



By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Understanding farmer motivations

I have been privileged to learn about the psychology and soul of rural people, of farmers and ranchers who brave this variable and occasionally inhospitable land. They have shared their pain, their worry, their joy, their hopes and their dreams. I've been privileged to be a witness to a special people in special circumstances and to tell their stories.

Right from the beginning I stood in awe of the lives and values of farm families. This was unique, different from anything I was used to. I've tried to understand and I'm still trying. I've written about unique themes, stories and lives playing themselves out in farmlands of the Midwest and in agricultural communities in general.

What is unique? Nature has to be respected. Hazards abound — blizzards, tornados, thunderstorms, hailstorms, complex machinery, disease and unpredictable livestock. The slightest miscalculation can be fatal.

What other occupation is so dependent on the weather? There are years when the country seems like it will dry up and blow away. There are some years when wet fields and flooding conditions have farmers holding their breath as they wonder about getting into their fields. It might be hail in the summer, killer frosts in the spring and early frosts in the fall — weather plays havoc with harvests.

This is a fragile land. So much depends on timely rains. Sometimes it hits just right. Some years it is too

dry, other years it is too dry. Farmers understand and prepare for adversity. A bad year is followed by hope that next year will be better.

When biology is stressed, humans are stressed. When biology fails, humans sometimes fail. This is a land of hidden and not so hidden dependencies. Vulnerabilities are closer to the surface. Illusions of control are occasionally shattered by nature herself.

The human experiment of living in the Midwest and making a living here has been in progress for generations. Nature gives its gifts but manages to hold back a few surprises. Just when you think you've seen it all, you haven't. This land can break even the strong and resourceful.

Some people show their resilience by leaving and moving on in life.

It isn't always nature. During the Mid-1980s, it wasn't weather but a debt crisis brought on human policies and human error, many of which were made by lending practices based on inflation. Faith and trust were shattered in institutions and people. For some, the healing process from those rude and dark days rolls on.

Farming is a high stress profession. It is a dangerous occupation. It is a physically demanding occupation. The work hours are incredibly long. The risks are great. It is a gambling profession.

Why do it? What is this allure to occupations that depend on applications of

biological knowledge, subject to all the unpredictability of biology, disease, weather and uncertain market prices? Why do people do it? What accounts for the tenacity and perseverance of farmers?

Economics is a part of it. Successful farmers and ranchers are able to enjoy good profits. It is an occupation from which you can make a comfortable living. It is a quiet secret not talked about much, but a reality that sustains many hopes and dreams.

A treasure trove of knowledge and experience on the land is stored and passed on to the next generation. The farm itself is a heritage, a gift passed from generation to generation. Victories come by attention to detail. Small victories lead to large victories. Each day is different. Each day can be a challenge. There is the thrill of being one's own boss in an honorable profession that sustains life for so many others.

Occasionally time stands still. Meeting the challenge of the moment becomes the most important thing, despite how long it takes. Crops need to be nurtured. Livestock need attention. People grow to love what they serve. It is easy to love

the farm. It requires so much. Work is love made visible.

This attachment isn't just about money and work. Add to the mix all the lifestyle considerations that make farming satisfying. Rural people like their neighbors, communities and close relatives. The human face of agriculture is full of joy, faith and rewarding human relationships. It is an artful blend of work, love, family and community life. It is a place where it is easy to love others.

The farm is good for children, both for being around nature and taking meaningful responsibility. Husbands and wives can enjoy true partnerships in business and in companionship. Nature is just outside the door. And the door is a long way from the neighbor's door.

Who among those who have lived in the country hasn't thrilled to a starlit night, a timely rain, a mighty wind, the awesome power of a blizzard, the fury of nature that causes them to retreat to their homes and wait within the safe confines of family?

Who among those who have lived here haven't felt a spiritual relationship with

the Creator because of this closeness to nature? Prayer might come a little easier to those whose livelihood depends on what the heavens may bring.

Can you see the love? Can you feel the pain when that love is not required? I can.

For more information on farm family creativity, visit Val Farmer's website at www.valfarmer.com. Val Farmer's book, "Honey, I Shrunk the Farm," can be purchased by sending a check or money order for \$9.50 to: Honey, I Shrunk the Farm, The Preston Connection, PO Box 1135, Orem UT 84059.

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Hannah McCabe, Elk City, center, was presented the Barbara Smalstig Outstanding Leadership Award at the 2009 American Angus Association® Annual Banquet at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Nov. 16 in Louisville, Ky. Presenting the award is Fred Smalstig, left, and Ashlyn Carter, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) leadership director, right.

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Association honors angus breeders, including President Eisenhower

Each year, the American Angus Association® honors selected individuals who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed. This year the Association Board of Directors selected six Angus breeders for induction into its Angus Heritage Foundation for their dedication toward the advancement of the Angus breed.

The 2009 inductees included: Dwight D. Eisenhower, formerly of Gettys-

burg, Pa.; Oliver Hansen, Durant, Iowa; Paul and Lynn Hill, Bidwell, Ohio; and Bill and Priscilla Wilson, Cloverdale, Ind.

The inductees and/or their families were recognized during the Annual Banquet, Nov. 16 during Angus events in Louisville, Ky. Each received a framed certificate, and all names will be engraved on a plaque at the Association's Saint Joseph, Mo., headquarters.



