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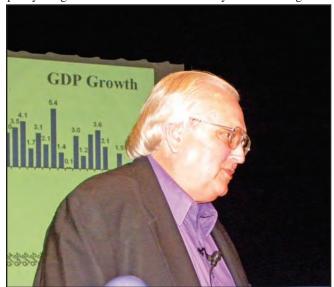


Economic recovery will be slow, says Flinchbaugh

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, **Editor**

He's met with every president since Truman. He's provided guidance and insight to the heads of the federal ag agency during the same timeframe - and there has been a long list of them. So to say that Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh has a pretty long view of the fednoted that in the inaugural fact when he pointed out year of the Obama administration he's been relatively pleased with the political appointments that the President has made.

"By-in-large they've been largely centrist appointments, and that's good. Even in Vilsack. There is a fine trend that the USDA Secretary has been a gover-



Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh spoke last week to a gathering of producers in Winfield. He laid out some of his concerns with the economy and what might lay in store for the ag community under the Obama administration.

eral farm policy and the politics surrounding it is a fair statement. Right now, he doesn't like much of what he sees in Washington.

Flinchbaugh spoke recently in Winfield to a gathering of farm families who were interested in his take on what the Obama administration means for farm coun-

"It's more partisan and more mean-spirited and downright dysfunctional of a Congress than ever before," he stated during his

But just because Congress might not be functioning up to par, Flinchbaugh

that even though the economy has been dire straits, it certainly didn't compare to the mess during the Carter administration. "We have to put this in perspective."

He also pointed out that unemployment rates are always the last to turn around, but felt that it would be 2010 before there would be real improvement.

Flinchbaugh showed a chart that illustrated the burgeoning federal debt levels, and the massive amount of spending that had been done to help stimulate the economy. "This is the chart that has me really concerned," he told the group pointing his finger to the red bar dipping down into the depths of the chart. He also took a moment to point out the blue surplus bars. "Those were Bill's years," he said jovi-

He explained that one economic theory requires spending to stimulate the economy, but then making dramatic cuts to balance the budget once the recovery has begun. "Most politicians practice Kantian politics on the downside. but then don't have the guts to practice it on the upside.'

With that said, he fully expected interest rates to move higher in 2010 to help moderate inflation. "There is nothing more devastating to an economy than inflation."

During the evening Flinchbaugh also addressed climate change and renewable fuels policy, international trade, farm program eligibility and cultural di-Flinchbaugh was matter-of- vides in food production.

Sunny surprise



It was one of those sights that seemed a little bit more like spring last week than the approaching winter season. The brilliant full rainbow lit up the western horizon for nearly eight minutes before the grey clouds caused it to dissipate.

West winds, such as chinooks, can warm winter temperatures

Wind is one thing the Plains states has in abundant supply. And, it's one of the things that Kansas climatologist Mary Knapp gets frequent questions about.

"It's generally thought that south winds bring warm temperatures, particularly in the fall and winter," said Knapp, who is in charge of the Kansas Weather Data Library, based in Kansas State University Research and Extension. "However, some of our record-warm days have occurred with a predominately west wind." The difference, Knapp said, is that "with south winds, we are tapping into warm, relatively moist tropical air — thus the warmer tempera- matic the change," Knapp said.

tures. With a west wind, the driving force is compression. As the air moves down slope, it is compressed, which produces heat and creates warmer air.'

A significant difference between south winds and the westerly downslope winds is that the downslope winds tend to be much drier, Knapp said. Although uncommon, the west winds do occur regularly, she said. The most famous examples are the Chinook winds that are well known for bringing rapid temperature increases during winters on the Plains. "The colder that temperatures are during the onset, the more dra-

Favorable feeding conditions improve beef quality

By Miranda Reiman

nor. If you are the governor

of a farm state, you've got to

know ag to get elected. Vil-

sack learned ag in Iowa. He

needs to come to Kansas,"

general economy Flinch-

baugh told the group that

growth was beginning in the

economy, especially in

terms of the GDP, but

warned that it was going to

overnight. We aren't go-

ing to get out overnight."

"We didn't get in this

When talking about the

Flinchbaugh joked.

be slow going.

Cattle feeding conditions vary by location. One yard might be knee-deep in snow, while the other is dealing with piles of mud. Record high temperatures might cause heat stress in one area while cattle in another region are enduring torrential rainfall. Even with all that variability, one fact rings true: Better conditions mean better beef quality. "Animals that are able to devote more of their dietary intake to gain will have better carcass quality," says Joe Young, vice president of AgSpan.

In a research review, Larry Corah and Mark Mc-Cully of Certified Angus Beef LCC (CAB) point to several factors that have caused quality grade to re-

bound 7.5 percentage points in just two years, following a 30-year decline.

"In general, feeding conditions for cattle the past two years have been very creased by about 1 pound for both steers and heifers. At the same time average daily gain (ADG) improved.

"Driving intakes, improving intakes, maintain-

"If they're not fending off blizzards, severe cold or deep snows, more of that intake can be devoted to gain versus maintenance." — Joe Young

good," the authors say, noting data from Elanco's Benchmark® Performance Program, managed by Agspan. Hundreds of feedlots report performance, carcass and health information to the database, which now numbers more than 100 million points of data.

From 2006 to mid-2009, dry matter intake (DMI) ining consistent intakes – they all do the same thing," Young says. "We've got to have intakes to get performance and enhance carcass quality. If anything takes those animals off feed, then you'll channel more of that energy to other needs within the body." For example, higher ADGs through the winter months probably

indicate mild weather.

"If they're not fending off blizzards, severe cold or deep snows, more of that intake can be devoted to gain versus maintenance," he

Health affects cattle in the same way. Iowa State University research shows that cattle needing multiple treatments don't grade as well as healthy pen mates. Those requiring no treatment graded 74.5% Choice versus 57.5% Choice in those cattle treated two or more times – a difference of 16.5 percentage points. Benchmark mortality data confirms that feedlot health has seen a slight improvement over the past few

"Animals closed out in spring 2004 had the highest

mortality rate of anything we'd seen up until that time," Young says. "It was a fairly steady trend higher."

Heifers showed an average death loss of 2.64% at the peak, but that recovered to less than 2% last spring. "We've seen those rates adjust somewhat, and the higher mortality rates have generally subsided," he says. The fact that this happened as quality grade started to climb could be more than a coincidence, Corah and McCully say.

"While there are no definitive correlations, the trends within DMI, ADG and feedlot health would all suggest improved feeding conditions have had a positive influence on quality grade," the research paper

Guest Editorial

A farmer's creed

By John Schlageck

Think of farmers and ranchers and this old, often forgotten tribute comes to mind. It fits farmers like seed in the soil or ranchers like a new-born calf takes to its mother's udder.

I've often heard friends, neighbors and family - my dad for one – quote bits and pieces of it. I've heard others refer to it at meetings, in church, at a sale barn, funerals and many other places where rural people live, work and congregate. It exemplifies the farm and ranch vocation. It goes something like this.

A man's greatest possession is his dignity and no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming. Hard work and honest sweat are the building

Farming and ranching, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man/woman can spend days on this earth. The vocation of agriculture nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

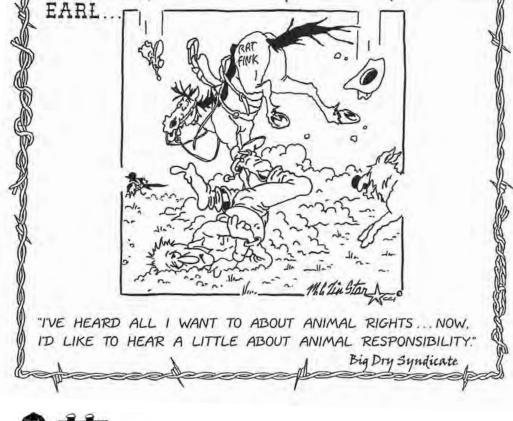
Children who are raised on a farm or ranch earn values that last a lifetime that can be learned no other way. Farming and ranching provides education for life and no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

Without question, many of the best things in life are free — the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of the landscape greening each spring - true happiness comes from

watching crops ripen in the field, watching children grow tall in the sun, seeing your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience living, working and harvesting from the land.

Farmers and ranchers believe that through their shared vocation they are giving more to the world than they are taking from it – an honor and privilege that does not come to all men or women. Agricultural producers believe their lives will be measured ultimately by what they have done for their fellow men/women and by this standard, fear no judgment.

