goats.

Pottawatomie County is sending 33 exhibitors, 29 heifers and eight breeding ewes to the show, the most of any county in the state in these three categories. The market steer division is led by Republic County, with nine.

Dickinson County youth have entered the most market hogs, with 27 head. The largest number of meat goats, 18, was entered by Labette County exhibitors. Johnson County leads the market lamb and wether dam categories, with 20 and 11 head, respectively. The 64 head from Dickinson County leads the total livestock category.

The top two animals from each of the market divisions — steers, hogs, lambs and goats — will sell during the KJLS Auction of Champions, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to support the event by bidding on livestock in the live auction. Participants typically use the money earned from selling these animals

to help fund their college educations and purchase next year's livestock projects.

Prior to the premium sale, KJLS will present a number of scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 to exhibitors who have excelled academically, in community service and in 4-H/FFA. A total of \$245,750 in scholarships has been presented to 206 KJLS exhibitors since the program's inception in 1993. Last year, a total of \$19,750 was awarded to 15 exhibitors. The scholarship program is funded primarily through private contributions and income generated by the Beekeeper Barbecue held in the Sam Fulco Pavilion at the Kansas Coliseum prior to the auction. Tickets to the barbecue are \$60 and can be purchased at the door the evening of September 28 or in advance by mailing a check to KJLS, P.O. Box 3086, Wichita, KS 67201. Tickets purchased in advance will be mailed promptly or held at the door for pick-up the evening of the event. Persons interested in contributing directly to the KJLS scholarship fund can call (316) 733-2345.

"Preparing for and participating in this event provides a great learning experience for our Kansas youth," said KJLS president Mary Kane of Manhattan. "To help reward these young people for their hard work, we encourage indi-

viduals and businesses to participate in the sale or contribute to the scholarship fund." Separate from the selection of species champions, a showmanship contest will be held. The top showman in both the junior and senior divisions of each species will receive a silver belt buckle. Prizes also will be awarded for second through fifth place in each division.

The Kansas Junior Livestock Association (KJLA) Club Calf Show and Sale will be held in conjunction with KJLS. Steer and heifer prospects from some of the top club calf producers in the Midwest will be consigned. The event will take place September 26. A portion of the sale proceeds will go toward KJLA/Kansas Livestock Foundation Youth in Agriculture scholarships. KJLA is the youth arm of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA).

KJLS is sponsored by KLA, Kansas State University and the Agri-Business Council of Wichita. In addition to these groups, hundreds of volunteers from across the state help organize and put on the show.



Topping the senior sheep showmanship division at the 2009 Kansas State Fair were the following 4-H and FFA members. The awards were presented by Tom Taylor, High Plains Journal, pictured right. Jamie Brisco, Lincoln, was named champion, Kylie Naber, was named reserve champion. Boone Ott was the third place finisher, Chastain Leggett fourth, (not pictured) and Myriah Jensen.

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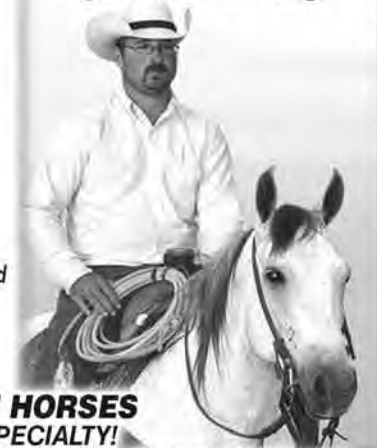
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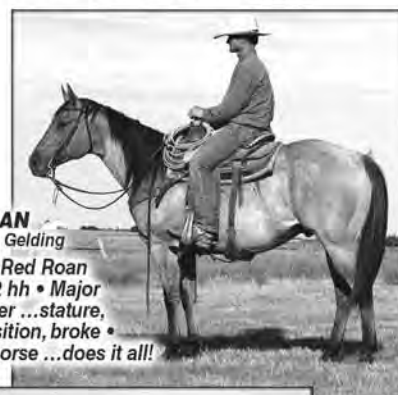
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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The US Dollar Index fell to new lows for the move last week, but seems to have found support at the 76 area. The Dollar Index is oversold and due for a correction, so a bounce from the 76 level looks likely. At this time I look for any strength in the Dollar as temporary and a selling opportunity.

Corn futures touched limit higher on Tuesday due to the threat of freezing temperatures for this week, but the market spent the rest of the week giving up those gains. The December corn was 1 3/4 cents lower by the end of the week.

Tuesday's limit higher move is proof that a freeze could have a huge market impact, but if it doesn't happen soon, it won't matter as much. Crop development is still well behind normal. Illinois corn, for example, was reported at only 6% mature compared with 50% on average. An early end to the growing season would definitely have serious consequences. For now though, the forecasts are not threat-

ening and as long as there is not threat of frost, there is little reason for concern and the market will continue to trend lower.

There is still very little news that is impacting the wheat. The December KW has posted 2 reversals higher on the chart in the past 6 trading days, but there has been little, if any, follow through buying. In fact the December KW ended up being 5 3/4 cents lower for the week after being as much as 17 higher on Tuesday. Export sales came in at 449,400 MT, which is right at the pace we need to see each week. Sales numbers like that aren't going to encourage spec buying and aren't going to cause any rush to secure supplies. We have plenty of wheat and haven't gotten low enough to attract any additional demand.

The oversold condition of the market has been relieved and it looks like the wheat is ready to make another move lower. This time around we will probably see the De-

cember KW move down to the \$4.40 level.

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Not too late; get seed tested now for best results, advises industry group

Many farmers are gearing up for the planting season by readying their drills and preparing their fields. Most have probably decided what variety of wheat they are going to plant, and might be planning on using saved seed.

Saved seed is acceptable for planting if proper precautions are taken to ensure quality and purity have been preserved. Storage, handling, and cleaning can all damage or reduce the viability and purity of saved seed. One easy way to reduce the risk of using saved seed is to have it tested before planting.

The Seed Laboratory at Kansas Crop Improvement Association can help growers ensure their seed has the potential to provide a successful crop. "Our Registered Seed Technologists have been properly trained in the techniques of seed testing, and can identify key issues or problems that others might not notice," said Eric Fabrizio, lab manager.

An extensive range of tests are available like germination, purity, test weight, and seeds per pound to name a few. Most farmers request a germination test to determine viability of saved seed. To ensure their seed is not contaminated with other crops or weeds, farmers can also request a purity test. A two-pound sample is requested to test for germination and purity, which takes about one week from receipt of the seed. To speed up the process of reporting, test results can be emailed. Fabrizio cautions, "Although farmers may be tempted to plant saved seed without testing, the cost of a germination test is very little compared to the issues that could occur later from planting poor quality seed."

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ESTATE AUCTION

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CAR AND RIDING MOWER SELL AT 11:00AM: 2003 Ford Taurus 4 door sedan with 3.0L V6, automatic, AM/FM/CD, AC, cruise, tilt, all electric, good tires, sandstone exterior, tan cloth interior, bought new by Lola Mae, 38,308 actual miles, like new; John Deere 111 lawn tractor, 11 hp B&S, gear drive, 36" deck, VG.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES SELL AT 11:30: Whirlpool 18cuft refrigerator, white, nice; Kenmore 13cuft chest freezer, VG; Maytag washer, white, nice; older Maytag elec. dryer; GE 30" electric range, white w/smoked glass door; microwave; RCA 27" color TV w/remote, 4 yrs. old; TV stand; dk. brown La-Z-boy recliner, VG; sofa and aphotstered chairs; nice old wooden rockers; end table; floor lamp; sm. shelves and stands; nice oak parlour table; nearly new oak bedroom suite w/g. dresser & mirror; chest of drawers and queen bed w/Just-O-Pedic firm mattress and box springs, purchased at Orr's, very nice; 3 pc. waterfall BR set w/complete dbl. bed; sm. oak panelled dresser, VG; nice waterfall cedar chest w/shelf; formica kitchen table w/leaves and chairs; oak dining chairs; 2dr. utility cabinet; filing cabinet; sm. wooden kneehole desk; primitive tables; possum belly cabinet base.