John Slocombe, BJ Angus Ranch, Manhattan, walked through the sale offering at Hedgewood Prairie recently. The firm offered a strong set of Angus genetics for sale at the ranch located in Dickinson County.

Most Americans will remember Dwight David Eisenhower as the five-star general and 34th president of the United States who served as one of the 20th century's most important leaders. But the American Angus Association also remembers the former Kansas farm boy for his contributions to the Angus breed.

In 1950, anticipating his retirement from the Army, Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie, purchased a 189-acre farm on the outskirts of Gettysburg, Pa. However, his presidency delayed retirement until 1961 when he and Mamie finally made their home on the farm. There, he spent the next 15 years as a successful farmer and Angus breeder, helping to bring notoriety to the breed.

Located adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, the farm served the President as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders. With its peaceful

setting and view of South Mountain, it was a much-needed respite from Washington.

President Eisenhower maintained a show herd of black Angus cattle on his Gettysburg farm, which later became a National Park.

The President entered cattle in livestock shows across the country, winning grand championships at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show, blue ribbons at the International Livestock Competition in Chicago, and numerous other awards. While President, his cattle were entered into competitions under the names of his partners in order to maintain fairness.

By the 1960s, the Eisenhower herd numbered 100 cows with calves. Today, a herd of 40-50 Angus still graze the pastures of the President's farm, and the cattle ribbons are displayed on the walls of the show barn.



Fellow seedstock producers Galen Fink, Fink Beef Genetics, Manhattan (pictured left) and Gordon Stucky, Circle S Angus of Kingman, visited in the alleys prior to the sale at Hedgewood Prairie a couple of weeks ago.

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600 to 699 lbs. \$83.00 to \$95.50	600 to 699 lbs. \$72.00 to \$86.50
700 to 799 lbs. \$82.00 to \$91.50	700 to 799 lbs. \$70.00 to \$80.75
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2 blk, Altoona 473@111.00	7 red, Independence 494@96.75
4 mix, Benedict 520@106.00	2 mix, Fredonia 520@85.25
2 blk, Tulsa 525@104.00	3 blk, Fredonia 537@87.00
4 rmf, Benedict 558@103.50	3 blk, Altoona 538@86.00
5 blk, Altoona 563@99.75	1 bwf, St. Paul 565@85.00
3 mix, Altoona 597@94.50	3 blk, Altoona 587@80.00
4 mix, Benedict 654@91.00	1 bmf, Independence 620@83.50
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5 pair, 8 yrs. old @ \$850	4 blk, 3rd stage @ \$825
7 pairs, SS @ \$795	10 blk, 2nd stage @ \$775
7 pair, aged @ \$710	8 blk, 2nd stage @ \$675
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11 pair, aged @ \$660	6 char, 2nd stage @ \$540
3 blk, 3rd stage @ \$1125	

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\$41.00-\$46.00	PAIRS:
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Walnut Council, tree farm groups merge to form Kansas Forestry Association

After two years of debate and planning, a new Kansas Forestry Association has emerged from the combined memberships of the Walnut Council of Kansas and the Kansas Tree Farm Committee (an affiliate of the Kansas Forest Products Association). "This is exciting news for those who care about our woodland resources," said Bob Atchison, rural program coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service. "Both groups are experienced in putting landowners and natural resource professionals together in dynamic networks that provide educational, financial, and project opportunities for managing forestland."

"By combining their ef-

forts, however, these non-profits can provide a single voice for Kansas forestry. They can leverage their pooled abilities and aggressively pursue funding opportunities that are out of the reach of individuals and government agencies."

Having a "one-stop shop" also will allow the former groups' members more complete access to the information, assistance and services now available to support tree farming in Kansas, Atchison said. Individual Kansans own 95 percent of the state's 2.1 million forested acres, he said. The USDA Forest Service's official census — the National Woodland Owner's Survey — puts the

number of Kansas forest landowners at 103,000.

"In addition to their timber, the forests are a vital natural resource in Kansas because of their impacts on water, soil, wildlife, air temperature, wind and even recreation. As a result, the collective stewardship of private owners is truly important for everyone in the state," Atchison said. That's true for other states, as well, he said, where owned forests are larger in size and number for 359,000 forest landowners in Missouri, 498,000 in Michigan and 225,000 in Indiana. But, the actions of each Kansas forest landowner tend to be more important because such owners are fewer in

number, their woodlands tend to be in environmentally sensitive areas, and their combined impact can be far-reaching.

"That's something the new Kansas Forestry Association seems to recognize. They're already looking for additional members and energetic leaders to help guide forestry into a new decade," Atchison said. "In fact, their bylaws were written to allow whole forestry-related groups to consolidate with the association." So far, dues for new members are \$10 per person or \$50 per organization. Interested landowners can learn more about the association's efforts by calling 785-532-3310 or e-mailing atchison@ksu.edu.



Brooke Woodworth, pictured far right, welcomed the crowd to the Hedgewood Prairie annual production sale at the ranch near Enterprise. The family-owned firm is a two-generation partnership between Joel Harrison, her father and Brooke and Jason Woodworth.



Jon Mollhagen, owner of Moly Manufacturing, the maker of the Silencer chute system, was in attendance at the recent Hedgewood Prairie production sale. The Woodworths and the Harrisons recently installed a new cattle handling facility and were featured on RFD television, demonstrating their setup.