They believe when they grow old and sum up their days, they will stand tall and feel pride in the life they've lived. Farmers and ranchers believe in their vocation because it makes all of this possible.





Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison Concordia Rancher and Former Agriculture Educator

Try A Town Hall Meeting

Cloud County has weathered the economic storm quite well so far. Sales tax collected have surpassed last year's at this time of the year. I think the big wind farm that was built here last year as well as the excellent yields and fair prices for grains have helped keep the economy strong. Even so, there are feelings of unease and concern over the direction our government seems to

This was evident on November 20, when a large number of people gathered for a town hall meeting, sponsored by the "We the People" group of Cloud County and held in the college theater at Concordia. Kris Kobach, a 43-year-old law professor at UMKC, kept the audience spellbound for an hour, then fielded questions from the floor for another half-hour. Kris specializes in constitutional law, election law, legislation, and immigration law.

After the meeting, people were slow to leave upon dismissal and stayed around to talk. It was apparent that most were fearful of losing the freedoms this country has enjoyed for so long and of the government spending the nation into bankruptcy. They were concerned that we are fast approaching the point of no return and that life as we have known it is being taken away by masters of deceit, by corruption and an ideology of a socialist government controlled by a few power hungry elites. The health care fiasco, big government takeovers of banks and entire industries, out-ofcontrol spending, high unemployment rates, and taxes that destroy incentive and innovation, especially in small businesses, are hamstringing our country. The dismantling of our constitution, when the government assumes more power than is granted by this great document, and rampant voter fraud contribute to more injustice.

During the meeting, the group had an opportunity to learn more not only as to what is happening in the government but also about some measures that can be taken to help protect individual freedoms and states' rights. Kris recommended

that Kansans urge their legislators to support the Kansas Healthcare Freedom Amendment (House Bill SCR1615) in support of Kansas State Sovereignty, provided under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This state could become a model for other states in challenging the constitutionality of a federal health care bill.

Voter fraud was another topic addressed. While Kansas is far from the worst among states where voter fraud is evident, there are still several areas in the state where it is prevalent. In close elections it is fairly easy for unscrupulous, organized groups to manipulate the outcome of an election with fraudulent votes, allowing the wrong candidate to be placed in power. Many of these cases of fraudulence are never prosecuted. Kris talked about what should and can be done to prevent this injustice. He pointed out that whenever fraudulent votes are allowed to be counted, law-abiding citizens are losing their civil rights, their voting power. One fraudulent vote can cancel your legal vote.

I believe our citizens are waking up and I hope it will be in time to save our great nation. We must get our snouts out of the government handout trough and again become self-reliant. The present strategy is to entice us to become dependent upon handouts, which really come from our tax dollars. We should be too smart to be duped by this tactic.

It is important that all communities get on board to help keep our country strong, to become aware, to be responsible, and spread the word as to what is happening and work to avoid government takeover of our lives. I recommend that you organize your own Town Hall meeting and ask Kris Kobach to speak. He is an outstanding and knowledgeable communicator. You can contact him at www.kriskobach.com. It is easy. All you have to do is get a crowd there and then introduce Kris. Your efforts will be appreciated by the audience. Even though he is running for Secretary of State, his talk was informative and helpful - not a campaign speech.

There they were. An entire classroom of young enthusiastic, optimistic future ag communicators. Did I mention young?

That was the scenario last week as I had the opportunity to visit with the Women in Agriculture conference hosted by Allen County Community College. I've spoke to the group for a number of years and find that it is always an interesting exercise — at least for me. I would say that it hasn't been for naught, as a number of the young girls that have been in attendance at this conference have taken the annual tour of Ag Press as part of one of the introductory communications classes each fall. So, maybe, just maybe I've helped influence their career choice a little bit. In fact, this particular year, Labette County native Bethany Bohnenblust was in attendance. Now, this is important for a couple of different reasons. First, when I queried the group if they had been at the conference before and attended my session previously, hers was the only hand that went up. This was important in case I used the same jokes as last year, which is a very real possibility. The second thing that made Ms. Bohnenblust's attendance significant for me is the fact that she currently working on a ag communications degree at Kansas State or maybe I should state that she will be again, next year. Why? She's a newly elected national FFA offito me last week, she's finished with classes for the fall semester, has her bags packed and is ready

to hit the road visiting with FFA members and leaders in industry all over the United States. To say she was excited about her future is an understatement! I can't say that I

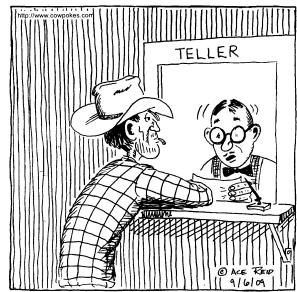
blame her. Outside from getting older each year that I attend the conference, the girls don't. The other thing that I couldn't help but notice was how much the communications business is changing as well as I told the girls about the many diverse opportunities that are available. When I first started talking to the group I'm relatively certain that Facebook, Twitter and advocacy were not included in my presentation. Which is exciting in one sense because there is a whole new frontier that this generation of communications professionals will embrace.

In one sense, I feel like I'm receiving a pretty big dose of my own medicine. Through the years I've told producers about change and technology and to be prepared to embrace things like auto-steer, notill systems and integrated management systems while continuing to do my job in the same way that I always had — bringing the news to the country on a sheet of newsprint. Well, while we still are going about doing much the same, we certainly are looking to ways to update our methods of reaching you with timely information. And that's a little daunting. Because if we don't, someone else will.

Just something to think about. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!'

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Feeders focus on the high-quality beef that leads to a brighter future

Opportunities hide within every challenge, but beef producers can find them through analysis and planning. That was part of the take-home message at the Feeding Quality Forums, Nov. 10 in South Sioux City. Neb., and Nov. 12 in Garden City.

"While domestic demand struggles, tremendous economic growth in Asia points to market potential for highquality U.S. beef," said Dan Basse, president of the Chicago-based AgResource Company, who reprised his 2007 role as lead speaker.

The fourth annual sessions were sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Feedlot magazine and Land O' Lakes Purina Feed LLC. More than 150 cattle feeders and allied professionals at-

Beef exports represent just 7% of production, compared to pork and poultry each around 19%, Basse told them. "If U.S. beef could get that export share up to 14%, it could add \$9 to \$13 per hundredweight (cwt.) to cattle prices."

He suggested devoting some beef checkoff funds to building global demand. "You will need to broaden your base to generate more income and finance feed purchases in the volatile grain markets," Basse said. In the short term, demand from a recovering ethanol industry will help support an upward trend in corn prices, he added.

Mark McCully, CAB assistant vice president for supply, pointed out reasons for the recent increase in beef quality grades and highlighted the greater demand for Certified Angus Beef ® brand product that makes it a more rewarding and stable target than simply USDA

One measure of that demand can be seen in CAB international sales. At 10% of the company's 663 million pounds in 2009, the ratio outpaces exports of all U.S.

McCully agreed that global markets hold a key to the future and noted there are ic potential requires fofew obstacles to greater supply.

"We keep finding more areas where the highquality beef target coincides with making a profit," he said. "Producers just have to understand their own costvalue relationships that govern the purchase of feeder calves, use of technology and marketing strategies."

Genomics, or DNA marker-assisted selection of cattle, holds greater promise to adding more quality and profit potential, according to Mark Allan and Kent Andersen of Pfizer Animal Ge-

The charted markers for various traits have increased from just seven in 2004 to 54,000 today. That lets seedstock producers make decisions earlier to focus on promising lines, and plans for "marker-assisted management" will open this world to commercial cow-calf, stocker and feedlot operators, Allan and Andersen said.

Making the most of genet-

cused nutrition, said Ron Scott, director of beef research for Purina Mills. He reviewed data on health and weather factors relating to performance and grade before settling into a discussion of feeding strategies.

The ideal balance of grains, vitamins and minerals optimizes beef quality and producer profitability. Scott presented details on industry research into distillers' byproducts and the most effective feeding levels, generally from 12% to

However, finishing diets mainly just fill the marbling cells determined much earlier in life. Recent research has concluded that nutritional marbling starts with fetal programming, especially in the third trimester, Scott said.

