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Producers hear of new technologies, how to calculate their feasibility and affordability



A shuttle took attendees to a field farmed by Roger Brining, center, of Great Bend, for a demonstration of Veris Technologies' Organic Matter Sensors. The field had just come out of alfalfa and was in no-till wheat this year. The technology is used to fine-tune soil management zones.

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Precision agriculture was front and center on a scorching August day, when the Kansas Agricultural Research Association and K-State Research and Extension teamed up to present their Ag Technology Field

Day last Tuesday in Great Bend. With precision agriculture technologies playing an increasing role in crop production, organizers believe it is important for producers to understand their potential benefit. They brought together numerous

exhibitors to display their wares, and workshops allowed attendees to actually get their hands on some of the products for live demonstrations.

The day began with a presentation by KSU's Elaine Edwards, Agricul-



SST Customer Service Representative Colt Silvers assists Margaret Scheluffer, Sterling, and Blaine Stucky, Moundridge, during a data management demonstration.

ture.com's Jeff Caldwell and a panel of farmers who discussed the value of social networking for agriculture.

After lunch KSU's Kevin Dhuyvetter and Craig Smith demonstrated the KSU Profit Calculator, a

resource that is available to producers to help determine the profitability of various scenarios on their farms.

Bob Wolf concluded with a presentation on calibration as well as regulation and drift technology.

"The feedback I got from those in attendance was very positive," Wolf said of the day. "People were particularly impressed with the knowledge of the exhibitors in their booths. The Ride and Drive was very popular, as well."

Market volatility, wide basis discussed at National Farmers Organization annual meeting in Fall River

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Wheat was up sixty cents on Thursday, August 5 as the Kansas chapter of the National Farmers Organization gathered for their annual meeting at Flint Oak near Fall River; a fact that their speaker, Pete Lorenz, used to illustrate the volatility of the wheat market and the forces that cause it to be that way. Lorenz, who has marketed grain for Kansas NFO members for the past thirty-four

years, explained that a drought and wildfires in Russia had prompted officials there to suspend export sales from mid-August to mid-December. The following Monday wheat futures continued to rise as it was es-

timated that the drought could reduce Russia's grain output to 60 to 65 million metric tons, giving U.S. wheat exports the opportunity to rise 16% to 1 billion bushels in the year that began June 1, according to a

report in Bloomberg Businessweek.

As Lorenz works with producers to get the best possible price for their grain, he sees some problems with the current system that need to be addressed. "The system is

broke," he asserted, referring to the open outcry markets of the Chicago and Kansas City Boards of Trade. "Chicago and Kansas City are no longer price discovery mechanisms. As an organization we need to encourage the CFTC (Commodity Futures Trading Commission) to make rules that make it easier for a farmer to deliver to a futures contract."

With that in mind, Steve Clanton of Minneapolis, an NFO member who also serves on both the wheat and soybean commissions, drafted a resolution for the membership to adopt. The resolution read, "To get wheat contracts and cash prices to converge, deliveries of wheat made to be easier to fill contracts, and to keep futures contracts as a market discovery tool."

A historically wide basis — the spread between futures and cash values — has existed in the wheat market for several months. Lorenz says that trading by the index funds in the futures markets has caused the volatility that has in turn precipitated the wide basis. He says there are approximately 40,000 index funds that control trillions of dollars, and four out of five of them

trade long. "Don't get me wrong," he said. "The index funds have also done us a lot of good over the years, but they are why we have the volatility in the markets."

"All spring and early summer I heard about this mountain of wheat we were going to have — a billion bushels — and how it was going to ruin the market. Until the early 1980s, when wheat in storage fell below a billion bushels, we had an embargo. The amount of wheat we were going to have on hand this year was not unmanageable. I don't believe that it warranted the low prices we saw at harvest."

"We're in a market now where we need to be honest. Stay in the market when it's going up," Lorenz advised, using a "Greed-Hope-Fear" graphic to illustrate the reluctance of some producers to sell while the market is rising, then wishing they had when it starts to drop.

He believes that by working together, farmers can influence and affect what happens to them. "There is nothing more right than you as a businessman putting a price on what leaves your farm," he said. "That's what this is all about."



Pete Lorenz outlines some of the reasons for current market volatility for National Farmer's Organization members at their annual meeting.