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8 blk str	406@120.00		4 bwf str	931@83.75	
9 blk bwf rwf males	467@118.75				
4 blk bwf str	388@117.75		4 blk hfrs	332@103.25	
5 blk str	401@116.25		6 blk bwf hfrs	435@98.25	
2 blk str	522@113.25		4 blk hfrs	436@97.50	
4 blk bwf str	490@112.50		2 blk bwf hfrs	370@95.00	
4 blk bwf str	538@110.00		3 blk hfrs	475@94.50	
3 blk str	548@107.00		4 blk hfrs	413@94.00	
7 char x str	453@106.00		4 blk hfrs	427@93.25	
4 blk bwf str	483@105.50		18 blk bwf rwf hfrs	461@93.00	
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32 blk s&h 600-800 21 blk bwf hfrs 600-650 w&v
30 blk bwf s&h 600-700 130 mix str 700-850

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 - PRE-CONDITIONED SALE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010 - PRE-CONDITIONED SALE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 - PRE-CONDITIONED SALE

COW SALES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

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Receipts for the week totaled 455 cattle and 203 hogs. Butcher hog top on Monday was \$33.50

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3 mix, Lucas	633 @ 41.00	1 red, Geneseo	1405 @ 43.00
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22 mix, Portis	285 @ 32.50		
9 mix, Beloit	292 @ 32.20		
56 mix, Tescott	267 @ 32.15		
21 mix, Miltonvale	292 @ 32.00		
BULLS			
		1 red, Solomon	2265 @ 58.50
		1 red, McPherson	2070 @ 57.25
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		1 bwf, Durham	2225 @ 56.50
		1 blk, Gypsum	2010 @ 56.00
		1 blk, Hillsdale, OK	1925 @ 54.00
		1 blk, Inman	1800 @ 52.50
COWS			
1 blk, Abilene	1725 @ 44.00		
1 rwf, Marquette	1660 @ 43.50		
1 blk, Lindsborg	1600 @ 43.50		
1 blk, Beloit	1330 @ 43.25		

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

20 steers & heifers, 500 lbs.; 150 mostly black steers & heifers, 500-800 lbs.; 50 black steers & heifers, 500-650 lbs.; 25 black steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs.; 190 black steers, 900-1,050 lbs.; 20 black & Charolais cross steers & heifers, 300-500 lbs.; 40 black & red steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs.; 160 black steers & heifers, 450-650 lbs.; 60 black & Charolais cross steers, 850-875 lbs.

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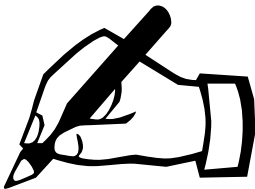
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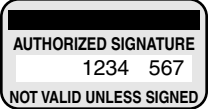
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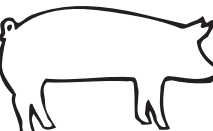
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Soundtrack for an empty land

I sometimes think as I drive the backroads of northeastern and northcentral Kansas that the empty countryside deserves its own musical soundtrack, something prescient and personal, able to enhance and deepen one's emotional state, to fit the mood exactly, without having to channel-surf or root through stuffed CD or cassette cases or, God forbid, to execute one's own improvisation of half-remembered stanzas, off-key choruses and not a few wordless riffs interspersed with la-de-dahs, dum-de-dums and other mindless repetitive utterances. In my case, this would be known as extempore horribilis. There are those who can sing like angels and those who can't carry a tune in a bucket, and I, unfortunately, fit in the latter category. I try not to sing around other people or fresh milk for fear of unintended, and often disastrous, consequences, which might be one reason I prefer my music either acoustic, classical or electronic. Not having lyrics to memorize (or mangle) lets me focus strictly on a tonal scale that can be altered or modified to suit conditions. Plus it's hard to screw up humming.

If I had my iPod on a recent backroads jaunt from Washington to Hanover, I might have put on something dark and foreboding to emphasize the low dark clouds and the stiff wind cutting down from the north. Any symphony by Beethoven would have been

equally appropriate, or maybe a little Wagner, or even something lighter with an expressive cello or piano. Since I'd left it at home, I turned the radio to NPR and listened to the latest news. Dire reports of bombings, economic collapse, bank failures and global warming were every bit as dark and foreboding as I'd wanted, only more so. I finally turned it off and drove in silence.

The object of my excursion was one of the original one-room schools. It's hard to believe that Washington County once had 146 such schools, the highest number of any county in the state. Most are still standing in one form or another though it's just a matter of time before neglect and the elements reduce them to rubble. Most were also simple structures framed in wood, iconic in shape. Charleston Center School was different: heavy limestone and brick walls, with rows of arched windows and a central arch spanning the front, it was a monument to education and a community's sense of itself. And, when I found it, mostly fallen down. My first thought was cello, definitely. A dirge, mournful and sad. The side road leading to the school was liquid muck, so I parked on the main road and walked in. I tried keeping out of the deepest mud but found it impossible. Leaving posthole impressions in my wake, I made my way up the shallow incline until I could cross the road into a grassy field. By then

my boots were three times their normal size.