"It's based on the concept of epigenics, that the environment can cause genes to behave differently," he explained. "Studies of Holocaust survivors and their offspring prove such changes

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are permanent and can be come in Asia, he said. passed on to future generations."

Beef cows are "the most nutritionally challenged" of livestock, seemingly by design. "We plan for them to lose weight during the winter," Scott noted, countering, "What if we cared for the cowherd like we do pregnant women?"

In a closing presentation Alex Avery, director of research for the Hudson Institute, suggested "the tide is about to turn" in both the real and figurative "Food Wars.

Fear of hunger has fueled war for centuries, but Avery focused on the war of ideas about how food should be produced, considering that demand for it will more than double in the next 40 years. It could triple if living standards keep trending

All that added demand won't come just from the growth in population, which should peak at 8.25 billion in 2050, but mainly from growth in disposable in-

Echoing comments from Basse, Avery said the beef industry should not look to U.S. demand for its future base, because domestic demand for meat has stagnated to the point of "social debates that elevate myth over science."

Among the myths he works to dispel are global warming, organic utopia and the supposed unsustainable nature of large-scale farm-

"Corn-fed beef and dairy are the most planet-friendly products we can have," Avery said. "Unfortunately, some research is ignored by mainstream media and even government organizations. Pandering to perceptions justifies their budgets."

Author of "The Truth About Organic Foods," Avery challenged producers to engage the media by adding "planet-friendly" claims to all packaged fresh beef. "That will force them to face facts, even though it's a debate they don't want to have," he said.



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- 3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin Tortilla chips

Place cranberries, sugar, chiles, cilantro, onions, lime juice and spices in a food processor; cover and pulse just until blended. Transfer to serving bowl; chill until serving. Serve with chips.

Gin Fox, Holton: CREAM PUFF DESSERT 1/2 cup butter or margarine 1 cup water

1 cup all purpose flour 4 eggs

8 ounces light or no-fat cream cheese, softened 4 cups milk, skim or 2%

(3) 3-ounce packages sugarfree instant vanilla pudding 8 oz. fat-free whipped topping Chocolate syrup

Melt butter in water. Add flour and cook stirring constantly until it forms a ball. Turn ball into a bowl and beat in eggs one at a time. heating well between each Spread flat in a 9-by-13-inch greased baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Cool. Mix together cream cheese and milk, beat until smooth. Add instant pudding, one package at a



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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: CHEDDAR POTATO SOUP 1/3 cup chopped onion

- 1/3 cup chopped celery 2 tablespoons butter or mar-
- garine 4 cups diced, peeled potatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded
- cheddar cheese 2 cups milk
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Dash paprika Seasoned croutons

Minced parsley In a large saucepan saute onion and celery in butter until tender. Add potatoes and broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until

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**** Kellee Rogers, Topeka: **MERINGUE CANDY CANES**

3 egg whites

- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract

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Heat oven to 200 degrees. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper or foil. In a bowl combine egg whites and cream of tartar: beat until foamy. Gradually add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating at high speed until meringue is stiff and glassy. Beat in peppermint extract. Fit large decorating bag with 1/4-inch star tip. With small brush, paint 3-4 evenly spaced stripes of food color on inside of decorating bag, from tip to upper edge. Carefully spoon meringue into bag. Pipe 2

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Margaret Bairow, Westmoreland:

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- 1 cup raisins
- 2 cups dates
- 2 cups mixed candied fruit 3 to 4 cups chopped nuts 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 cups finely crushed graham crackers

Mix raisins, dates, candied fruit and nuts in a large bowl. In a saucepan (or microwave bowl) bring milk to boil; add marshmallows and stir until melted. Add graham cracker crumbs into fruit mixture then add marshmallow mixture. Using wet hands, mix well all together. Rinse hands and wet them again and press

mixture into a 9-by-5-inch pan lined with waxed paper. Refrigerate for 2 days then enjoy. Note: I use disposable gloves to mix it with.

Mona Jean Newbury, **Junction City:** PEANUT BUTTER **BALLS**

1 stick butter, melted 2 cups peanut butter 1 box powdered sugar

3 cups crisp rice cereal Mix butter, peanut butter, powdered sugar and crisp rice ceral in order given. Shape into balls (about the size of walnuts or even smaller). Dip in the following mixture which has been melted together over hot water:

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throughout, about 2 minutes

per side. Remove and season

with sea salt and pepper.

Keep warm on platter. Add

1 tablespoon butter to pan

and repeat with remaining

cutlets. Drain all but 1 table-

spoon butter and drippings

from pan. Add marmalade

and dissolve over medium-

low heat. Stir in grapefruit

juice and vinegar; bring to

a boil. When mixture boils

turn off heat and swirl in

2 tablespoons butter. Add all

the turkey back to the pan

and baste with sauce. Sea-

son to taste with sea salt

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2 cups cranberries, ground

mallows

drained

3/4 cup sugar

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1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups apples, diced

1 cup seedless grapes

chives. Makes 4 servings.

Darleen Bernhardt, Tecumseh:

CRANBERRY ORANGE

- POUND CAKE 1 Betty Crocker super moist golden vanilla cake mix
- 1 package 4-serving size vanilla instant pudding & pie filling
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 4 eggs 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped (do not thaw)
- **Orange Butter Sauce:**
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup butter (do not use margarine)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 12-cup bundt cake pan. Beat cake mix, pudding mix, water, butter, orange peel and eggs in a large bowl with mixer on low for 30 seconds, scraping bowl constantly. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes. Fold in cranberries. Spread in pan. Bake 1 hour 5 minutes to 1 hour 10 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center Cool 10 minutes then remove from pan. Cool completely.

To prepare sauce, mix sugar and flour in 1-quart

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saucepan. Stir in orange

juice. Add butter. Cook over

medium heat, stirring con-

stantly until thickened and

bubbly. Serve warm over

Lynn Burgess, Lyons:

TURKEY BREASTS

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1 1/4 pounds thin turkey cut-

4 tablespoons butter

2 eggs, well beaten

3 cups all-purpose flour

Freshly ground pepper

Grapefruit Juice

1/2 cup apricot marmalade

3 tablespoons Ruby Red

1 tablespoons red wine vine-

3 tablespoons chopped fresh

in a very large sauté pan

over medium-low heat.

Place flour in a shallow

dish. Dredge turkey breasts

in flour and dip them in the

beaten eggs, turning to coat.

Add half of the turkey cut-

lets to the pan and cook until

golden brown and cooked

Heat 1 tablespoon butter

lets

Sea salt

chives

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1 cup whipping cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla whipped or a 12-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Mix cranberries, marshmallows and sugar and chill overnight. In the morning add remaining ingredients. Mix all and chill in refrigerator until serving time.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "These lightly spiced pumpkin brownies are a nice change from typical chocolate brownies.

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- 2 cups sugar

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- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt Frosting:
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened

1 teaspoon milk

1/8 teaspoon salt 1 1/2 to 2 cups confectioner's sugar

In a mixing bowl beat pumpkin, eggs, oil and vanilla until well mixed. Combine dry ingredients and stir into pumpkin mixture and mix well. Pour into a greased 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until brownies test done; cool. In a small mixing bowl beat the butter, cream cheese, vanilla, milk and salt until smooth. Add confectioner's sugar and mix well. Frost brownies. Store in refrigerator. Yield: 5 to 6 dozen.

**** Mary Ellen Newbury, Mansfield, Texas: **BROWNIE** SHEET CAKE

1 cup water 1 cup margarine 1/4 cup cocoa

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 to 2 teaspoons cinnamon (optional)
- Frosting: 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 box powdered sugar

1 cup chopped pecans Blend water, margarine and cocoa in a saucepan; heat to boiling. Blend in flour, sugar, soda, cinnamon. Stir in eggs and buttermilk: beat well. Pour into greased jelly roll pan (15 1/2-by-10 1/2 inches). Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Spread with frosting while still hot. To prepare frosting, heat buttermilk together to boiling. Pour over cocoa and powdered sugar. Beat until creamy. Stir in pecans and ice the cake.