ANTIQUES, HOUSEHOLD, MISCELLANEOUS: Westinghouse standing fan; nice old window fan; 10 gal Redwing crock, cracked; watering can; crock bowl; leather suitcase; graniteware; 1/64 metal buggy toy; anniversary clock; dresser box; costume jewelry; box camera; cast iron pcs.; **Wetzlar binoculars taken from Nazi officer;** German beer stein w/horses from WWII; white & tangerine quilt w/girls in bonnets, hand made and very nice; wool blankets; lots of other bedding; lots & lots of bath towels; t-towels; nice lace, linen and cotton tableclothes; doilies & fancywork; lots other cloth; Hull 3-8&1/2 vase, nice; pyrex colored bowl set; American Fostoria footed tumblers, sherberts, cr & su.; Fostoria Colony platter; boxes old glassware to be unpacked; the usual variety of kitchen wares; lots of Christmas decorations; many more household items too numeruos to mention; lots of new cloth work gloves; 5ft. step ladder; wheel barrow; lawn chair; battery charger.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE BRODEN AUCTION THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE SOLD FOR THE ROY WOHLER TRUST:

PICKUP & TOOL BOX -SELL AT 1:00 PM: 1998 Ford Ranger 2WD ext. cab pickup with 4.0L V6, automatic, AM/FM/cassette, cold AC, fancy wheels, mud flaps, white w/pin stripe, grey cloth interior, 41,700 actual miles, very good; white crossbed tool box, fits Ranger.

FURNITURE & ANTIQUES - SELL LAST: Nice chimney cabinet; tin punch pie cabinet; 2 old wooden rockers; old aphotstered rocker; entertainment center; short white metal utility cabinet; RCA port. TV; "One Minute" double tubs of white enamel; miniature library table, cute; Silvertone port. ant. phonograph; old stereo; Cosmic Dimension light synthesizer; albums; wooden wringer; wash board; nice wooden grooving planes and clamp; unusual hand held vulcanizer; nut cracker; ice skates; paper dispenser out of old store; ant. wall papering supplies, straight edges, level etc.; old miter saw; other primitives; old "Sunshine" and "Loose-Wiles" tin and glass bisquit jar lids, VG; pitcher pump; wooden duck rocker by old Bill Wohler; nice 3 gal. Redwing crock; other crocks; rd. galv. tub; old light fixtures; lighted Last Supper picture; TV lamp; sm. anniversary clock; 15 liquor bottles of clown, animals etc.; old bottles and light bulbs; old toys; cheese boxes etc.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOOLS, MOWERS: Dirt Devil port. vacuum; carousel rotisserie oven; 4ft. moving Santa (don't squeeze); **over 75 gag gifts and novelty items;** variety of other household goods, many in-box items, some new; Craftsman sockets in box; variety other hand tools and long handled tools; bench grinder; heavy duty old benchtop scroll saw; Homelite 14" elec chain saw; Big Mow 32" 8hp riding mower, not used for 2 years; 20" push mower; fert spreader; wooden ext. ladders and more.

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Crop progress continues across Kansas, according to KASS report

Last week temperatures were normal in the Western counties and below normal in the Eastern counties. Rains were heaviest across the central area of the state and into the southeast, where there was a pocket of heavy rainfall in and around Montgomery County. Producers across the State averaged only 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture is rated as 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated as 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Fieldwork activities for the week included cutting alfalfa, harvesting silage and corn, and planting winter wheat.

Wet field conditions last week halted field work in many areas of the State where corn producers were hoping to begin harvesting. Only three percent of the corn crop has been harvested, behind both last year at 5 percent and the 5-year average of 18 percent. Eighty-six percent of the corn is in

the dent stage, behind 2008 at 93 percent and 95 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-one percent is mature, behind 39 percent for the previous year and 61 percent for the 5-year average.

Corn condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 20 percent excellent. Sixty-six percent of sorghum is coloring, ahead of 61 percent for last year but behind 73 percent for the 5-year average. Four percent is mature, behind both the previous year and the 5-year average which are 9 percent and 17 percent, respectively.

Sorghum condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Twenty-two percent of the soybeans are dropping leaves, ahead of 19 percent for the previous year but behind 32 percent for the 5-year average.

Soybean condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 52 percent good, and

27 percent excellent. Four percent of the winter wheat has been planted, behind 5 percent for last year and the 5-year average of 7 percent. Thirteen percent of the cotton have bolls opening, behind 16 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Ninety-five percent of the sunflowers are in bloom, behind 99 percent for both the previous year and the 5-year average. Fifty-four percent are in the ray flower dry stage, compared to 65 percent for last year and 66 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty-three percent have bracts yellow, behind both 2008 at 35 percent the 5-year average of 38 percent.

Sunflower condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Thirty-eight percent of the fourth cutting of alfalfa has been completed, behind the previous year and the 5-year average at 54 and 61 percent respectively.

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New ag chair skeptical of bill

Newly appointed U.S. Senate Ag Committee Chair Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) said she does not support the climate change bill passed by the U.S. House. Sen. Lincoln told cattle producers attending the NCBA Legislative Conference she will highlight the impact the legislation could have on

consumer prices. "What's the impact going to be on consumers in terms of an increase in the price of food?" asked Lincoln. "Nobody can answer that question."

Kansas Livestock Association officers and staff participated in the conference. During congressional office visits, the KLA group ex-

pressed concern about upcoming competition workshops being organized by the Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration and the Department of Justice. KLA officers pointed out the importance of maintaining the ability of cattle producers to utilize forward contracts.

FALL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 — 9:30 AM

Holton Livestock Exchange, Inc., 1/2 Mile East Of HOLTON, KANSAS On 16 Hwy

MACHINERY

King Kutter 8' Tandem Disc, 3 Pt, Exc Cond; (2) 3 Pt. Bale Spear; 3 Pt 6' Blade; 3 Pt Bale Carrier; 3 Pt Post Hole Digger With 9" And 12".

AUGERS

JD 5' Rotary Mower, Pull Type; 3 Pt 5' Blade; JD 10 Ton Running Gear; (2) 1000 Gal Anhydrous Nurse Tanks; Rhino Se10 3pt Rotary Mower; Gehl Silage Wagon; IH 370 12' Wheel Disk; 6"X10' Grain Auger/ Plastic Hopper, No Motor; 6x10 Box Wagon With Hoist On JD Running Gears; MF 3 Pt 3x16 Bottom Plow; 3 Pt 7' Blade; 3 Pt 5' Box Scraper, Good Shape; Big Ox 3 Pt 6' Blade; Rhino 3 Pt 5' Rotary Mower; Rhino Hd Post Hole Digger, 3 Pt; Older Stainless Mist Blower, 3 Pt, Pto; Ford 5' 3 Pt Rotary Mower; 3 Pt Carryall Frame; Shop Built Feed Wagon/ Lights, Holds 1200#; JD 9' Kba Disc; 6' Fast Hitch Rear Blade; 7' Snap Coupler Blade; Massey Harris 6' 3 Pt Blade; Kuker Gravity Wagon.

HAY, STRAW & HAY EQUIPMENT

Walton 10 Wheel Hay Rake, 3 Pt; Bale Accumulator For Square Baler; 40 Small Square Bales Straw; 3 Pt Bale Carrier/ Carry-All Bracket; Ford 7' Sickle Bar Mower, 3 Pt; 100 Small Square Bales Alfalfa 2009; 18 Big Round Brome 2009; 18 Big Round Alfalfa 2009; Shop Built 6 Big Bale Trailer; Hd 3 Pt Bale Mover; Bale Spears For Loader Bucket; 3 Pt Bale Spear.