Even in its dilapidated state the school was impressive. The east wall still stood, flanked by two red-brick pillars in front, with the intervening space filled with the remainder of the walls and ceiling. Some of it had burned as evidenced by charred beams. Mostly, it appeared to have imploded into a compact heap, the front archway falling inward as if it were the last to go. About half of its graceful length was still visible.

The wind moaned through the trees shadowing a small deep creek, plucking at my jacket with invisible fingers. As I moved around the building looking for the right angle for a photograph, a red-tailed hawk erupted from the ruin and flashed past in a long trajectory. It cried out in a shrill plaint of anger, its golden eyes boring into mine, and wheeling once and then twice around the school rose higher until it disappeared in the distance.

For a long moment I stood there with my heart hammering in my ribs, stunned at seeing the hawk at such close quarters. Its wild and untamed presence seemed the perfect match for the untamed land and the shattered walls. And that, I thought, was the best soundtrack to the great empty spaces: the cry of an angry raptor, the roar of wind through winter-bare trees. It doesn't get much more personal, or evocative, than that.

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FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — Jack Engel can tell you about the time he worked the land with a one-row cultivator and horses.

He can't quite remember how old he was — somewhere between 12 and 14 — but he still recalls the results.

"I cultivated all day, and I didn't accomplish very much," he said.

These days, Engel and his son, Jeff, use a 12-row planter on the family farm south of Fremont. They note such equipment isn't that big any more — not with the 48-row planters available now — and much has changed since the first of six generations of Engels began living on the farm.

The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce is recognizing the Jack and Jeff Engel families for exceptional leadership in farm management, crop production, farmstead appearance and community involvement. The Engels will receive the Farm Family Excellence Award during the chamber's annual award luncheon at Fremont Golf Club.

"I think it's quite an honor," said Jack Engel, now 79.

It also is part of a lengthy history for the Engel family.

Jack Engel's great-grandfather, Frederick, came from Germany and bought this farm in 1887.

"My grandfather (Herman) came over later and he was about 6 years old," Jack said.

Frederick, who had three sons and daughter,

purchased 400 acres of land. In 1913, Herman bought 142 acres of land from his father. Herman also built the house where Jack and his wife, JoAnn, live.

"This was a sunflower patch when my grandfather built (the house) — just great big, old, tall sunflowers," Jack said.

In 1927, Herman bought an additional 160 acres of land across from Platteville School. He also had more than one job during his lifetime. He was a schoolteacher and later a State Farm insurance agent for 50 years. He ran the Woodcliff Elevator.

Oh, and he did farm, but he had a hired man.

Jack's father, Alfred, farmed the land from 1925 to 1981.

When Jack was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1953, he began farming. Then, years later, when Alfred decided to retire, he moved into Fremont and Jack and JoAnn and their family moved out to the farm.

During his years of farming, Jack purchased 700 acres of land and he also farms 400 acres of rental ground.

His son, Jeff, graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and started farming; he also rents an additional 200 acres.

Jack and JoAnn continue to live on the family farmstead, while Jeff, his wife, Sue, and their children, Ryan and Megan, live just across the property line to the north.

The Engels have formed a corporation, JAE Farms

Inc. They raise corn, soybeans, alfalfa, wheat and grass hay.

"I have fed cattle and hogs, but not anymore," Jack said.

Jack — and even Jeff — have seen many changes in farming during their lives.

"It's gotten a lot more expensive and a lot more complicated," Jeff said. "There's a lot more economics and chemical knowledge involved."

Years ago, farmers cultivated their land more to control weeds that chemicals take care of now. Farmers don't waste fuel or risk the loss of soil moisture from such cultivation. Farmers practice conservation tillage.

The economy in the ag sector is based on a global market, whereas it didn't have as much affect many years ago.

Like other farmers, the Engels have seen a host of technological advancements. And they've encountered something else: "We have to coexist with housing developments. You have to be careful where you're spraying (chemicals) so you don't damage their properties," Jeff said.

One thing has remained consistent in farming, however: dependence on the weather.

In 2008, the Engels had a great crop. Then came the June 27 storm that wiped out 95 percent of it.

"With farming, you're putting your paycheck out in the field to weather all the elements and hopefully it will still be there at harvest time," Sue Engel said.

Website gives consumers a inside look at the transformation of wheat to food

If you've ever wondered how wheat gets from those Kansas farm fields to your dining room, a new, online program is for you. The Wheat Foods Council has launched, "How Wheat Works," a multimedia program that aims to educate users about the wheat growing process and wheat products' nutritional value.

Available at www.howwheatworks.com, the tool allows participants of all ages to virtually grow, harvest and mill their own kernels to create their desired wheat food.

Each of the program's

four phases — growth, harvest, milling/baking and the grocer's aisle — takes just a few minutes to complete, while the program spans the course of four days. Interactive opportunities include the selection of the type of wheat to be grown and wheat flour to be milled, based on the participant's preferred wheat food creation.

"How Wheat Works is an exciting educational opportunity to take wheat kernels from farm to fork in a virtual world, while providing wheat flour, which holds endless meal possibilities, for needy

U.S. troops and their families," said Carol Pratt, M.S., R.D., Wheat Foods Council nutrition expert. "This unique mixture of subjects like agriculture, milling, baking and nutrition allows people to better understand wheat's role in a healthy diet."