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Guest Editorial

By Jody Donohue

There's a new cash crop that's good for the environment. If you aren't confused enough by the food pyramid, the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) wants you to eat more of a new food source, bugs. Trade in your burgers and fries for beetles and fries. Forget nachos. Instead you could be eating grasshoppers and salsa. How about a meal of mealworms? Or some slug soup with caterpillars for a

garnish. Yummy!

Yes, the FAO is saying that we should switch from eating meat to eating bugs to better use our natural resources. There is a policy paper drafted by a Belgian entomologist that is under consideration.

Less land for livestock means more room for crops and somehow that means fewer greenhouse gases. Apparently insects are more "metabolically efficient" which makes them cheaper to raise. And be-

cause they are more genetically different from us, insects aren't subject to contagious disease transmission like livestock are. No Mad Moth syndrome would lurk in the future. They're high in protein and calcium. They're low in fat and — I assume — high in fiber. Plus, just think of the variety. You could go almost three years and never eat the same bug twice. Makes you wonder why we haven't been eating the crunchy critters all along. If you've ever watched the Food Network, you know there are places in the world where entomophagy — bug eating — is done. You can even

learn about incorporating bugs in your diet at www.bugsandbeasts.com.

That site is based on an essay dating back to 1885. In fact, bug farming is already common in other parts of the world. The U.N. has started a locust farming pilot in Laos. Some 15,000 household farmers reportedly raise locusts in Thailand. Instead of counting cows, your banker could be counting ants? It could happen if the U.N. has its way. But don't sell your combine yet. We wouldn't be forced to trade calf fries for sawflies any time soon. The proposal suggests raising insects to feed livestock and then phasing it into the human diet more directly later.

Eventually they'll grind the bugs up and press them into patties to trick us into eating them. Not to mention the economy will have to get a lot worse before most of us would ever consider eating bugs. But if it eventually comes to pass, I wonder how the animal rights activists will try to restrict confined insect feeding operations?

Donohue writes on the activists trying to put farmers and ranchers out of business at www.agropinion.com

Prairie Ponderings

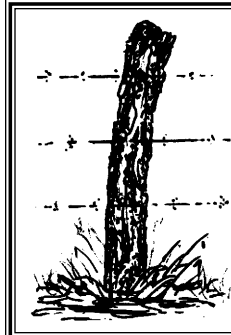
By Donna Sullivan

I was out and about a bit in the past week. Last Thursday took me to Fall River for the NFO annual meeting, then Tuesday saw me on the road to Great Bend for the KARA Ag Technology Field Day. I greatly enjoy the opportunity to meet and visit with ag producers — you're just good people. I'm always impressed with your ability to take what life throws at you and keep on doing what you do best — feeding the world. It's unfortunate that you are generally taken so for granted. I'm sure you rarely cross people's mind as they fill their grocery carts with safe, affordable food. Then, of course, you are sometimes maligned by groups who would love nothing more than to see your way of life abolished. But that doesn't stop you — you just keep on producing food and fiber and turn the other cheek.

Much has been said in recent years about the importance of producers telling their story in an effort to counteract some of the misinformation that runs rampant through various forms of media, from YouTube to the nightly news. When you think of telling your story, do your palms get sweaty and your knees get weak? Do you picture a microphone stuck in your face and a reporter firing questions at you at the speed of light? Is your first thought, "I'm no writer or speech-maker? Who wants to hear what I have to say, anyway?" I hear that reasoning often. But I encourage you to put those fears aside and approach it from an angle you are comfortable with. Demonstrating your way of life and shedding light on the importance of what you do doesn't have to involve speaking in front of large crowds or engaging in a huge media blitz. It can be as simple as inviting a young family over for dinner and a day on the farm. Show

them how you care for your land and your livestock. Believe me, your story won't conclude at the end of your driveway; they will take it with them when they leave.

One of the characteristics of rural people that make you so endearing is also one of the ones that make it hard to spread your message — humility. Tooting your own horn just doesn't appeal to you very much. But there's a world out there that needs to hear that message. Someone is going to tell your story and it might as well be someone who knows what they're talking about and has a vested interest in making sure it's done right. That's you. And it's me, and your neighbor down the road, your kids and your grandkids. We all have a responsibility to share the story of agriculture with a world that is hungry — not just for the food we produce, but also hungry for the truth about how it's done.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator
Cowboy Ethics

A friend sent me a book entitled *Cowboy Ethics* by James P. Owen, a 40-year Wall Street veteran. Once I opened its pages, I couldn't put it down until I had reached the end. I just had to read the next short chapter and enjoy the stunning photography. The book is loaded with pictures of the working cowboy from all around the western states. The renowned photographer is David Stoecklein of Ketchum, Idaho.