VEHICLES

1930 Ford Model A Coupe, 7 Spoke Wheels, Approx. 40k Miles, 3rd Owner, Runs Good, Always Shedded; 1996 Dodge 1500 4x4 At Gas Gn Hitch, Rebuilt Trans, Needs Brake Booster, 140,000 Miles; 1994 Ford F350 4x4, Single Wheel, 7.3 Non-Turbo Diesel, 5 Sp, New Lock Outs, Tie Rod Ends, Front Bearings, Clutch; 1980 IH S1800 Truck/ 19' Schwartz Tilt Bed & Hyd Wench, V8, 5/2 Sp; 1973 GMC 9500 Grain Truck, 871 Silver Series Detroit, 10 Sp Road Ranger/ 2 Sp Rear End, Twin Screw/ Pusher Axle, 20' Bed/ 2 Cyl Hoist & Roll Over Tarp; 1993 Ford Econline Van Mark III Conversion, 302 V8, Cloth Interior; 1986 Ford F250, 4x4, 4 Sp, For Parts, New Radiator, Good Front End; 1971 Gmc 1 Ton Dually, With Flat Bed & Hoist, Gn Hitch, 6 Near New 10 Ply Tires, Runs Good; 1977 Ford F150 Hi Boy, Flatbed, Approx 5000 Miles On New 351 Winsor; 2000 Chevy 1 Ton 4x4, Single Wheel, With Flatbed, 5 Sp, 350 Gas, 117,000 Miles.

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SKIDLOADER ATTACHMENTS

2008 Rhino Sm72 Hydraulic Rotary Mower, Like New; 2004 Timberline Tree Shear Ht.

TRACTORS, LOADERS & COMBINES

JD 5520 MFWD/ JD 541 Self

Leveling Loader/ Bucket, Joystick, Cab, Air, Heat, Radio Power Reverser, 1600 Hrs, 2nd Owner; 1996 NH TR97 4x4 Combine/ Genesis Engine, Ser# 558215, Sold Without Head; Belarus 505 80 Hp Diesel Tractor, 2 Wd, 3 Pt, With Nemo Front End Hyd Loader, Quick Attach Bucket And Bale Spear; 1966 IH 806 Diesel With Heineker Cab, Wf, 3 Pt, Single Hyd; MH 44 Tractor, Gas, Nf, 3 Pt; Ford 8N, New Paint, Good Rubber; AC 190 Gas, Wf, 3 Pt, Dual Hyd, With Farm Hand G1520 Loader, 7 Ft Quick Tach Bucket And Quick Tach 2 Prong Bale Spear; 1972 AC 200 Diesel, Wf, 3 Pt, Dual Hyd; Koyker K5 Loader/ Quick Tach Bucket & Bale Spear, IH Brackets; IH 1466/ Cab & Air, 3 Pt, Dual Hyd, Good 18.4x38 Radials, Approx 3000 Hrs On Case IH Re-Mfg. Engine; IH 864 Corn Head, 6x36, Less Than 250 Acres On New Chains And Sprockets; MF 850 Combine With 24' Grain Head, 6 Cyl Perkins, Runs Good; 20' Flex Head Fits MF.

TRAILERS

16' Car Trailer/ Stock Rack Insert (Insert Sandblasted, Repainted & New Tail Lights); 2007 EZ Haul 20' Plus 5' Dove-tail GN Flatbed Heavy Duty Trailer, 2/7000 Lb Axles, Tool Box; 2004 24' With 2' Dovetail And Ramps, Low Profile Gn Trailer, Electric Jack Stands; 18' Gn Flatbed/ 4' Dovetail & Ramps, Trailer House Axles; 1996 P&J 83"X18' Cat Trailer/ Slide In Ramps, (2) 7000 Lb Axles, No Title; 2007 Load Max 22' + 2' Dovetail Gn Flatbed Low Profile Trailer, Fold Up Ramps, 2/7000 Lb Axles; Bumper Hitch Car Trailer; Pick-Up Bed Trailer; 16' Gn Stock Trailer, No Title; 20' Gn Stock Trailer, Older.

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ATV SPRAYER

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

1973 American 42' Open Top Floor Trailer; Priefert Squeeze Chute, Bought New, Never Used; Sibley Squeeze Chute, With Self Catching Head Gate, Steel Floor, Good Shape; Apache 3 Ton Portable Creep Feeder With Creep Gates; IH 1250 Grinder/Mixer With Drag Auger; (6) Blue Big Round Bale Feeders Sold By Jackson Farmers; Several Steel Big Round Bale Feeders; Mineral Feeder; Filson Automatic Head Gate; Prof-Matic Livestock Waterer; 2 Wheel Lick Tank; 4' Galvanized Stock Tank; Home-made Head Gate; Artsway 800a Sila Mix Wagon With Scales; Schwartz 5x12 Feeder Wagon; (2) 20' Pipe Panels; Cattle Guard Crossing; (10) 20' Continuous Pipe Panels, 6 Bar; (2) Bundles 2 3/8" X 8'8" Pipe Posts; (20) 3 1/2" X 8' Pipe Posts; 3 Ton Portable Creep Feeder; 1000 Lb Calf Creep Feeder On Skids; Qlf Lick Tank; (2) Round Plastic Mineral Feeders; Portable Feed Bunks.

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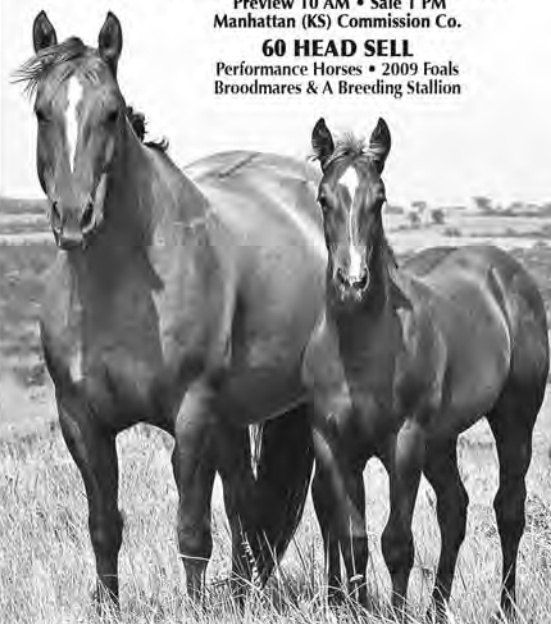
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Kansans reviving a ‘green’ tradition: rain barrels

Growing interest in wiser, “greener” ways to use natural resources is creating a small, but enthusiastic group of Kansans. They’re adapting barrels to collect rain water from their roof to use in their home landscape. Their “how-to” support now includes county agents, as well as area and state specialists with Kansas State University Research and Extension. Local governments, businesses, schools and county Conservation District staff are getting involved, too. Since early spring, Extension educators have been coming up with advice, factsheets, instructions and workshops to help Kansans become self-sufficient as rain collectors. Some of that information is already making its way onto the Web.

“In the heat of the summer, the average American family of four uses nearly 40 percent of its household water outdoors — up to half of which gets wasted in overwatering and inefficient sprinkling. That really costs, in more ways than one,” explained Stacie Minson, K-

State watershed specialist and a leader in the educational effort.

In contrast, collecting rainwater and distributing it to landscape plants slowly costs nothing and is almost 100 percent efficient - no water waste, Minson added. It provides naturally soft, chemical-free water for the landscape without drawing

on public supplies. At the same time, by encouraging soil infiltration, the approach helps forestall runoff. Most landscape runoff goes down a street gutter, into a storm drain system, and ultimately into a nearby natural body of water. In rural areas, it simply follows the paths that excess rain takes.

“Landscape runoff is never truly clean. It can include such nasty stuff as sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, pet droppings and E.coli bacteria - all of which end up in local creeks, rivers and lakes,” Minson said. The watershed specialist has been offering two-hour workshops throughout the growing season, to help Kansans produce their own rain catchers.

Her September calendar alone lists stops in both Victoria, and Russell, on the 12th and a final workshop in Wichita Sept. 30. Plus, Minson is now sharing information on YouTube (under “Roll Out the Rain Barrel”), as well as on K-State’s KCARE Web site. Links to her illustrated factsheet and “how-to” instructions for rain barrels are at <http://www.kcare.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=914>.

K-State Research and Extension’s News site is also offering a video. It shows how Douglas County Extension horticulturist Jennifer Smith is helping residents make rain barrels on the other side of the state.