The program itself incorporates 3-D animation, still photography, video and factual information to chronicle wheat's path from field to table. The end of each phase includes activity suggestions that will help participants extend the learning experience by preparing

wheat-based recipes, exploring wheat grown in their area and viewing harvest videos from America's Heartland, a public TV show about American agriculture.

Cindy Falk, nutrition educator at Kansas Wheat, says the How Wheat Works Web site is informative, fun and interactive.

"Visitors are invited to step into the shoes of producers, millers, bakers and manufacturers and take virtual wheat from kernel to market during their four-day experience. The combination of computer graphics, still photography and video packs a lot of information in a condensed amount of time.

What's more, completing the four-segment program results in a good thing for our military families," Falk says.

For each participant who completes a quiz at the end of the program, the Council and their members will donate two pounds of flour to Operation Homefront.

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45	BLK STRS/HFRS	550-750#	WV
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Tucker Michaelis was enjoying an outing to the bull pen at the recent Moser Ranch Bull sale, although he was keeping dad Rex close at hand.



Mayetta ranchers Pat and Miles Winter looked over the bull offering at the Moser Ranch Production sale held mid-November at the ranch near Wheaton.

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Governors of 16 states, including Kansas, declare Nov. 20 as “Thank A Farmer” Day

In recognition of the 22 million Americans who work on farms or in farm-related jobs, a number of government officials and ag secretaries have issued a proclamation declaring Nov. 20, 2009, “Thank your Farmers and Ranchers” day in their respective states. This came as a result of beef checkoff and state beef council efforts around the “Give Thanks” campaign. Kansas was included in this list.

Other states taking part in the national campaign included Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

“The Colorado Beef Council has sincere appreciation for the checkoff-funded ‘Give Thanks’ campaign

and we are very proud to be one of the states declaring this day as ‘Thank a Farmer’ day,” says Fred Lombardi, Colorado Beef Council executive director. “It has really brought a heightened sense of awareness in consumers and activated beef producers throughout Colorado. We’re thankful for their dedication to the beef industry EVERY day.”

These state officials noted that the holiday season is a good time to remember that America’s agricultural sector works to provide consumers with safe, wholesome and affordable foods that nourish bodies and create the centerpieces for our traditional family gatherings and celebrations. In fact, the average U.S. farmer now feeds 144 people a day, in the United States and abroad, compared to 46 people in 1960. And, many consumers aren’t

aware of where their food comes from, since the average American is now three generations removed from farming as a livelihood.

“Farmers and ranchers not only provide the food we eat, but also help sustain rural communities, preserve open space and wildlife habitat, and protect the environment,” said North Dakota Stockmen’s Association (NDSA) President Jack Reich, a Zap, N.D., rancher.

In the national blitz, a few other farm facts were shared with the consuming public.

U.S. consumers spend about 10 percent of their disposable income on food, compared to 22 percent in the United Kingdom, 26 percent in Japan and 28

percent in South Africa.

Farmers and ranchers provide food and habitat for 75 percent of the nation’s wildlife.

The U.S. beef industry is comprised of 1 million beef and dairy producers, 75 percent of whom work on operations that have been in the family for at least two generations.

The average U.S. farm is 441 acres; 99 percent are classified as family operations. About 41 percent of total U.S. land area is farm land.

85 percent of U.S. grazing lands are unsuitable for crops; grazing animals on this land more than doubles the land that can be used to raise other foods.

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Market Report November 25, 2009			
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395 lbs.	\$115.00	418 lbs.	\$95.00
348 lbs.	\$110.00	484 lbs.	\$92.00
435 lbs.	\$107.00	509 lbs.	\$85.00
483 lbs.	\$101.50	595 lbs.	\$86.25
533 lbs.	\$101.00	669 lbs.	\$86.00
577 lbs.	\$99.50	711 lbs.	\$85.85
615 lbs.	\$95.00	780 lbs.	\$85.50
676 lbs.	\$94.25	889 lbs.	\$85.00
725 lbs.	\$91.00	SLAUGHTER COWS	
760 lbs.	\$93.00	\$25.00-\$48.00	
809 lbs.	\$87.75	SLAUGHTER BULLS	
871 lbs.	\$87.25	\$46.50-\$55.00	
HEIFERS			
346 lbs.	\$96.25	3-5 yr. pairs \$1,360.00	
397 lbs.	\$95.00	7-8 yr. pairs \$1,100.00	

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40 Angus steers & heifers, 650-850.....John Pagel

30 black cross steers & heifers, 600-750Bob Bennett

30 Angus cross steers & heifers, 600-750....Loyolla Seth

8 black cross steers & heifers, 700-800Jim Cooper

30 Angus steers, 650-750Stone Valley Ranch

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7 blk	502	4 blk	480
8 mix	607	5 blk	525
38 blk	716	26 blk	600
		15 blk	862

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

60 black cross cows, 7-broken mouth, spring bred Angus bulls; 60 black cross steers & heifers, 500-650 lbs.; 15 crossbred steers, 650-750 lbs., weaned & vac.; 69 black steers, 675-775 lbs., weaned & vac.; 50 black cross heifers, 500-650 lbs., weaned & vac.; 15 Char/Angus cross steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs., pre-vac.; 10 black steers, 850-900 lbs.