The book confirmed what I already knew about cowboys but also increased my awareness that they are a unique and rare breed of men. They are just drawn to grass and cattle. Many a cowboy has ridden over our ranch to gather the cows and calves and then work them by dragging them to the branding fire.

The author is saying that Wall Street, and I would include all businesses of any kind as well as the government and the military, would be more effective in a positive way if they would adopt the cowboy's ethics. I do not know their genesis, but they probably date back to the days of open range. I just know they exist and they are universal among cowboys. Known as the Code of the West, it is what worked and was sustainable.

Mr. Owen included ten statements in this Code of the West, which I will mention. First, however, I will describe how real cowboys dress. Invariably, they all wear boots and a western hat, never a baseball cap. Their shirt is often a colorful plaid or stripe but always has long sleeves, even in 100-degree temperatures. They wear jeans that touch the floor when their boots are off. You may see a barbed wire snag but never holes with the knees sticking out. A kerchief is often worn around the neck. All these items of clothing have a specific function such as the big hat not only is protection from the weather but can be used to water one's horse. The kerchief can be pulled up over the nose to prevent one from breathing too much dust and can surely feel good around the neck on cold mornings. The long-sleeved shirt helps prevent sunburn and along with the denim jeans provides some protection from rope burns and bruises. Seldom does the cowboy carry a sheathed pair of pliers. Those are for dirt farmers.

I believe Clint Eastwood describes the real cowboy very well when he says, "Working cowboys are the embodiment of the true American spirit. They live a rugged, clean life, a difficult yet simple life."*

These are ten principles listed by the author as the Code of the West:

1. Live each day with courage
2. Take pride in your work
3. Always finish what you start
4. Do what has to be done
5. Be tough but fair
6. When you make a promise, keep it
7. Ride for the brand
8. Talk less and say more
9. Remember that some things are not for sale
10. Know where to draw the line*

One could perhaps write a book on each of these principles. The real cowboys — not the rhinestone or would-be ones — pretty much live up to this code. If you study it, I think you will agree that all segments of our world would be better off if they were to live by it.

In my columns, I have been quite transparent as to what I believe and what I am like. How do I see myself in regard to being a real cowboy? I would have liked being a true working cowboy, but I was not given this aptitude. Some riders sit a horse as if they were a part of the horse. They are in perfect rhythm with the horse's movements. That is not me, however; I bounce around too much and the rope has often made me look inept. I have owned several horses and in my younger days, broke two of them, not to perfection by any means. I have fallen from a horse several times when there was no real reason to fall off. I am simply not a great horseman; that has not been my strength.

Consequently, I spent 36 years behind a teacher's desk and two in the army. That is where my gift or talent was strong. However, the last 20 years, since retirement from teaching, have been spent on this ranch, which is a gift I have enjoyed immensely.

Next week I will discuss my observations concerning the Code of the West as practiced by true cowboys that I have been fortunate to have known. It might help us to develop such a code within us. People of this nation need to learn it and abide by it.