The video is available at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/new/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=36&itemID=1047>.

Although they meet infrequently, Extension’s statewide network of agents and specialists are helping and learning from each other as they nurture this educational effort on “recycling” rain water.

Still, Minson remains a natural source. She piloted the state’s first Extension workshop last April, involving Fort Hays State University horticulture students and getting barrels from the City of Hays, the Post Rock Rural Water District and the Victoria, Kan., Coca Cola facility. Her “Roll Out the Rain Barrel” project helped Hays residents transform 120 barrels into rain catchers.

It also sparked immediate interest from other parts

of the area where Minson works — the Big Creek and Middle Smoky Hill River watersheds. Both watersheds feed Kansas’ first-ever federal reservoir, built in 1948. The Kanopolis Reservoir supplies the public drinking water for seven communities and four rural water districts in west-central Kansas.

“Unfortunately, Kanopolis also is one of many state bodies of water now impeded by sediment and excessive nutrients - usually nitrogen and phosphorus,” the specialist said. “That’s raising concerns about their future recreational and water-supply use.

“So, in addition to our project’s monitoring numerous stream locations from the Cedar Bluff to the Kanopolis outlets, we are doing everything we can to encourage less runoff.” Min-

son has seen many types of containers recycled for collecting rain - trash cans, pots, buckets, old bathtubs, and barrels made of wood, metal and plastic. For her workshops, she prefers 55-gallon plastic barrels that in a previous life only contained a food-type product (i.e., not oil, chemicals or such).

Her 2009 workshop participants have been lucky, she said, in that the Wichita Coca-Cola bottling plant has donated the lion’s share of their barrels. The plant also became this year’s final workshop site. And, even before planners started to promote that event, they had a waiting list of people

wanting to attend. Beyond that, volunteers to help participants build their barrels at September’s three workshops included some Coca-Cola employees. Fort Hays State University horticulture students were still involved, too. County Conservation District board members and local youth volunteered, as well.

Minson is beginning to believe rain barrels are an old idea whose time has come ... again

“Or, for more information about all kinds of ways to save water and preserve the quality of our natural water supplies, people can always visit their local Extension office,” she said.

AUCTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — 11:00 AM LOCATION: 1512 Country Club Lane ABILENE, KANSAS



VEHICLE: (2:00 p.m.) 1995: Oldsmobile 88 Royale 4-dr., 3.8L V-6, auto., PS, PB, AC, power seats & windows, very well equipped, white, 63,750 actual miles.

HOUSEHOLD: (11:00 a.m.): Singer Stylist #774 sewing machine w/cabinet; Sears dehumidifier; Dirt Devil hand vac; office supplies; Magnus chord organ (small); 2 drawer metal file cabinet; folding room divider; Whirlpool microwave; GE lg. elec. roaster; Rival slicer; Oster elec. food grinder; Hamilton Beach stand mixer; set Ecco knives; small appliances; kitchenwares; Blue Flowers Corningware meat platter & P21 roaster; unique Christmas decorations; bedding; luggage; other modern household; **TOOLS:** 20-ft. ext. ladder; 5-ft. wood ladder; 2 Nelson Rain Trains sprinklers; 2 wheel lawn cart; Paramont elec. lawn vac; Toro leaf blower; hand garden tools; 4 way 110V arc welder; post drill on shop made stand; elec. fan on stands; metal shelving 1 in box; metal base cabinet; metal folding table; set RH Countess Power Bilt ladies golf clubs; putters; metal head driver; golf items.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES: (Approx. 11:30 a.m.) Blue & White stoneware butter jar “Cows & Columns” pattern, old; Picnic basket cookie jar mkd. USA; Royal Copley woman Afro American wall pocket; Dessert Sands pottery ashtray, match & cigarette holders; Oriental Girl elec. lamp; Inga Bow ceramic floral picture; other pottery; A.T. & S.F. RR lantern electrified; 2 Santa Fe brakeman hat badges, 1 older; 15, 20, 25 and 40 yr. pins; 2w Santa Fe buttons & 1 bar pin; Santa Fe Cent. Token; (3) 1966 Santa Fe (Chief) time tables; sheet music “On the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe” by Judy Garland; 1966 USGA (golf) Open Championship program & #443 pass; postcards; cookbooks; Abilene area, 1957 Chev., Ford cookbooks; Chevrolet & General Motors ad items: including Cross pen & pencil set w/Oldsmobile Rocket emblem, wood Body by Fisher paperweight, 1963 Chev. Yardstick; 1960 & 70 Ronald Rice Chevrolet items; glass Seelyes Wa-sa-tu-sa “The Cat Came Back” cat paperweight; Fire stone wood hld. knife sharpener;

FURNITURE: (Approx. 1:15 p.m.) Mahogany buffet, drop leaf Duncan Phyfe table & 6 Lyre back chairs; mahogany knee-hole desk; sq. oak lamp table (P); 4 cushion 1960’s couch; beige hide-a-bed loveseat; pine narrow cabinet; full bed & twin bed; (2) 3 drawer chests; 1-gr. & 2 gold wicker back occasional chairs; other furniture.

AUCTION NOTE: Marguerite worked for Ronald Rice for many years. Many General Motors collectibles. Lunch available.

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Even during hot, dry summer weather, a single rain can fill lots of storage barrels. Stacie Minson, watershed specialist with Kansas State University Research and Extension, explained:

An inch of rain on 88 square feet of roof will fill a typical 55-gallon rain barrel.

Estimates put the average home roof at between 1,200 and 2,000 square feet. An inch of rain on a surface that size will generate between 750 and 1,250 gallons of downspout water.

The formula for figuring the potential harvest from a 1-inch rain is: square feet of roof area, times 0.623.

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ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE: Dome clock; Wooden wind up wall clock; Pocket knives; American Mint Model Cars; Antique toys; McCoy tea pot; Jim Beam Decanters: Knuckles Muldcon, Emmett Kelly, Tiffany Dog & Volkswagen decanters.

FURNITURE: 27 inch Emerson TV; Bedroom sets bed, dresser, chest of drawer & night stand; Recliner; Coffee table; Drop leaf tables and chairs; Kitchen table and chairs; Rocking chairs; Coffee tables with matching end tables; Bookcases; Magazine stand; Lamps.

HOUSEHOLD: Hotpoint washer; Kenmore dryer; Bissell vac; Humidifier; Fans; Step stools; Steel shelves; Fedders air conditioner; Sewing machine; Emerson stereo; Flashlights Cast Iron Skillet; Wood Sewing Chest; Porcelain pots and dishpan; Williamsport punch bowl; Sterling silver teapot, sugar & creamer; GE microwave; Broiler oven; Apple corer; GE standing mixer; MicroMat-ic pressure cooker; George Foreman grill; Coke glasses; Pyrex dishes.

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Scientists work to find petroleum alternatives

Powerful machines that have moving parts — your car's engine or the hydraulic pump of a huge earthmover, for instance — almost always require lubricants. Today, most of those lubricants are made of so-called "base oil" that's blended with additives to boost performance.

The U.S. demand for additives, already at nearly 2 billion pounds a year, is expected to increase 2 percent annually for the next five years. That projection might attract new interest in a process, developed several years ago by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) chemist Sevim Z. Erhan and her colleagues, for making additives from plants instead of petroleum. These biobased additives would be suitable for use in formulating greases; engine oils; and hydraulic, transmission and drilling fluids, according to Erhan.

The additives could be made from the predominant fat molecules — triglycerides — in natural oils of familiar crops like soybean, corn or canola, or from lesser-known plants like camelina, crambe or pennycress.

Besides providing a potentially profitable market for growers in the Midwest and elsewhere, the fully biodegradable, new-age additives offer other benefits

and, to date, no downside. Since they're fully biodegradable, proper disposal is fast, easy and inexpensive. They can be used with either biobased or conventional lubricants. The additives meet all the standard criteria for a top-notch, antifriction, antiwear additive—namely, impressive viscosity and liquidity, high flashpoint, and stability despite temperature extremes.