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SPECIAL COW SALE DEC. 14, MON. EVENING START 6:00 PM

30 blk & bwf cows, 4-6 yrs. w/fall calves, calves been weaned, running with bull; 60 blk cows, 4-7 yrs., spring bred to Angus & Hereford bulls; 60 blk cows, 4-6 years, spring bred to blk bulls; 70 blk cross cows, 4-7 years, spring bred to Angus bulls; 27 blk & red Angus cows, 7-8 years, spring bred to blk Angus bulls.

DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 & 29 - REG. TUESDAY CATTLE SALE

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Ag profit conferences planned for 11 Kansas locations

Kansas State University Research and Extension will host 11 K-State Ag Profitability conferences beginning in early December. Conference speakers and topics vary slightly from one location to the next, but all are focused on helping Kansas agricultural producers improve their financial situation, said Gary Kramer, agricultural and natural resources agent for Sedgwick County. The Sedgwick County Extension office will kick off the series of conferences on Dec. 8 with keynote speaker Michael Scuse, U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Speakers at some locations will include industry and Kansas Farm Bureau economists, as well as K-State Research and Extension specialists in various aspects of agricultural economics.

Some of the topics at the conferences include Grain Market Situation and Outlook; Managing Livestock and Price Risk; Strategic Marketing in a Post Bail-Out World; Farm Financial Performance; Intro to Farm Transitions Planning; Cap and Trade — Bad for Agriculture?; Risk Analysis of Converting CRP; Feasibility of Biomass Crops; ACRE, SURE and Crop Insurance; and The Macro-

economy in the USA.

Locations and dates for the 2009-2010 Ag Profitability Conferences include:

Wichita - Dec. 8, 4-H Hall, 7001 W. 21st St. N..

LaCrosse, Dec. 9, City Auditorium, 417 Main St.

Hesston, Dec. 16, AGCO, 420 W. Lincoln Blvd.

Marysville, Jan. 25, Marshall Co. Extension office, 1201 Broadway.

Dodge City, Jan. 26, Ford County Fair Building, 901 West Park St..

Smith Center, Feb. 2, St. Mary's Catholic Parish Hall, 403 W. Highway 36.

Colby, Feb. 3, Sunflower Extension District No. 6 office.

Hiawatha, Feb. 11, Fisher Community Center, 201 E. Iowa St.

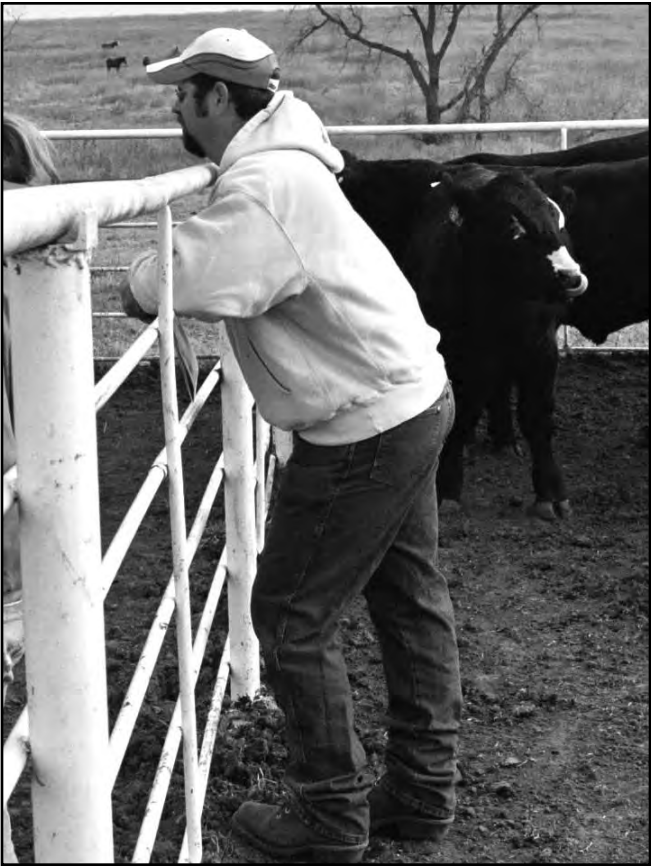
Salina, Feb. 18, 4-H Building, Kenwood Park Drive.

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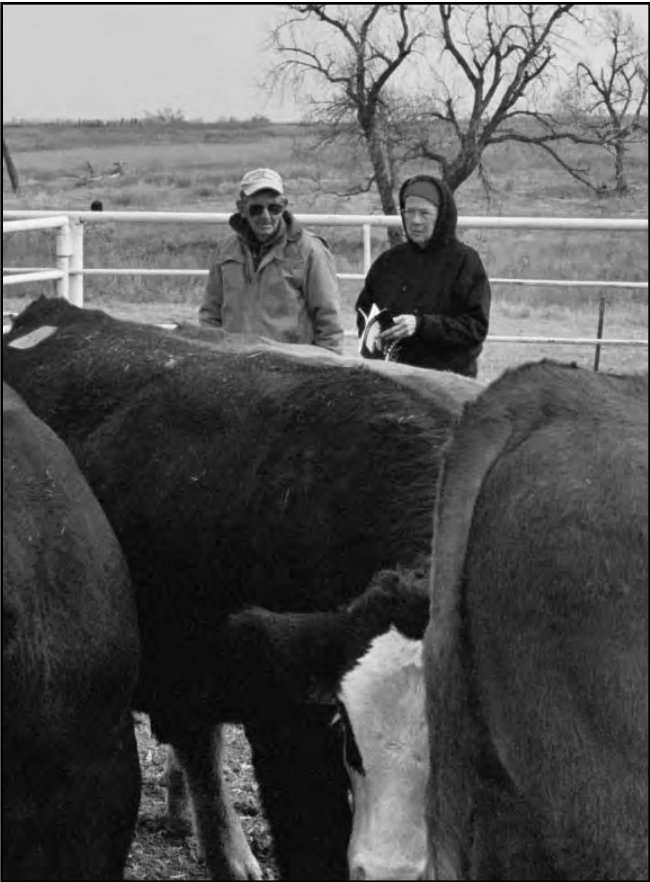
Eureka, Feb. 24, Matt Samuels Community Building, N. Jefferson and River St.