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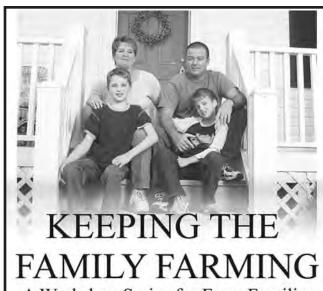
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Mary Rogers, Topeka: BROCCOLI **GRITS SOUFFLE**

- 3 cups water
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup uncooked old-fashioned grits
- 5-ounce package shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 egg yolks
- (2) 10-ounce packages frozen chopped broccoli, cooked according to package directions & drained well

8 egg whites

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 3-quart souffle dish with nonstick spray. In a large saucepan combine water and milk. Bring to a simmer over medium high heat and slowly stir in grits. Cook, stirring constantly, until grits are thickened, about 15 minutes; stir in cheese. Remove from heat. Add salt, mustard and pepper. In a bowl lightly beat egg yolks. Add 1/4 of hot grits to egg yolks, whisking constantly. Add egg yolk mixture to grits, stirring until smooth. Stir in broccoli. In a bowl beat egg whites at high speed until stiff peaks form. Gently fold 1/3 of egg whites into grits mixture to lighten. Fold remaining egg whites into grits mixture and spoon into prepared baking dish. Bake

for 30 to 45 minutes or until

souffle rises and is golden brown Serve immediately Will deflate when removed from oven.

Joyce Maginness, Fostoria: "This is a pleasant break from more traditional cranberry salads. Enjoy!"

CREAMY CRANBERRY APPLE SALAD

- 12-ounce package fresh cranberries
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 medium apples, diced 1/2 cup halved seedless red
- grapes 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 teaspoon salt 8-ounce carton whipped top-

ping, thawed Coarsely chop cranberries in a large bowl. We found if the cranberries are frozen they chop well in a food processsor. Stir in marshmallows and sugar. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Just before serving stir in apples, grapes, walnuts and salt. Fold in whipped topping. Makes 8 to 10 serv-

Millie Conger, Tecum-

FRENCH ONION MAC-N-CHEESE

- 4 tablespoons butter 2 large onions, very thinly
- sliced Salt & pepper

- 1 pound penne rigate
- 2 tablespoons flour 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup whole milk
- Freshly grated nutmeg 3/4 pound gruyere cheese,
- shredded

In a skillet melt 2 tablespoons butter over medium high heat. Stir in the onions. bay leaf, salt and pepper. Lower the heat and cook until onions are browned. about 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a plate and discard the bay leaf. Reserve the skillet. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, salt it and add the pasta and cook until dente. Drain and return to the pot. In the reserved skillet melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter over the medium heat. Whisk in the flour for 1 minute then whisk in the chicken broth and milk and bring to a boil. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Lower the heat and cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the cheese until melted. Combine the onions and sauce with the

Sabra Shirrell, Tecumseh:

pasta and toss well.

CRANBERRY STUFFING

- 1 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups chopped celery (stalks & leaves)
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion 9 cups soft bread cubes

- 1/2 cup dried cranberries 2 tablespoons chopped fresh
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped thyme
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Cook celery and onion in butter, stirring frequently until onion is tender. Stir in about 1/3 of the bread cubes. Place celery mixture in a large bowl. Add remaining bread cubes and ingredients: toss. Place in a 9-by-13inch pan. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 15 minutes longer.

Two more from Mary Rogers, Topeka: **HAZELNUT**

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CHERRY BARK 3/4 cup hazelnuts

- 1 1/2 pounds vanilla candy coating or almond bark,
- cut into pieces 1/2 cup coarsely chopped candied red cherries

1/2 cup coarsely chopped candied green cherries

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place hazelnuts on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned and skins have loosened. Turn hazelnuts onto clean cloth towel and rub nuts between towel to

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utes. Coarsely chop nuts. Meanwhile, line a cookie sheet or a 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan with waxed paper. Place candy coating in microwave-safe bowl. Micro-wave on high for 1 minute. Stir and continue to microwave in 15 second increments until coating can be stirred smooth. Stir in hazelnuts and cherries. Spread mixture on paperlined cookie sheet. Cool 20 minutes or until completely cooled. Break into pieces.

EGGNOG CHRISTMAS SALAD

- 1 envelope unflavored gela-
- 8-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 1/2 cups eggnog 1/2 cup finely chopped cel-
- 1 1/2 cups cranberry juice 3-ounce package raspberry gelatin
- 14-ounce jar cranberry orange relish

In a saucepan soften unflavored gelatin in the undrained pineapple and the lime juice for 5 minutes. Cook and stir over medium heat until gelatin dissolves. Cool pineapple mixture to room temperature. Stir in eggnog. Chill until partially set. Fold in celery. Turn into

a 12-by-7 1/2-inch pan. Chill.

Another one from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

> ORANGE **SQUARES**

1 cup butter

- 1/2 cup sugar 2 cups flour
- 6 jumbo eggs
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons grated orange rind
- 1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 cup flour
- Confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl beat butter and 1/2 cup sugar at medium speed with mixer until creamy; reduce speed to low and add 2 cups flour, beating until blended. On well floured surface roll dough into a ball. Place dough in a 9-by-13-inch baking pan; press dough up sides of pan and chill. Bake crust for 15 to 20 minutes or until very lightly browned. Let cool on a wire rack. For the filling whisk together eggs, 3 cups sugar, grated orange rind, juice and flour. Pour over crust and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until filling is set. Let cool in pan to room temperature. Cut into 20 squares and dust with confectioner's sugar.

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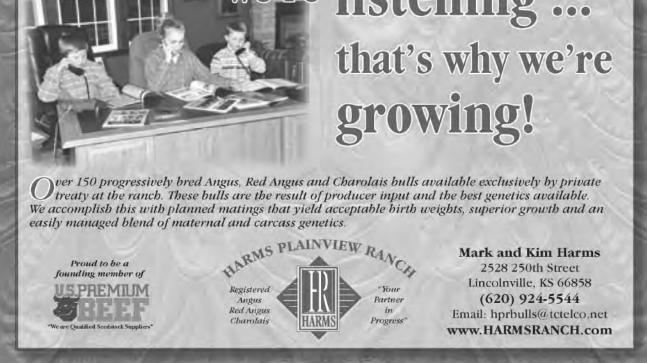
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Holiday Season 2009: Enjoy Holiday Foods — Tips Make Special Diet Special

MANHATTAN — While many people will choose to let their diets slide during the holiday season, those who follow a moderate or restricted diet to manage diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol or other chronic illness can enjoy holiday foods without increasing their risks from the illnesses, a Kansas State University specialist

The goal," said Mary Meck Higgins, a registered dietitian and Kansas State University Research and Extension nutrition specialist, "is to reduce saturated fat, sodium and calories, but retain the flavor and texture of food.'

When choosing an entrée, start with lean protein foods," said Higgins, who noted that the leanest cuts of beef and pork are typically identified with the words "round" or "loin" and may be labeled "Top Round," "Sirloin" or "Ten-

Skinless chicken breasts and turkey cutlets are the leanest poultry choices, said Higgins, who recommended cooking poultry with the skin on to retain juices, but discarding poultry skin before eating.

Trim away visible fat on lean meats and poultry before baking, boiling or slow-cooking. These are all moist-heat methods of cooking that will result in a tender final product," she

Higgins, who also suggested skipping (or limiting) breading that adds calories and fat in favor of low-sodium marinades or rubs, offered the following tips for healthy meals:

* Decrease fat content by draining and discarding fat that cooks out of meats.

Cover and chill meat and poultry broth until fat within the broth solidifies and can be removed before using the broth. [Tip: Use an ice cube to speed skimming of fat.] Or, purchase low-sodium broth and thicken it with cornstarch or pureed potatoes for a sauce or gravy. Adding a small amount of 100 percent fruit juice can flavor sauces or gravy.

* Use fat-free or skim milk and small amounts of vegetable cooking oil, soft tub or liquid margarine when making cream or white sauces.

* Most vegetables can be cooked quickly, either by steaming on top of the stove, or in the microwave. Most also can be dressed up with herbs or paired with other vegetables, such as green peas with pearl onions. A low-fat reducedsodium cream soup with fresh mushroom slices added can be used for a quick vegetable sauce.

Not all vegetables need to be cooked, since many fresh raw vegetables can be used in salads and on a relish tray, Higgins said. Buy packages of precut prewashed fresh vegetables, such as baby carrots or salad greens, to simplify preparation

* Use fat-free evaporated milk (rather than cream or whole milk) when making cream soups.

* Skim fat off pan drippings and blend with lowsodium broth when making dressing.