In small-scale laboratory tests to evaluate wear and friction, the plant-oil additives performed as well as or better than commercial petroleum-based additives.

Erhan and colleagues did the work while Erhan worked at the agency's National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill. She's now director of the ARS Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor, Pa.

Erhan and co-investigators Brajendra K. Sharma of Pennsylvania State University-University Park and Atanu Adhvaryu, formerly with the university, received a U.S. patent in 2007 for the eco-friendly process used for making the additives. Their work is highlighted in the September issue of Agricultural Research magazine, available online at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/sep09/petroleum0909.htm>.



Garrett Wilson, Sublette, was the lucky exhibitor at the Kansas State Fair to win the use of a livestock trailer for a year provided by S&S Trailers of Ness City.

Studying stover harvest effects on yield, soil, climate

Corn stover has been used for many years as bedding and food for livestock, as well as to nourish and protect soils. In recent years, the ubiquitous stalk, leaf and cob residue of corn plants left in fields after harvest has found a new market: as a potential source for cellulosic ethanol production.

But harvesting the stover — which, when left in place, halts erosion and supplies vital nutrients back to the soil — could have unintended consequences, from lowering the fertility of fields to affecting productivity, soil and water quality and even climate. A comprehensive new study by Iowa State University agronomy researchers may soon shed light on these questions.

Last fall, Mahdi Al-Kaisi, ISU Extension soil management specialist, and ISU Extension soil fertility colleagues John Sawyer and Antonio Mallarino, started a three-year study looking at how removing residue at different rates affects soil productivity, nutrient cycling and greenhouse gas emissions in no-till and chisel-plow fields. They also want to find the optimal nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilization rates needed to supplement nutrients lost from residue removal. The research is funded by the ISU agronomy department.

"There's not any research integrating these questions the way Iowa State is doing it," Al-Kaisi said. "The impacts of large-scale corn stover removal on the soil, sustainability of crop production and environmental conservation are not well-known."

"A diverse research-based effort integrating these questions could provide information needed to successfully use biomass production for energy and livestock in Iowa."

The study was set in motion after harvest last fall on continuous corn fields at ISU's Armstrong Research and Demonstration Farm near Lewis, and the ISU Bruner Research Farm west of Ames. Residue was removed at three rates (0, 50 or 100 percent) on both

the no-till and chisel-plowed plots.

Residue samples were analyzed for initial nutrient content and the fields were left to sit until this spring, when six nitrogen rates ranging from 0 to 250 pounds per acre were added to the plots after planting. A regular daily and weekly regimen of soil testing started soon after.

Soil productivity

For future viability of broad-scale stover harvest, fields need to remain productive. This fall, researchers will get initial yield results from the various treatments and measure nutrient uptake in the leftover residue.

Productivity is highly linked to available nutrients — which in turn can affect soil structure, another key factor in yields. "Corn stover residue is a good source of carbon into the soil organic matter. If you continue to harvest residue, you are removing a significant portion of the carbon input to the soil," Al-Kaisi said.

How stover removal alters nutrient cycling — the second major component of the research — is integral to the yield question.

Nutrient cycling

"The amount of nutrients in the residue will depend on the fertility program farmers use during the growing season," Al-Kaisi said. "A well-managed field with optimum nutrient supply will have healthy plants — and good grain production. This would reflect in the amount of nutrients left in the stalks after harvest."

Seeing how recycling of nutrients back to the soil is altered by stover removal is the broad aim of this angle.



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Throughout the spring and summer, ISU agronomy graduate student Jose Guzman has been testing a range of soil indicators, from levels of organic carbon, nitrogen and other nutrients to water infiltration, microbial biomass and emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), two key greenhouse gases.

"Soil temperature and moisture are huge factors in the decomposition of stover," Guzman said. "Every hour, in-field sensors capture soil temperature data, and every day someone tests soil moisture. We'll capture these all year and might try to use this data to make a model to predict decomposition rates."

Monitoring greenhouse gases

Determining environmental effects of stover harvest is the third key aim of the research. "We want to see how agricultural practices can sequester more CO₂ and minimize N₂O emissions," Al-Kaisi said.

The interaction between corn residue removal, soil nutrient retention and greenhouse gas emissions is complex. But as Al-Kaisi explains, large-scale stover removal has the potential to change soil chemistry and dynamics so more gases are released to the atmosphere instead of locked within the soil.

Continuous corn fields also require more nitrogen, which can further skew the soil chemistry and increase the risk of N₂O emissions.

"That's why we're using six nitrogen rates, to see what's the optimum rate to minimize emissions yet have profitable corn production," Al-Kaisi said.

To monitor these changes, Guzman tests emissions on a weekly basis. With the sun high overhead, he strides into a field of corn taller than his head toting a CO₂ sampling machine that looks part portable vacuum cleaner, part old transistor radio with a flexible suction hose.

Crouching in the sun-dappled shadows under the corn stalks, Guzman attaches the hose to a PVC pipe buried in the soil and explains the significance of the CO₂ reading.

"We're keeping track of how much carbon we're putting in and how much we're losing," he said. "Carbon helps retain other nutrients in the soil. If farmers manage for carbon, they will have very healthy soils — which will help productivity."

Initial results of the research will be available later this fall. Researchers ultimately hope to use the data to help farmers, agronomists and policy-makers make sound economic and environmental decisions about stover use.

"We need to strike a balance between economic viability and the bottom line of farmers, and environmental consequences," Al-Kaisi said. "We have good soil in Iowa, and we want to keep it this way if we want to keep our high productivity."

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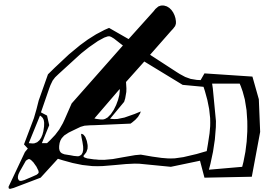
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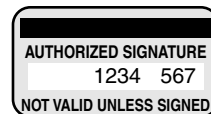
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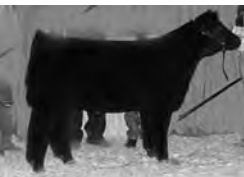
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Ag needing an advocate, says television spokesman

The challenge of feeding the people of the United States, along with much of the rest of the world, falls squarely upon the shoulders of American farmers. However, farmers are finding themselves caught by a firestorm of controversy about modern agricultural methods. It's a battle that farmers must win, says Mark Pearson, host of the Public Broadcasting Service television program, "Market to Market."

Pearson spoke at the

ProfitMaxx Seminar in Wichita last month, hosted by High Plains Journal, KFRM Radio and Bayer Crop Science. He says that the affluence of the American people affords them the opportunity to be critical of a profession they do not understand. Moreover, the average American can't fathom the important national defense role that American farmers play.

"We have a true ally in the Dept. of Defense; because the job of any President and members of our

Congress is to protect our shores. Because of that, we produce our own food and the last few years, we have dramatically increased the amount of fuel, too. Farmers are doing double duty in this country. They have reduced the pressure on our military by providing 9 billion gallons of ethanol this year," Pearson says.

Recent magazine articles, books and movies have been highly critical of American farmers, Pearson adds.

"It galls me that I hear authors saying its productive American farmers that make us fat. That's the kind of mindset we're building

in our society and it is sickening. We're fat because we make our own decisions about how much we're going to eat and exercise and because of the wealthy country where we live. It's not productive farmers," he says.

Farmers — by themselves and through advocacy and commodity organizations — must defend themselves, he adds. A decade ago, the United Kingdom was a net agriculture exporter. However, special interest groups challenged modern swine production methods, forcing producers to stop using swine crates. Production

efficiency dropped and now, the UK imports much of its pork.

Special interest groups across the nation and around the world are using Internet sites to attract supporters, who in turn pour money into these negative campaigns. The rise in special interest groups has a dramatic effect on the efficiency and scope of production agriculture, Pearson says.

Farmers, however, still have a positive perception among American consumers. Pearson suggests capitalizing on that perception by using traditional media outlets, such as

newspapers and the 6 o'clock news; but also sharing positive agricultural messages through the Internet, using new media tools such as blogs, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and the like.

"In agriculture, we've been slow to accept the new media. We need to talk to consumers in the same way our opponents are. We have a whole host of people who don't like production agriculture. They don't understand it. They don't understand the size of it. But it's a massive undertaking to feed the United States, and feed the world," he says.