A small registration fee may be charged for lunch and materials, depending on location.

More information about the K-State Ag Profitability Conferences is available by contacting a local county or district K-State Research and Extension office or at http://www.agmanager.info/events/ag_profitability/2010.



Moser Ranch had wonderful weather to hold their annual production sale. Jason Ripa of Wilber, Neb. enjoyed leaning on the fence, evaluating the offering.



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800 lbs. - 899 lbs.		67.25-72.00
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By Gregg Eyestone

Plant decorations for the holiday season

Evergreen trees, poinsettias, holly, live wreaths, Amaryllis and more are commonly used holiday season decorations. Some of these are temporary uses and others may be kept alive for future enjoyment. Proper care will get the best use out of them. When selecting a tree for indoors, it must be fresh. The needles should bend when tested. If they should snap or break, no amount of care will bring it back to usefulness. Keep looking. A woody stem cut from its root system will need to be kept under water. This is no different than cut flowers. Those first few days, the stem will take up lots of water. Over time the rate slows down. This indicates the plugging of the water conducting tissues. Unlike cut flowers, no additives are used to slow the clogging of the tissues. The cut end can be recut to open the tissues but it is difficult with ornaments on the tree.

Greenery will add to the holiday decoration choices. It should be as fresh as possible. It won't be absorbing any more water. For these, we want to trap the moisture in the plant. There are products that can be applied to the plant material to slow down the moisture loss. Read and follow label directions on any of these products.

Poinsettias, Amaryllis, holiday cactus and other plants will need to be watered as needed. Check them regularly. Be cautious and don't overwater. Poinsettias like a constant moist media. Other plants like it drier. Picking up the pot gives a good indication on the amount of moisture in the soil. If it is easy to pick up, water. When the pot is heavy, skip a watering. Always water until excess comes out of the bottom of the container. Discard the excess water.

Keeping these decorations away from the heater vent or active fireplace is suggested. The drying air is not helpful. When the best site for the decorations is near them, a deflector to direct the air away from the decorations is recommended.

With a little attention, our holiday greens will stay that way and be enjoyable this holiday season. You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the K-State Research and Extension website at www.ksre.ksu.edu. And you contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.

Online course to focus on farm-family investing

A secure future, a farm for future generations. It's everything a farm family wants. "You can learn to secure your farm's future and protect your family's legacy by enrolling now in an online course just for farm families," said Barbara O'Neill, Extension specialist in Financial Resource Management at Rutgers Cooperative Extension. "Investing for Farm Families provides the information you need to make strategic decisions while weaving together farm and personal investments." The eight-lesson course helps farm families plan for a financially stable future that meets their long-term needs. Developed by a team of Extension educators from several states, farm families can work at their own pace while taking the course.

"You can learn to increase your future financial security, identify investment strategies, know asset allocation basics, evaluate investment production alternatives to agriculture business risks, and invest for retirement and farm succession planning," O'Neill said. She noted that farm families have unique investing needs, which the course addresses. Surveys and focus groups with farmers provided the course de-

velopers with insights about farmers' investment concerns and learning preferences.

Tim Eggers, Extension agricultural economist with Iowa State University said he and others affiliated with Annie's Project have encouraged farmers to enroll in the course. Annie's Project is an educational program offered in 20 states and dedicated to strengthening women's roles in the modern farm enterprise. "The primary benefit of the course is the thoughtful analysis of how on- and off-farm investments can be balanced based on the participant's unique situation," Eggers said. "Farm and ranch families tend to be more comfortable with the investments they can see and use. Investing for Farm Families can help farmers to diversify their investments."

O'Neill and Eggers along with several Extension staff from around the nation developed the course through the Online Investment Education (OIE) project, which was created to reach farm families nationwide with investment information relevant to their needs. It was funded with a two-year grant to the eXtension Foundation from the Financial Industry Regulatory

Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation. More information about the course, including enrollment, is available at www.extension.org/pages/InvestingforFarmFamilies.

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give investors the tools and information they need to better understand the markets and the basic principles of saving and investing. Details about grant programs and other new initiatives of the Foundation are available at www.finrafoundation.org.

eXtension is an educational partnership of more than 70 land-grant universities helping Americans improve their lives with access to timely, objective, research-based information and educational opportunities. eXtension's interactive Web site is customized with links to local Cooperative Extension sites. Land-grant universities were founded on the ideals that higher education should be accessible to all, that universities should teach liberal and practical subjects and share knowledge with people throughout their states.