* Flavor dressing with herbs, spices and whole grains, rather than fat.

* Substitute vegetable cooking oil for butter or lard, and fat-free or 1 percent buttermilk instead of whole milk to make healthier biscuits.

And, for dessert, choose low-fat and low-sugar alternatives to high-calorie foods, said Higgins, who recommends keeping a bowl of whole fruit on the counter for a quick and easy snack.

She also recommends keeping dried, frozen or canned (in water or juice) fruits on hand, and noted that one-fourth cup of dried fruit is equivalent to 1/2 cup of other fruits.

When seasoned with cinnamon and cloves, poached pears or baked apples make an easy, healthy and

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elegant dessert, said Higgins, who is the state leader for Extension nutrition pro-

Mixing chopped fruit or fresh or frozen berries with plain or flavored non-fat yogurt also can make a quick and healthy finale to complete a meal any time,

And, while pumpkin pie is a holiday favorite, serving the traditional pie filling as a custard will eliminate calories and fat in the pie crust.

While holiday cooks typically have the opportunity to trim calories and fat, it's up to everyone to choose a moderate portion, said Higgins, who recommends a protein serving of 3 ounces (about the size of the palm of the hand), and 1/2 cup servings of cooked fruits and vegetables that have added ingredients.

Choose larger servings of steamed vegetables and fruits that have been prewithout added pared fats, salt or sugars, she said.

More information on food, nutrition, health and managing special diets is available at county and district Extension offices and on Extension websites: www.ksre.ksu.edu, www. ksre ksu edu/humannutriti on and www.ksre.ksu.edu/ foodsafety.

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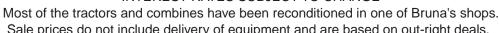
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Researchers ask: Are caged chickens miserable?

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Are cramped chickens crazy chickens?

Researchers are trying to answer that question through several studies that intend to take emotions out of an angry debate between animal welfare groups and producers.

At issue are small cages, typically 24 inches wide by 251/2 inches deep, that can be shared by up to nine hens. About 96 percent of eggs sold in the United States come from hens who live in the so-called battery cages from the day they're born until their egg-laying days end 18 to 24 months later.

Public opinion appears to side with those who oppose the cages. Voters in California approved a proposition last year that bans cramped cages for hens. And Michigan's governor signed legislation last month requiring confined animals to have enough room to turn around and fully extend their limbs.

Peter Skewes, a Clemson University researcher, is leading one of the studies comparing how different housing affects egg-laying hens. He said there are plenty of "emotional" opinions about whether the cages are inhumane, but few are based on facts.

"Hopefully we will contribute something so decisions can be made based on science and knowledge about how we house birds and the implications for different systems," said Skewes, who is in the early stages of a three-year study funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But even as Skewes and others conduct research, some question the need to study an issue they argue was resolved long ago.

> Bruce Friedrich,

spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said banning the cages is a solution to an obvious problem.

"Think about the ... effects of not moving for up to 24 months," Friedrich said. "Their bones and muscles waste away and they go insane."

Paul Shapiro, senior director of the Humane Society of the United States' Factory Farming Campaign, agreed.

"The egg industry is trying to muddy the waters by misleading people into believing that it's possible to confine birds in barren, tiny cages and have high welfare," he said.

ently, claiming caged hens are healthier and satisfied with the only lives they've ever known. Although the chickens can't fully extend their wings, producers contend they're not stuffed so

Producers see it differ-

tightly that they can't move around the cage.

"Is this animal cruelty? This absolutely is not," said Bob Krouse, an egg producer based in Mentone, Ind., and president of the United Egg Producers industry group.

Or as K.Y. Hendrix, owner of Rose Acres Farms in Seymour, Ind., puts it, "We can produce a better egg, produce a healthier chicken if we keep them inside."

Producers began experimenting with hen cages in the late 1950s. By the early 1970s cages were commonly used for egg-laying hens and are now the standard home for hens, which can lay up to 300 eggs a year.

Hens lay eggs for up to two years, then typically are used as meat for humans or animal feed.

Whether they're a delaying tactic — as animal welfare groups claim - or needed research, studies on chicken cages are proceeding.

Skewes will compare emotional and behavioral patterns of caged hens with non-caged counterparts. Part of that will including studying behaviors such as wing-stretching, perching and foraging.

"We're looking at what ... things they would still do if given the opportunity," Skewes said. "So you deprive them of that, and the welfare component is, so what? There are difficult questions.

Another study, coordinated by the University of California at Davis and Michigan State University, weighs several issues involving caged chickens, including their welfare and impact on the environment and human health as well as food quality and safety.

The study, funded by the American Egg Board, also considers the economics of egg production. In California, producers estimated the voter-backed rules would add about a penny to the cost of each egg, but Krouse put the cost at up to 50 cents per dozen eggs.

"We hope we can say what the effect is going to be on prices, the environment and on the welfare of hens," said Joy Mench, a UC Davis researcher.

UC Davis and Michigan State also plan another study that will include several advisers, including food companies such as McDonald's and Cargill Inc., the Department of Agriculture's Research Service, and groups such as the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Center for Food Inte-

Mench said that study will examine egg production sustainability, hen welfare, worker safety, food safety and food quality.

Dr. Gail Golab, director of the veterinary association's Animal Welfare Division, said she hopes the studies can clarify the de-

"A number of us that work in the animal welfare field are frustrated at efforts to say one system is all good or all bad and not being able to quantify welfare values," Golab said. "(We want to) look for the best possible solution we can for raising these animals."



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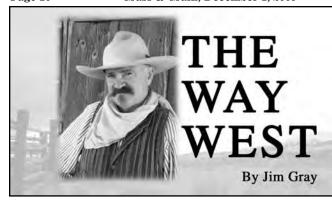


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Levi Richardson stepped into Dodge City's Long Branch Saloon on the evening of Saturday, April 5, 1879. It was yet another one of those cold, windy, spring Kansas evenings. Richardson was looking for "Cockeyed" Frank Loving. As is so often the case, Richardson and Loving were at odds over a woman.

Richardson knew he would find Cockeyed Frank at the Long Branch. The Long Branch was the favorite hangout of cattlemen and gamblers, and since gambling was Cockeyed Frank's business, he had made the famous saloon his headquarters.

Cockeyed Frank was a cowboy turned gambler. The April 8, 1879, Ford County Globe described him as 25 years of age, "not much of a roudy, but more of the cool and desperate order, when he has a killing on hand."

Levi Richardson was a young man who had come out west hunting buffalo. The Globe referred to him as a freighter, "...who had lived several years on the frontier, and though well liked in many respects, he had cultivated habits of bold and daring, which are always likely to get a man into trouble. Such a disposition as he possessed might be termed bravery by many, and indeed we believe he was the reverse of a coward. He was a hard working, industrious man, but young and strong and reck-

And so it was that "bold and daring" Levi Richardson nearly missed his man that Saturday evening. Cockeyed Frank Loving hadn't made his usual appearance by mid-evening, prompting Richardson to head for the door. But as fate would have it, Cockeved Frank chose that moment to enter the bar.

Walking to a gaming table near a heating stove, Cockeyed Frank took a seat with Richardson close behind. Words were exchanged but witnesses were confused as to just what was said. Suddenly Cockeyed Frank stood up shouting, "If you have anything to say about me why don't you come and say it to my face like a gentleman,

and not to my back ..."

Richardson was on his feet, challenging Cockeyed Frank with, "I don't believe you will fight," only to be answered by, "Try me and

Pistols were drawn as the men faced off near the stove. "...at it they went, in a room filled with people, the leaden missives flying in all directions." As guns blazed Richardson boldly charged after Cockeyed Frank. Edward Davies testified, "I saw ... Levi Richardson with a pistol in his hand. He was chasing Loving around the stove." Davies said that as he was ducking for cover he saw Richardson reach around the stove and fire at Cockeyed Frank.

Ford County Sheriff's officers Bill Duffy and Charlie Bassett looked on as both Richardson and Cockeyed Frank ducked and dodged their way around a billiard table. "The two were so close together that their pistols almost touched." Richardson emptied five shots from his Remington

.44. Cockeyed Frank had all six cylinders loaded and emptied them as well. One of Frank's last two shots took effect on Richardson as his coat caught fire from the discharge. Cockeyed Frank fell to the floor.