Junior swine showmanship winners at the 2009 Kansas State Fair included champion Trace Mulligan pictured second from right. Reserve was Callahan Grund, and third was Garrett Holmes, pictured far left. Tom Taylor, High Plains Journal, made the presentation.

Students earn Cargill graduate fellowships in meat science

Two Kansas State University graduate students in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry have been named Cargill Graduate Fellows in Meat Science.

Melissa Daniel, a Meat Science Ph.D. student from Cypress Inn, Tenn., earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, Tenn., and a master's degree from K-State. This summer, Daniel was one of more than 60 Ph.D. students from around the world who participated in a short course at the International Congress of Meat Science and Technology in Copenhagen, Denmark. She is working on her dissertation under the direction of Dr. Michael Dikeman.

Bryce Gerlach is from Wilber, Neb. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is working toward a master's degree in Meat Science at K-State under Dr. Terry Houser.

Bryce is currently an assistant coach for the K-State Meat Judging team and is working on technologies to decrease abscesses in pork carcasses.

As Cargill Fellows, Daniel and Gerlach earn a stipend enhancement and have the opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas with Cargill through seminars, research and plant visits.

"The Fellows program is important to us at Cargill because it's all about bringing along the next generation of research and innovation that are critical to the success of the meat industry," said Ann Brackenridge, a director of research and development for Cargill in Wichita. "We also like to work with external resources, such as Kansas State, to help provide additional perspective on how to shape the industry for the future."

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Unknown frontier soldiers to regain identities

FORT LEAVENWORTH (AP) — After 121 years of resting in peace, known only to God, 62 frontier soldiers who died on the Kansas plains are about to get their identity back.

The soldiers were once stationed at Fort Larned, one of many frontier outposts established by the War Department in the 1800s to protect settlers and traders from Indian attacks along trails west. Fort Larned was occupied from 1859 to 1878, its soldiers known as "Guardians of the Santa Fe" as they protected settlers traveling the trail heading southwest.

When the post was abandoned and later sold in 1888, the remains were exhumed and taken 300 miles northeast to Fort Leavenworth for reburial. Fort Larned National Historic Site historian George Elmore said the Army knew the name of each soldier, but the identities weren't placed on headstones when re-interred.

"It was just a different period of time," Elmore said. "The Army didn't do anything to identify the soldiers coming in. There were no photographs or fingerprints."

With no markings, the soldiers were given white headstones reading "Unknown US Soldier" in Section B of the cemetery.

On Saturday, those soldiers who died over a 19-year span at Fort Larned in southwest Kansas will be identified. A new bronze monument will be dedicated in Section B with the names of 62 soldiers, giving them recognition for their service. The identities of three soldiers remain unknown.

"It finally gives the Fort Larned dead the name recognition," Elmore said. "In a sense, it gives identity to the individuals who gave their lives out here at Fort Larned."

Most of the men died of diseases that today wouldn't

be fatal but were on the remote Kansas prairie. Elmore said about 15 percent of those who died were killed in fighting with Indian tribes. Most of the men were single, choosing a life in the Army and adventure in the West over a wife and family.

Sam Young, a historian at Fort Leavenworth who will play "Taps" at the dedication, said one soldier was killed by a wolf.

Like it did from Forts Hays, Harker and Wallace, Young said the Army moved soldier remains east because the graves could no longer be maintained. Fort Larned became ranch and farmland for 80 years, owned by one family for 64 of those years before it was re-established as a national historic site.

Fort Larned averaged four companies of cavalry, or 300 to 350 men at any given time, during its operation. Elmore said the largest encampment there was in 1867 when Gen. Winfield

Scott Hancock led an expedition against hostile tribes.

Other famous Americans to serve at the post were George Armstrong Custer and William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, who was a clerk, scout and guide in 1867.

Elmore said the post was no longer needed after railroads reached southwest Kansas and life on the prairie became more feasible.

"The whole West just changed during that period of Fort Larned, almost overnight," Elmore said.

Efforts to recognize the Fort Larned soldiers buried at Fort Leavenworth began in 2001 with volunteers at the historic site who felt the soldiers should be properly honored.

Young said it would be cost-prohibitive to try identifying individual soldiers and give each his own headstone. However, small U.S. flags will be placed at the Fort Larned graves during Saturday's ceremony to identify them.

Public meeting on CRP

There will be a meeting hosted by USDA in Manhattan to obtain comments on the Conservation Reserve Program.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include provisions dealing with cropping history requirements, crop rotation practices, contract incentives, program enrollment terms and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment authority of 32 million acres established for the remainder of the 2008 Farm Bill.

USDA will consider each comment received at the public meeting and during the comment period when preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. This statement will help USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the environmental benefits and potential impacts associated with implementing various changes to CRP consistent with the 2008 Farm Bill.

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This meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 530 Richards Drive, Manhattan, Kansas, PH 785-539-5311, on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 5-7 p.m.

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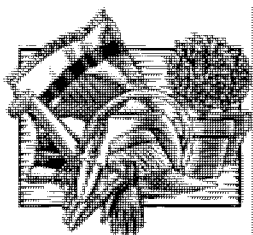
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Sharpen Your Mower Blade For Fall

St. Augustinegrass is a common lawn grass used in Florida and other southern states. I took the opportunity to mow it this summer while on vacation there. The mowing wasn't any different than mowing our tall fescue or Bermuda grasses. There was a whitish cast to the

lawn when finished. That is a sure sign that the lawn mower blade needs sharpened. The blade on the mower that I used had never been removed and sharpened. It was a two-year-old mower. One reason we mow the lawn is to make it look better. Using a dull blade ruins the ap-

pearance. A sharp blade cuts quicker and uses less energy. Less injury is inflicted to the grass plant as well. Sharpening the blade after 10 hours of use is suggested.

I should have sharpened the blade for the poor fellow. My only excuse is that it was midday in Florida when I finished. Cooling off in the pool sounded better than more work, even if sharpening a blade is simple.

First disconnect the spark plug wire. Block the blade so it won't turn and remove the blade nut. A squirt of penetrating oil on the blade bolt and nut may be needed.

A blade grinder makes fast work. The most affordable grinder attaches to a drill. You can purchase one of these for a few dollars. Another option is to get a metal file. The primary

goal of sharpening is to consistently maintain the correct angle on the blade. Go over the blade until you have a sharp edge. It is not necessary to remove all the nicks. The blade needs to be balanced when sharpening is completed. You can balance the blade on a nail and remove just a little more metal off the heavy end. An out of balanced or bent blade can damage your mower. A badly nicked, bent or cracked blade needs to be replaced. You can always take the blade to a professional for checking and sharpening. Have your blade sharp for this fall season lawn tasks. New grass should be cleanly cut and mowed before it gets 3.5 inches tall. Tree leaves can be chopped up with the mower blade and left on the lawn.

You can find out more information on gardening by going to Riley County's K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu And you may contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension by calling (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.



These individuals were winners in swine showmanship at the Leavenworth County Fair. Pictured from left to right are senior champion Taylor Kraft, intermediate champion Shelby Ogden, junior 9-10 yr old champion Sam Coffin and junior 7-8 yr old champion Gracie Coffin.

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The Farm Credit System Foundation's (Foundation) primary mission is to assist young, beginning, and small farmers and ranchers to thrive as businesspersons in their local and the global agricultural marketplaces.

According to John J. Hays, director of the foundation, the grant is a result of a \$1 million donation to the foundation by CoBank, headquartered in Denver, Colo. This contribution created the Douglas D. Sims Fund for Rural Leadership.

Since the first class was formed in 1991, KARL has helped 300 Kansans from 95 Kansas counties improve their leadership skills. Each two-year class is together for 52 days of training, activities and tours. KARL participants attend nine in-state seminars; a one-week study tour to Washington, D.C.; a three-day Blue Chip Seminar to an internationally-recognized corporation; and a 12-day international study seminar. The current class will visit CHS, a Fortune 200 diversified energy, grains and food company in Inver Grove Heights, Minn., to study strategic corporate management this year and will travel to Vietnam in 2011 for their international study tour.