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We sold 1466 head of cattle November 24. There was good demand for steer and heifer calves at steady prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold on a steady market. Cows and bulls were \$1.00-2.00 higher.

STEER & BULL CALVES	62 mix str	911 @ 88.85	1 blk hfr	718 @ 82.50	1 blk cow	1225 @ 35.25	
1 blk str	345 @ 119.00	17 blk str	749 @ 88.75	3 blk hfr	730 @ 82.50	1 x-bred cow	1155 @ 35.00
9 blk bulls	344 @ 118.00	5 blk str	744 @ 88.25	3 bwf/blk hfr	683 @ 82.00	1 jers cow	960 @ 34.50
1 bwf bull	325 @ 117.00	4 bwf/blk str	809 @ 87.50	15 mix hfr	618 @ 80.00	1 blk cow	1095 @ 33.50
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2 blk str	488 @ 114.00	4 blk/red str	991 @ 87.00			1 blk cow	1250 @ 32.00
1 bwf str	500 @ 112.00			COWS & HEIFERETTES			
24 bwf/blk str	522 @ 111.75			1 blk hfr	915 @ 79.50	BRED COWS	
1 bwf str	380 @ 111.00	HEIFER CALVES		1 blk hfr	1055 @ 78.50	1 blk cow	@ 775.00
3 bwf/blk str	492 @ 109.50	9 blk/char hfr	407 @ 98.50	1 blk hfr	790 @ 75.00	1 blk cow	@ 750.00
2 blk str	530 @ 106.50	10 blk hfr	386 @ 98.00	1 blk hfr	1150 @ 72.00	1 wf cow	@ 650.00
4 blk str	523 @ 106.00	5 blk hfr	442 @ 98.00	1 blk hfr	1150 @ 72.00	1 blk cow	@ 600.00
6 bwf/blk bulls	542 @ 95.50	3 blk hfr	467 @ 96.00	1 char cow	1978 @ 48.00	1 blk cow	@ 585.00
		2 blk hfr	468 @ 95.50	1 limo cow	1775 @ 43.50	1 blk cow	@ 475.00
		12 blk hfr	475 @ 95.50	1 char cow	1405 @ 43.25	1 blk cow	@ 450.00
		1 blk hfr	440 @ 94.00	1 bwf cow	1665 @ 43.00	1 bwf cow	@ 440.00
		20 bwf/blk hfr	511 @ 92.75	1 sim cow	1110 @ 42.25	1 blk cow	@ 435.00
		6 blk hfr	506 @ 92.00	1 blk cow	1120 @ 42.00	1 blk cow	@ 420.00
		2 blk hfr	413 @ 91.00	1 blk cow	1245 @ 41.75	COW/CALF PAIRS	
		4 blk hfr	544 @ 90.75	1 sim cow	1285 @ 41.50	1 limo cow/cf	@ 970.00
		13 blk hfr	505 @ 90.25	1 limo cow	1370 @ 41.00	2 blk/bwf cows/cvs	@ 820.00
		7 blk hfr	518 @ 90.00	1 red cow	1445 @ 40.75	1 x-bred cow/cf	@ 550.00
		15 blk hfr	541 @ 90.00	1 bwf cow	1780 @ 40.25		
		2 blk hfr	528 @ 88.00	1 blk cow	1535 @ 40.00	BULLS	
		3 x-bred hfr	493 @ 85.00	1 x-bred cow	1485 @ 39.75	1 blk bull	@ 740.00
				1 bwf cow	1195 @ 39.00	1 limo bull	2320 @ 58.25
				1 char cow	1340 @ 38.75	1 blk bull	2195 @ 56.00
				1 sim cow	1325 @ 38.25	1 blk bull	1615 @ 55.25
				1 bwf cow	1520 @ 38.00	1 blk bull	2115 @ 55.00
				1 wf cow	1135 @ 37.75	1 blk bull	2005 @ 52.00
				1 hol cow	1390 @ 37.25	1 blk bull	1820 @ 48.00
				1 bwf cow	1630 @ 37.00	1 x-bred bull	1505 @ 47.50
				1 blk cow	1165 @ 36.50	1 blk bull	1960 @ 47.00
				1 red cow	1165 @ 36.00	1 blk bull	1585 @ 46.00
				1 blk cow	1440 @ 35.50	1 blk bull	1350 @ 40.00

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
20 blk & bwf steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs., weaned & vaccinated
20 blk heifers, 550-650 lbs., weaned & vaccinated
50 Angus/Sim cross steers & heifers, 500-650 lbs., weaned & vaccinated
35 blk & bwf steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs., weaned & vaccinated
26 blk steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs., weaned & vaccinated
60 Lim cross steers & heifers, 400-500 lbs.
200 Angus steers, 900-950 lbs.
58 blk & bwf steers, 900-925 lbs.
120 blk cross steers, 825-850 lbs.
64 blk & bwf steers, 825-850 lbs.
120 blk cross steers, 900-925 lbs.
61 blk cross steers, 900-925 lbs.
More consignments by sale time.

SPECIAL STOCK COW & BREEDING BULL SALE, DECEMBER 10
26 Angus cows, 3 years-short & solid, bred Angus bulls
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20 mixed cows, 5 years to short & solid, with calves
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