The room was filled with gun smoke. Deputy Duffy thought that Cockeyed Frank had been shot and quickly jumped on Richardson, wrenching his pistol away and throwing him against some chairs. At the same time Deputy Bassett disarmed Cockeyed Frank. Richardson rose from the chairs, started toward the billiard table and fell to his hands and knees. He had been shot through the chest, the right side and the right arm. Cockeyed Frank had only received a graze on the hand. Richardson died moments later.

Levi Richardson was buried the next day, Sunday, April 6, 1879. On Monday a coroner's inquest found that Cockeyed Frank Loving had fired in self-defense. Loving was immediately released and continued his sporting ways.

At Trinidad, Colorado, on April 16, 1882, Cockeyed Frank Loving played his last hand. After a series of arguments with a gambler by the name of John Allen, Cockeyed Frank was shot in the back. Frank stumbled into the street before being taken home to his wife and two children. Despite receiving care from two doctors Cockeyed Frank finally succumbed to his wound five days later, Friday, April 21, 1882.

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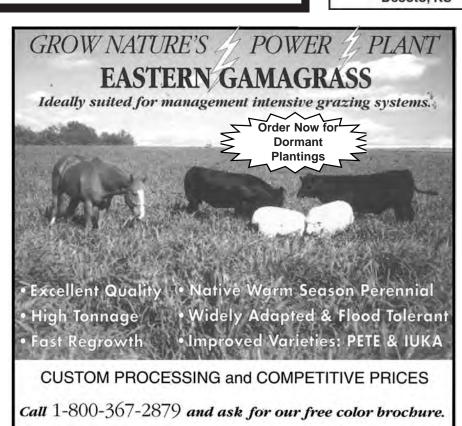
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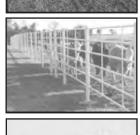
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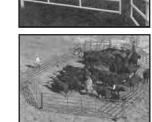
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Letters to the Editor

How we identify community

Just how difficult would it be to identify a rural community? Aw, come on, that is easy. On the other hand, is it?

A recent Google search of rural community definition provided me with 2,080,000 results. In a way, this did not surprise me. I did not search too deep into the omnipotent internet.

Most everyone embraces his or her own notion of a rural community and strangely believes everybody else agrees with them. Government, corporations, lawmakers, journalist, advertisers, churches, Hollywood and many others all have their notion of rural community. With whom should we agree or disagree?

Actually, I believe it might be more important to first attempt an understanding of the concept of community.

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When the first settlers came to the vast, treeless prairie, community was non-existent. They created communities.

The pioneers looked forward to newcomers and were excited about what they would bring to help build the community. There is also reference to being "glad for the opportunity to be of service in developcommunity ment..."

I find the key words in the previous statement are to be of service. It was not large sums of cash that shaped our communities it was the people, and their generosity of time, talent and heart. It was small groups of people, making sacrifices, nurturing relationships with neighbors, and coming together to build a school, a church or to secure a post office.

It was the laughter, tears, pain and pleasure of life on the wind-swept prairie.

Understanding that the Earth would yield what

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was necessary to sustain life and secure a future. Knowing at some point, they would have to "let go" of what had been "theirs" for a brief time.

They were well aware that they would leave everything behind, but, on the other hand, made sure nothing was lost forever, for those yet to come.

Looking back, they could easily define community, because they built one, literally, from the ground, up. We must aspire to do the same. Now, our communities are ours to build in our time.

Many of us will be fortunate to gather with family and friends over the holidays. Perhaps before we partake in a feast of abundant food, let us pause, reflect, and give the people in our lives the opportunity to define community, and what all it means to them. Listen carefully. Act

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Processors waiting for pecans to fall

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) Although pecan trees are dropping a few nuts, it's going to take a hard freeze for pecan trees in Eddy County to shed their leaves and cause all the nuts to

At Pecos Valley Pecans, the machines are already in gear and ready for the pecan

Pecos Valley Pecans, a division of CARC Inc., processes pecans from the CARC orchards, as well as accepting pecans on a fee basis from the public for cracking, machine cleaning or full processing, said Freddy Perez, pecan processing plant supervisor.

"We also shell pecans on the halves, but we won't be doing that until the first of the year," he stressed. "Right now, we are processing what we have in the cooler. The majority of our nut crop is still in the orchard. We are waiting for a freeze and for them to drop."

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for the chore and don't mind sharing half their harvest in exchange for it to be processed and bagged.

"We will shell the pecans and keep half of the pecans that the customer brings in," Perez explained. "We usually do the shelling on the halves from late December or early January and continue through the end of March. When people bring in their pecans, we weigh everything they bring in and advise them what they should expect to take home after the pecans have been shelled and cleaned."

The processing plant generates revenue for CARC, in addition to providing physically and mentally handicapped CARC residents onand off-campus residents jobs and a sense of selfworth and pride when they receive a pay check for their work in the processing plant.

"Shelling on the halves is our most popular program. Sometimes there is a wait period before we can get

them processed," Perez noted. "Then we have customers who want all their pecans returned and don't mind paying for the work we perform. Some want their pecans just cracked. Others bring them in for just machine cleaning. Then we have customers that want the full process. We charge 75 cents per pound for cracking, \$1 per pound for machine cleaning and \$1.50 per pound for the full process."

Perez said last year, CARC's orchards produced about 2,500 pounds of pecans. This year the yield is expected to be slightly higher, he said.

Perez said little is wasted at the pecan plant. Once the pecans are shelled, the discarded shells are processed into meal and mulch, which can be purchased from CARC. The facility also sells pecans either chopped, in small pieces or halves.

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Every time I get a new electronic gadget, I have to spend hours trying to program it and by the time I figure it out, it's outdated or someone has come up with a

and cell phones are all great inventions but they have sure cluttered our lives. How about the new GPS gadgets? They're really great and now getting lost is ancient history. That's too bad. Sometimes getting lost has its rewards. You get to see places you wouldn't have seen before if you hadn't been lost. And those TV remotes, can't they make them all the same so you don't have to take a college course just to operate a new

The good news is that some things never change. I don't need a 500 page manual to operate my horses. I can get to work right away without reading up on how to change their fuse, reset circuit breakers or enter a password I can't remember. They've got a few buttons you might have to press, but generally they let you know when you're not on their wavelength. Horses have their own brains and none of them operate exactly alike so a manual would be as worthless as a flashlight without batteries. Sometimes they have parts but any good farrier can change all four of them in less than an hour. I've been trying to learn a new computer program that is pretty complicated with hundreds of features that were giving me a fit. My mind was so cluttered with instructions that I felt like I was going to have a Chernobyl meltdown. I needed to get away from the thing before I fried what was left of my brain.

Checking cows and fences is always a respite from a complicated world. It's the real world, where there's no computers or TVs and no one around but you. your horse and the ranch animals. It's a good place to go and I knew it would soothe my jangled nerves. I headed for the barn. The first paycheck comes while I'm brushing my horse and take pleasure knowing he's enjoying it as much as I enjoy stroking him with the soft bristles.

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puter instructions behind and being horseback instead of desk bound. The good part comes when I ease the saddle on his back and see his ears perk up as if he's wondering where we're heading. It doesn't matter as long as we're heading somewhere. Jogging down the hill bleeds off more tension and by the time we spot the cows, the saddle has done its job. No more clutter up top and the satisfaction of seeing shiny black cows finishes the job. I don't give a hoot that I can't understand the difference between bitmap and jpeg anymore. It doesn't matter out here. What matters is watching all those heads and ears come up when we ride into view. I stop near the herd and sit. My horse understands this is inspection time and I know what he's thinking. It happens every time. He's wondering, since we're sitting still, if he could get away with snipping a few blades of grass. Against all the rules, I loosen the reins and let him drop his head. The cows go back to grazing as soon as they see his head go down. He answered their question. They're satisfied that we're not here to push them anywhere.

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Survey indicates bump in sorghum demand

According to results of a survey recently funded by the United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP), 29 percent of 2009 grain sorghum production will be used to produce ethanol. The expected demand for sorghum to produce ethanol in 2009 is 136,979,000 bushels.

Demand for sorghum will remain steady at 136 million-plus bushels, while the percent of the U.S. sorghum crop included in ethanol will increase slightly in 2010 because total U.S. production will be lower this crop year. USCP Board Chairman. Bill Greving says this is very exciting news for the sorghum industry.