The two-year tuition fee for each adult student is \$3,000 for the Class X offering, now being conducted in the 2009-2011 program cycle. Individuals, businesses, organizations, foundations and corporations donate the remaining fellowship of \$13,000 per person covering all expenses including the travel seminars. KARL's offices are located at Kansas State University through an in-kind gift of office space and access to services.

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5 blk str	564@111.00		7 red str	1004@87.75	
12 blk str	586@109.50		39 hols str	946@69.60	
4 blk bwf str	537@109.00				
5 blk bwf str	585@109.00		3 blk bwf hfr	368@108.00	
4 blk red rwf str	527@108.50		3 blk bwf hfr	468@97.00	
7 blk bwf str	487@106.50		27 blk bwf hfr	493@96.25	
26 blk bwf str	572@106.50		2 blk bwf hfr	503@95.00	
10 blk bwf str	638@105.00		2 blk hfr	550@95.00	
8 blk bwf red str	633@104.00		9 blk bwf hfr	597@94.50	
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16 blk bwf str	725@94.50		7 blk hfr	591@91.00	
19 blk bwf red rwf	853@94.50		7 blk hfr	682@90.50	
61 mxd str	847@94.25		3 blk bwf hfr	681@90.00	
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15 blk hfr 700-750 weaned
14 blk & char str 500-550 15 blk s&h 500-600
weaned 31 blk bwf hfr 650-750 off grass
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Eastern Kansas family raises bison, shares history

LAWRENCE (AP) — When Jared Gibbs looks out his bedroom window first thing in the morning, it's almost "Home on the Range" come to life.

Gibbs lives with his son, Shawn, 10, on his parents' Lone Star Lake Bison Ranch, where the Gibbs family — headed by Don and Terri — has been raising the majestic beast of the great plains since starting with a bull and cow, Rhett and Scarlett, 20 years ago.

"I wake up and sit down, and all of a sudden they run by the window," he says of the family's herd of about 20 bison. "My window's on the far corner over there, and so I can see them, every time they walk by, I can hear them. You know, that's kind of cool. They're 10 feet, 20 feet from my window, walking by."

Near extinction 100 years ago, bison now have a healthy population — numbering close to 200,000 on private ranches and farms in the United States in 2007, according to the National Bison Association.

They have a healthy reputation, too, literally: The meat is low in fat but high in protein and iron, making it a good alternative for beef lovers worried about too much fat. According to the

National Bison Association, 3.5 ounces of bison meat has half the calories and 16 fewer grams of fat than USDA "choice" beef.

"To me, this is very descriptive, and it's not actually my words, but, I have a lot of people say, 'It tastes like what beef used to taste like,'" Terri Gibbs says. "In that it's clean, it just has the great natural flavor to it. It's not gamey at all."

It's also a healthy choice for people worried about the hormones and antibiotics used in commercially produced beef, says Hilary Brown, owner of Local Burger, 714 Vt., which sells bison burgers and cuts of meat.

"One nice thing to know about bison meat is that they never get hormones, and most producers either do not use antibiotics or use very little antibiotic because they eat primarily grass, the diet that is intended for them," Brown says. "There is a great deal of local bison meat that is raised in a way that produces a very nutritious product ... a great balance of fats higher in omega-3s than conventionally raised meats and amino acids."

On the Gibbs farm in Overbrook, the bison don't only roam past Jared Gibbs' window, they roam the pasture, eating the native grasses before being called in by Jared's father, Don, with treats of apples and pears.

The herd includes the Gibbs' original cow, Scarlett, now called "Gimpy" because of her penchant for injury, as well as a few other named bison — Louie, the bull of the herd, and Peanut, a female bottle-raised by the family.

"Her mom didn't take her ... and so we kind of have to save her from her mom. We used to have an old barn here, and for a while we took care of her until she was big enough," Jared Gibbs says of Peanut. "She's still the tamest buffalo of all."

Well, maybe not the tamest, ahem, buffalo that honor might go to Nike, a fluffy dark brown dog who is shaved to look like one of the big fellas. As the herd comes in, Nike relaxes on the porch of the family store, looking like a very miniature version of an animal that can weigh upward of 2,000 pounds.

Back when the Gibbs bought Scarlett and Rhett, cooking bison was as rare as Nike's haircut.

"When we first started raising buffalo and eating

buffalo, it was like it was an exotic meat," says Terri Gibbs.

It was exotic, too, for her son, who was a teen at the time.

"Most people around here had pigs or cattle or something else. When I was 15, no one had buffalo let alone nobody had ever seen them," says the now-29-year-old. "When people found out that we were eating buffalo, they were like, 'Aren't they endangered?'"

No, and they haven't been for a while. After conservation efforts were made around 1900 to increase the bison population, which had dwindled to about 1,000 at that time from an estimated 30 to 70 million before 1600 in North America, the number of bison increased enough that commercial bison meat sales began in the 1960s.

Terri Gibbs says the ranch slaughters only as needed, maybe two to three animals a month. Slaughter-sized animals are 2-year-olds that weigh between 800 and 900 pounds. Each animal produces about 250 pounds of meat, says Gibbs, which is divided into identical cuts to beef from T-bone to short ribs to sirloin.

As for the best cut?

Brown, of Local Burger, has her favorites.

"I think the rib-eye is the best cut for a steak. I love it," she says. "I also love to get roasts and make hash: Slow-cooking it all day with some vegetables — onion, potato, celery, carrot, bullion. Makes for an awesome fall meal and great sandwiches."

Brown says that no matter the cut, the biggest concern with bison meat is overcooking it. Bison meat does not marble and therefore can get tough if cooked too long.

"Bison meat, as most folks know, is quite lean, especially if they have been raised on grass only and not finished on grain. When you have a lean meat it can get pretty tough when you overcook," Brown says. "I

recommend to folks to cook buffalo medium-rare to medium. Grass-fed and -finished bison, which is what most of our local producers have, has a healthy fat."

Terri Gibbs says that once the lack of fat has been noted, cook it on low heat and slowly. Bison can be used just like beef — in roasts, stir-fries or the slow-cooker, on the grill and pan-fried, broiled or braised.

"I'm a baker, so the roasts are awesome," Terri Gibbs says. "We do a tenderized round steak, just kind of slow in the oven or the crock pot or the electric skillet. You can either do tomatoes and onions and or green peppers and do like a Swiss steak, or you can do your gravy. It's awesome — it's one of our favorites."

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10	505	111.50	20	737 93.00
8	607	111.00	15	788 91.85
14	618	107.50	64	849 91.85
11	784	103.50	14	756 91.00
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54	765	98.75	12	754 92.00
7	825	98.25	18	731 91.85
13	815	96.10	30	818 90.25
35	856	95.75	13	806 90.00
60	879	94.90	10	819 89.50
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SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

70 blk & bwf cows, 1st calf hfrs to 8 year old cows, bred to calve in spring, bred to Angus bulls. 68 blk-x str & hfrs, 400-600 lbs. .Richard Anderson

40 blk & bwf 3-4 yr. old fall bred cows, bred to Black Angus bulls Parry Ranch

More consignments by sale time.

SHEEP & GOAT SALE

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 11 O'Clock

50 hamp cross Suffolk ewes, 3-6 years old; bred club lamb sires; 30 Boar nannies, exposed; 40 mixed kids, 30-60 lbs.

NEXT SHEEP & GOAT SALE OCTOBER 30

NO SALE IN NOVEMBER

Due to USDA requirements, all sheep and goats need to be tagged.

Many more consignments by sale day.

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Real Estate: 9:00 AM • Personal Property: 10:00 AM

112 Emile St. — LANSING, KANSAS

Dir: In Lansing-Hwy 7 to Emile, E 1 blk to auction. 2 rings may run at times. Photos on website.

REAL ESTATE — 2 PROPERTIES

1st parcel - 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath home & 2nd parcel - vacant lot zoned comm. w/2 outbldgs & to be auctioned to the high bidder on 09/26 at 9:00 AM. Call listing agent with questions or to preview. Sellers reserve right to accept or reject final bid. Statements made day of auction take precedence over any advertising.