"This study shows what we have always known, that sorghum ethanol yields are comparable to corn. In the past year, the price differential has greatly benefited

the bottom line of ethanol plants using sorghum as a feedstock," said Greving. "This means that the use of sorghum by ethanol plants has influenced the increased demand sorghum in these areas where ethanol plants are colocated with sorghum production."

The research, conducted by Agri-Energy Solutions, Inc. (AES), determined the amount of sorghum used to produce ethanol in the United States and studied other issues that affect the current ethanol market share of sorghum. The study provided USCP with the most current data concerning the use of sorghum to produce ethanol, any obstacles facing the increased use of sorghum in ethanol and possible solutions to removing those obstacles.

The increase in usage of sorghum by ethanol plants in the past two years is a significant step towards the USCP strategic goal of increasing the use of sorghum in the ethanol industry by 50 percent by 2011.

Only slight increases in demand could mean half of the Kansas sorghum crop could be used to produce ethanol in 2010. It also means more than a third of Texas's sorghum crop will likely be used for ethanol production.

Realizing that slightly less sorghum is expected to be harvested in 2009 because of crop losses in some areas, ethanol plants are aggressively moving to secure their sorghum supplies early for 2010 production.

The research suggests immense growth opportunities for sorghum because

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the majority of the ethanol plants in the primary target area are less than three vears old.

It also suggests there is an emerging market opportunity for sorghum now and in the near future as this market matures. According to this survey, ethanol plants in areas where sorghum is grown prefer to use sorghum because of its availability and favorable price differential.

It also suggests if grain prices jump like they did during 2007, 2008 and early 2009, demand for sorghum will increase dramatically, which will mean even more sorghum could be used in ethanol blends. Feedback from the survey indicates the more experience the ethanol industry has with sorghum, the more likely it is to include sorghum in future production plans.

Sorghum for grain-based ethanol production qualifies as an advanced biofuel feedstock and fits current U.S. policy to reduce dependence on foreign oil without impacting food sup-

The use of sorghum by ethanol plants in the Great Plains region means that producers have a reliable and growing market. AES divided the ethanol production industry into three target areas, focusing primarily on those plants that reside within 100 miles of the major sorghum production areas in the U.S.

It then sent surveys to each ethanol plant in the targeted areas. One hundred percent of the ethanol plants in the primary target area for grain sorghum use responded to the survey and to subsequent telephone interviews.

AUCTIO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 — 9:30 AM Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline

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See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listing.

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Auction Location: Lions Club Community Building, Main St BARNARD, KANSAS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE/4 & W/2 of SE/4 of 14-10-7 W.6.P.M. Lincoln County Kansas.

F.S.A. INFORMATION: 135.49 acres cultivation (approx; 100 acres planted wheat). 93.41 acres grassland. 4.87 acres farmstead. 3.29 acres water way. Wheat Base: 96.6 acres. Grain Sorghum Base: 21.8 acres

GENERAL INFORMATION: The cultivation on this farm consists of bottom land and excellent upland cultivation, bordering 284 Hi-Way. The grassland has good access and is watered by pond water.

LAND LOCATION: From Barnard Kansas, on Hi-Way 284, one half mile West on South side of the Hi-Way to the Northeast corner

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to choose from. **COLLECTIBLES:** Lots of cast iron ware, crocks, #2 quart and # 40 butter churns, glass oil bottles with spouts and case, apple peeler, cherry pitters, kraut cutters, corn sheller, sausage press wooden butter churn, needle & shuttle holder, LP records, cameras, kitchen collectibles, colanders, butter molds, cake tins, baking tins, advertising tins, mixers, miners lunch box, graters, brass thimble holder, quart to five gallon crocks, bayonet, coffee grinder, salt & pepper shakers, nut crackers, nut picks, milk bottles, Stockyard advertising pencils, pink depression glass and other glassware, Universal cake maker, bread tins, cookie and biscuit cutters, 20 antique toasters, Dyson & Sons seltzer bottle. flour sifters, Applied drawing and drafting set, how to books, levels, set of steer longhorns, water color painting of RL Sweet Lumber Co. on Southwest Blvd. Pictures and wall hangings, match box holders and many more items to numerous to mention.

FURNITURE: Cedar glass front display case, glass front gun cabinet for fourteen guns, Lawyers four stack bookcase pie safe, cherry wash stand, child's desk, piano chair with swivel seat, and other furniture;

MISCELLANEOUS: Woodmaster model 500 band saw jig saws, beam saw, Sears welder, doweling jigs, shop vac C-clamps, wood clamps, air hoses, small air compressor, duck decoys, carburetors old updraft type, gas cans, jacks, chain hoist, hammers, saws, levels, squares, nail gun, chain saw sharpener, pulley's, door set, oyx. & act gauges, plus many more to numerous to mention.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: It was my pleasure to know Tom for 50 vears. He started his career with the Hodge Brothers Lumber Co. and was in the lumber business during his lifetime. He was an avid collector and woodworker. If it was collectible Tom collected it; there is something here you will need. Refreshments available.

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Small changes can reduce energy costs this winter

The recent chill in the air can make homeowners appreciate the warmth generated by their heating system, yet many will be concerned about the cost of heating their home this winter, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension and residential energy specialist.

About 45 percent of Kansas' residential energy bill goes to home heating, said Snead, who estimated that homeowners who are heating with electricity will likely see an increase of about \$40 overall for the season in comparison to last winter's bill.

Homeowners who are heating with natural gas should see bills that are about the same as last year, while a homeowner using heating oil should see a decrease of about \$270 overall, and a homeowner using propane should see a decrease of about \$150, Snead said. These are anticipated costs, said Snead, who offered tips to help homeowners hold down energy costs this winter: Invest in an annual or bi-annual tune-up for the furnace to check belts, blowers, burners and filters. Every degree you permanently lower the thermostat can save up to 3 percent (as much as \$30 or more, depending on the fuel used to heat the home) on overall costs. Install a programmable thermostat to save as much as 10 percent of home

heating cost annually. The initial cost (about \$50-\$100) is offset by the savings in heating the home when the family is present, and lowering the temperature (to 55-62, for example) when the family is away for the day and/or asleep.

Fill the gaps (and air leaks) around trim, windows, doors, pipes in and out of the home and where the floor rests on the foundation with caulking or other materials. Stretching a heat shrinkable film over windows can offer a temporary seal on windows without caulking.

Install insulation in attic and crawl spaces.

Weather strip attic hatch or door to prevent heat loss.

Keep glass doors and fireplace damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. Trying to find savings by closing off a few vents in unused areas of the home rarely achieves significant results, and Snead cautioned homeowners that closing off too many rooms may cause duct leakage in other areas or back pressure that will effect overall furnace opera-

If rooms are allowed to become too cold, Snead said, homeowners may note potentially damaging condensation on exterior walls, windowsills, ceilings and behind furniture. Space heaters also can be problematic, the residential energy specialist said.

"A space heater will only heat one or two spaces, while the rest of the house may be cold," Snead said. "Space heaters typically use electricity, which is a more expensive energy source, and must be used according to instructions to minimize risks of fire."

For additional energy savings, he suggested that homeowners:

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More information on energy use and conservation also is available at county and district Extension offices and on the Extension energy website www. engext.ksu.edu/home_energy.

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December 1 — Saline Co. real estate at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

December 2 — Wabaunsee Co. real estate at Eskridge. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

December 3 — Tractors, combines, grain cart, semi tractors & trailers, vehicles, machinery, cattle, irrigation & shop equip., hunting at Deerfield for Eberhart Farms. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.

December 3 & 4 — Attachments, parts, tires & access., tractors, loaders, combines, farm equip., construction equip., lawn & garden equip. at Lamar, MO for Legacy Farm & Lawn. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions.

December 4 — Machinery, cattle, irrigation & misc. equipment S. of Fellsburg for area farmers. Auctioneers: Scott Brown Auction & Real Estate.

December 4, 5 & 6 — Antiques, furniture, glass & china, fine art, cosmetics perfumes, designer clothing & more at Kansas City, MO for The John Townsend Smith & Elizabeth Wyeth Campbell Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Dirk Soulis Auctions.

December 5 — Real estate at Wamego for Tim & Marilyn Woodruff, Tom & Lisa Woodruff. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction. December 5 — Combine,

tractors, farm machinery, irrigation & farm related items near Nickerson for Mike & Jane Harrison. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

December 5 — Tractors & combine, hay equip., autos, trucks, trailers, machinery, cameras & guidance system at Leavenworth for Andrew & Julia Kennedy. Auctioneers: Cook Tractor Co., Inc.

December 5 — Household & collectibles, antiques N. of Frankfort for Betty Suther. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auc-

December 5 — Coins, tokens & currency at Junction City. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

December 5 — Mowers, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, tools, guitars, collectibles & other at Salina for M&J Pawn Shop, Inc. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 5 — Antiques, primitives, collectibles, furniture & office items at Portis for Lila Simmons Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

December 5 — Equipment, tools, metal & misc. at Bern for Schiffbauer Construction. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service. December 5 — Kitchen & commercial restaurant equip., trucks & SUV at Manhattan for Seizure As-

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working equip. & tools at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

December 5 — Combines, tractors, trucks, farm machinery, trailer, tools & misc. E. of Adrian, MO for Bill & Cheryl Gepford. Auctioneers: Mer-Joy Auction Service.

December 5 — Edwards Co. real estate, pickup & forklift, equipment, office equip. & inventory at Kinsley for Stegman Floor Gallery. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction.

December 5 — Chase Co. real estate, appliances, antiques & collectibles, household at Elmdale for John Scott Gibb. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

December 6 — Antiques, collectibles, kitchen collectibles, toys, glassware, furniture, books, primitive & modern tools at Stilwell for Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sheldon. Auctioneers: Webb & Associates.

December 6 — Furniture, books, costume jewelry, sewing items, car at Osage City for Roberta Sowell Estate. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

December 7 — Real estate at Burlingame for First State Bank & Kaw Valley Bank. Auctioneers: Wayne Wischropp, realtor, Century 21 Miller & Midyett.

December 9 — Equipment at Spring Hill for consignment auction. Auctioneers: Countrywide Tractor & Auction.

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December 10 — Tractors, combine & harvest equip., farm machinery, trucks & trailers & misc. at Halstead for Mark & Joan Ellingson, Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

December 12 - Fall consignment auction at Washington. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

December 12 — Antiques & collectibles, tools & other at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 12 — Antiques & collectibles, household, tools, lawn spreaders, yard art, golf cart, lawn mower & guns at Marysville for Lydia Allerheiligen. Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.

December 12 - Pottery, furniture, collectibles, glassware at El Dorado for Doris Mae Newsom Living Estate. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions.

December 14 — Cloud Co. real estate at Milton-

vale for Begnoche Family Farms. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 14 — Lincoln Co. real estate at Barnard for Grimm & Nelson Family Trusts. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

December 17 — Wabaunsee Co. real estate at Harveyville for Donald I. Hrenchir Jr. & Cynthia L. Hrenchir and Louis R. Guth & Colleen M. Guth. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

December 17 — Excavators, dozers, wheel loaders, backhoes, skid steers & more utility contractor equip. at Grandview (Kansas City), MO. Auctioneers: Graves CIF Auctions.

January 1, 2010 — 25th Annual New Years Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

March 6 — Machinery, equip., tractors & combine at Paxico for Duane & Diane Hund. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty, Steve Murrary.

March 8 — Farm sale E. of Agenda for Richard Anderson Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 13 — 24th annual Concordia Optimist Club consignment sale at Concordia.

March 13 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon

March 13 — Jewell Co. real estate at Formoso for Taylor & Edna Ruth Clark Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 31 — 17th annual Harley Gerdes Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

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September 6 — 15th annual Harley Gerdes Labor Day consignment auction at Lvndon.

November 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTIO

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TERMS: 20% of purchase price as down payment day of auction balance will be due upon closing on or before December 31, 2009. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between the Seller & Purchaser. Seller will pay 2009 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2010 taxes.

POSSESSION: Possession of the pasture will be upon closing. Hunting rights will be upon closing. Possession of the wheat ground will be after the 2010 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$45.00 per acre from the renter for 2010 wheat.

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RW8410P003422 96 JD 7800 MFWD, 6,564 Hrs, SN: RW7800PO18178

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RW7800P011965 JD 8750 4WD, 6,157 Hrs, SN: RW8570H001802

001837 Case 830C, 3,207 Hrs, SN: SN: 8233421

59 AC D-17, 4,800 Hrs, Heat Hauser, Blade

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Farmall 340, SN: 583S JD 5820 Turbo Self Propelled Chopper.

E0580X819981 White 8523 12R30" 23R15" Planter, SN: HL52300121

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International Goat Sensation. A story about a boy and his goat. Tim was a kind-hearted graduate student who raised Longhorn cattle. On his daily trips from ranch to school and back, he passed a plowed field with sparse feed left. A big horse and a small goat stood by the fence and watched him as he came and went. Concerned for their well being, the third day he stopped at the feed store, bought some hay pellets and after dark, snuck back to the pasture and fed

One day he saw a man loading the horse in a trailer. Tim pulled in to visit, never mentioning his 'meals on wheels' activity. It turned out that the owner had been hospitalized and it was his brother picking up the horse. The sick owner had given instructions to sell the animals ...

"I've got the horse sold,"

There is a parable of the he told Tim, "But my brother promised the goat to a family of 'exchange students' from Mexico and I'm afraid they plan to eat him."

> This saddened Tim so he reluctantly took the goat. He named him Chico. Back home Chico didn't fit in with the longhorns. They used him variously as a soccer ball, shot put, back scrubber and tank float! He also stank!

> When the veterinarian was out at the ranch working cows he offered to castrate the goat. Might make him better company. Only \$150. He also suggested that goats were herd animals and he should buy Chico a female goat. But ... not just any goat!

compassionate Tim, who believed the vet-

erinarian, searched all over and finally found a purebred Pygmy female goat in Okmulgee, halfway across the state. At \$4.02 per gallon, the diesel roundtrip cost \$300. Plus, of course, \$75 for the goatess, herself named Lila!

Goat life on the ranch became blissful. Chico greeted all Tim's Longhorn customers by putting his front feet up on the driver's side and waiting from the window to roll down. He became the official caprine greeter. Tim said when his customers would call or email, they never inquired about his health, his family or his graduate studies, but they always asked about Chico! Thus, an undernourished, unwanted, orphan goat that had been banished to spend life with a horse became an international goat sensation!

Alas, as with many celebrity athletes, when Chico's trading option came up and he became a free agent, Tim couldn't afford to keep him and he was snapped up and is now working at the Wal-Mart in Miami, Okla.

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Venezuelan government takes over farms

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan officials supported by troops and police took control of 31 farms totaling more than 48,000 acres on Monday, accusing owners of not holding proper titles or not putting the land to adequate use.

Agriculture Minister Elias Jaua announced the government's interventions at farms across the country and insisted it was acting legally.

The affected land included a ranch belonging to former presidential candidate Manuel Rosales, a prominent opponent of President Hugo Chavez who earlier this year fled to Peru and was granted asylum.

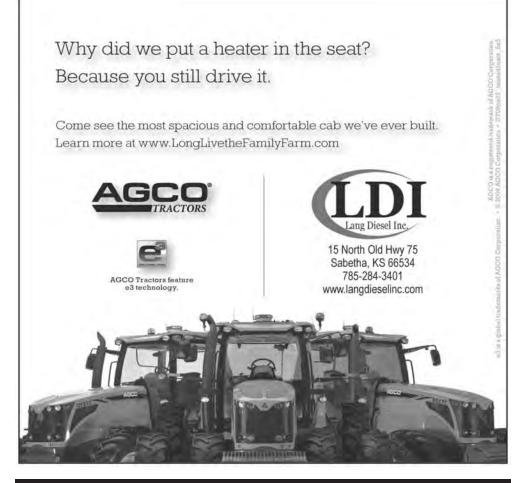
Jaua denied the actions were politically motivated and said no one "can shield himself in his position as a political leader" to break the law.

The business group Fedecamaras denounced what it called illegal farm seizures in central Guarico state, saying the farms have been producing large quantities of cattle and corn.

Antonio Pestana, of the country's largest farmers association, said the area was among the few that managed to overcome dry conditions this year to produce a large corn crop.

President Hugo Chavez's government says it is putting idle farmland to use and moving toward a socialist economy under a 2001 law allowing it to seize lands deemed idle or not adequately used.

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