TRACTORS, TRUCK, TRAILERS, TILLERS & MISC EQUIPMENT

4 Ford tractors incl 4100-dsl, 3910-dsl, 3600-dsl, 4000-gas; Dual front end ldr; 2-com- forters; '78 Chev truck, 1T, fltbd; 3-flatbed trlrs, PT, w/ramps, 2-18' & 1-16'; 2 Troy-Bilt tillers, 1-Horse & 1-Pony; NH 273 sq baler, twine; Dearborn 2-btm plow; 7' rot mower, PT; Servis 6' box blade w/ripper attach; Rhino 7' blade, 3pt w/cyl; 4' tractor tiller; hand tools; machinery parts; more misc.

GARDEN, PATIO & OUTDOORS

JD windmill; well pump; weather vane; many lawn & garden tools; huge amount of yard decorations; fishing equip; Stihl weed eater; blower; horse drawn single cultivator; other misc.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Antique bedroom set; Lane cedar chest; clocks incl mantel & wall; Franciscan ware, Apple pattern; crocks incl Pittsburgh Diamond brand #3 & #4, Ruckels #6 w/bails; 100s of collector plates; framed artwork incl Michael Young's Old Town Lansing, AP 35/50.

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Garmin C330 Street Pilot navigation system; RCA GemStar Guide Plus 4 Gold home theater 60" TV; Maytag Performa washer & elec dryer; 2 refrig, Dyson vac; rnd oak table set; Bassett qn bdrm set; sofa; chairs; lighted curio cab; Airline electric organ; kitchenware; canning; Hercules safe; 6-gun cab; shotgun shell re-loader & supp; lockers; file cabinets; more items too numerous to mention.

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Research shows subsurface drip irrigation can cut crop irrigation needs by 25 percent

This year, 2009, will be remembered for many events, but for Kansas State University scientist Freddie Lamm, it also signaled 20 years of research in subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) for crops grown in western Kansas.

Lamm, a research irrigation engineer with K-State Research and Extension, has worked with K-State colleagues around the state to study the pros and cons of irrigating crops by burying pipe several inches below the surface of the soil and releasing water that goes more directly to roots than alternative irrigation methods allow.

“Since we began in 1989, our SDI research and extension efforts have had three primary purposes,” said Lamm, who is based in semi-arid northwest Kansas, where the average annual rainfall is 17 inches. “Those purposes are to enhance water conservation, protect water quality and develop appropriate technologies for Great Plains conditions.”

“Other K-State scientists currently active in the SDI research and extension efforts are irrigation engineers Dan Rogers, Mahbub Alam, and Abdo Shehata; agricultural economists Dan O’Brien and Troy Dumler; and soil physicist Loyd Stone. One of the first studies, conducted at Colby and Garden City from 1989 through 1991 examined the water requirement of subsurface drip-irrigated corn.

“Careful management of

SDI systems reduced net irrigation needs by nearly 25 percent, and still maintained top yields of about 200 bushels per acre,” Lamm said. “That 25 percent reduction in irrigation needs potentially translated into 35 to 55 percent savings when compared to sprinkler and furrow irrigation systems, which typically operate at 85 and 65 percent application efficiency.”

SDI uses water more efficiently than other methods, primarily because there is less deep drainage during the crop season, less soil water evaporation, and no irrigation runoff as is found in other irrigation techniques. An added benefit, he said, is that drier surface soils allow for greater infiltration of those occasional intense rainfall events that occur in the Great Plains.

What may surprise some people, Lamm said, is that in most years, the results suggest that when using SDI in corn, irrigation frequencies from daily to weekly did not have much effect on corn yields. Over the years, the scientists have studied the use of different irrigation amounts, frequency of irrigation, dripline spacing and depth and different plant densities.

Most of the work has been with corn because it is the primary irrigated crop in the central Great Plains, but alfalfa, soybeans, grain sorghum, sunflowers, melons and vegetables also have been studied. Most of the research has been conducted on deep, well-drained silt loam soils

which are common in western Kansas.

“Because properly designed SDI systems have a high degree of uniformity and can apply small, frequent irrigation amounts, there are excellent opportunities to better manage nitrogen fertilizer with these systems,” Rogers said. “Injecting small amounts of nitrogen solution into the irrigation water can spoon-feed the crop, while minimizing the pool of nitrogen in the soil that could be available for leaching into the groundwater.”

The researchers also have studied the application of livestock effluent to agricultural fields using SDI technology and found that the practice can be successful. Irrigators should be mindful, however, of the more complex design considerations when SDI is used for effluent and the fixed location of the system which can introduce the issue of nutrient overloading concerns.

The Nuts and Bolts - SDI Systems Used

Many of the K-State studies have used SDI systems installed in 1989-90. These study areas have dual-chamber drip tubing installed at a depth of approximately 16 to 18 inches with 5-foot spacing between dripline laterals. Corn was planted so each dripline lateral is centered between two corn rows.

Studies also were done with 2.5-, 7.5- and 10-foot spacing. The highest average yield was obtained with the 2.5-foot dripline spacing

and the 7.5-foot and 10-foot spacing worked well in higher-rainfall years. When all of the data was plugged into economic models, however, the standard 5-foot dripline spacing was best when averaged over all years for both sites - Garden City and Colby. “All of the corn has been grown using conventional production practices for each location,” Lamm said.

Cost and Longevity of SDI Systems

The obvious downside to SDI, the researcher said, are the much higher investment costs as compared to other pressurized irrigation systems such as full size center pivot sprinklers. But there are realistic scenarios where SDI can more directly compete with center pivot

sprinklers for corn production in the Central Great Plains — particularly in smaller fields. “We have developed a spreadsheet template for producers to make their own economic comparisons between SDI and center pivot sprinkler systems. It is available for free on our K-State SDI website,” Lamm said.

When a producer makes a substantial upfront investment as is the case when installing a SDI system, there’s the question of “how long will it need to last in order for it to be cost effective,” he said.

The K-State studies show that SDI system life must be at least 10 to 15 years to approach economic competitiveness with full-sized center pivot sprinkler systems

that typically last 20 to 25 years. “Using careful and consistent maintenance, a 20-year or longer SDI system life appears obtainable when high quality water from the Ogallala aquifer is used,” Lamm said. “The system performance of the K-State SDI research plots has been monitored annually since 1989 with few signs of significant degradation.”

The benchmark study area has received shock chlorination approximately twice each season, but has not received any other chemical amendments, he said. More information about SDI research, including detailed reports about various studies conducted by K-State over the last 20 years, is available at www.ksre.ksu.edu/sdi/.



In the junior sheep showmanship division at the Kansas State Fair, the following individuals won top honors. Pictured from the left are Gage Nichols, Macey Dinkel, Kelly Deweese, Lindsay Frances, and Michael Schmidt. Tom Taylor, far right, presented the awards.

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14 blk str799 @ 99.00

120 bwf/blk str795 @ 98.60

6 blk str730 @ 98.50

13 bwf/blk str730 @ 98.25

29 bwf/blk str780 @ 98.25

10 blk/red str660 @ 98.00

66 mix str736 @ 98.00

6 bwf/blk str679 @ 97.25

60 bwf/blk str821 @ 97.10

28 mix str738 @ 97.00

19 bwf/blk str819 @ 96.60

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65 blk/sim str829 @ 96.50

41 mix str774 @ 96.10

18 bwf/blk str853 @ 94.75

30 bwf/blk str882 @ 94.60

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59 mix str840 @ 94.35

38 mix str848 @ 94.35

104 bwf/blk str898 @ 94.10

66 mix str824 @ 94.00

13 blk/red str889 @ 94.00

8 bwf/blk str864 @ 93.75

55 bwf/blk str876 @ 93.60

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1 wf cow1095 @ 43.25

1 blk cow1355 @ 43.00

1 hol cow1275 @ 42.75

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1 bwf cow1305 @ 42.00

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1 sim cow1140 @ 35.00

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