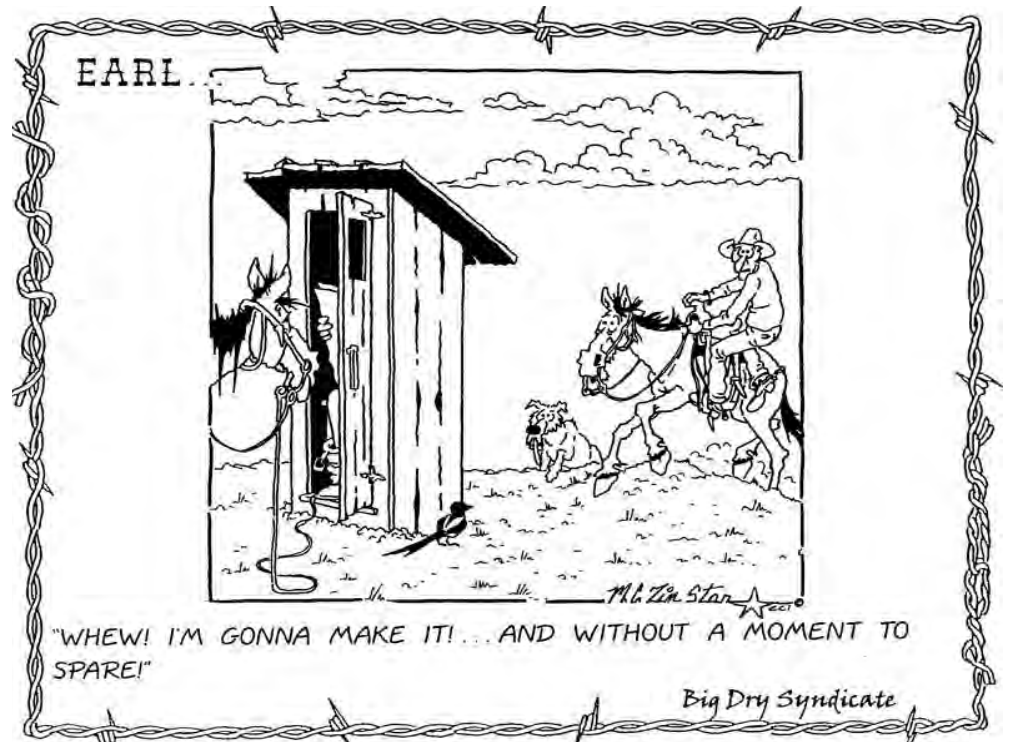
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Cowley County ranch to host KLA/K-State Ranch Field Day

Meldrum Ranch will open its gates August 19 for the first Kansas Livestock Association (KLA)/Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Day of 2010. The ranch, located east of Dexter in eastern Cowley County, is owned and operated by the J.J. Gilliland family.

The original Meldrum Ranch was owned by J.J. Wilson in the early 1900s, and inherited by his nephews, Mike and Brady Meldrum. Today the ranch is owned by Gilliland of Leon, a nephew to the Meldrum brothers, and revolves around a commercial cow-calf herd and custom grazing business. Gilliland's stepsons, Shane and Scott Tracy, are responsible for the day-to-day management of the ranch.

A session on potential changes to the state regulation regarding prescribed burning in the Flint Hills will highlight the field day program. Smoke from prescribed burning in the Flint Hills, in recent years, has been credited for air quality violations for population centers such as Kansas City and Wichita. This has led the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request Kansas adopt a "smoke management plan." Kay Johnson, Wichita's manager of environmental initiatives, will explain how smoke from the Flint Hills occasionally can impact the EPA's regulation of Wichita businesses. KLA senior vice president Mike Beam will provide an up-

date on the state's current efforts to craft new burning regulations.

Kansas livestock commissioner Bill Brown will give a report on the status of new state trichomoniasis regulations and provide an update on the new direction for an animal traceback system. Trichomoniasis is an infection that causes reproductive and fertility problems in cow herds. This disease is becoming more prevalent in the state and the Kansas Animal Health Department is developing new regulations to assure bulls imported to Kansas are trichomoniasis free. During his presentation, Brown also will discuss his vision for a new traceability program in Kansas. Earlier this year, USDA announced it was abandoning the agency's animal identification program and challenged states to develop a new, flexible animal disease traceability framework.

Another educational session will focus on utilizing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for grazing land improvement. Managing and conserving the grassland resources on the Meldrum Ranch has long been a priority of the Gilliland family. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Barry Barber will discuss the challenges of controlling invasive species and explain the multi-year strategies being used to manage brush, tree and sericea les-

pedeza invasions on the ranch.

Determining the stocking rate of a native grass pasture is one of the basic, but most important, management decisions facing ranchers. Attendees will hear from NRCS range management specialist Dusty Tacha about what factors to consider when calculating stocking rates and how each can be applied on a pasture-by-pasture basis.

The Dexter field day will begin with registration at 3:30 p.m. and conclude with a free beef dinner at 7:00 p.m. All livestock producers and others involved in the business are invited to attend.

The Meldrum Ranch is located on 291 Road. From Dexter, go east 4 miles on County 14 Road. At the intersection of 14 Road and 291 Road, go south 2 miles on 291 Road to the ranch headquarters. From the intersection of Highway 166 and 291 Road, west of Cedar Vale, go 2 miles north on 291 Road. Directional signs will be posted.

KLA and K-State also will host a ranch management field day August 25 at Silkville Ranch near Williamsburg. Unique aspects of that ranch will be incorporated into the educational sessions. A third field day will be held in the fall.

Bayer Animal Health and the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas are sponsoring each event. For more information, go to www.kla.org or call the KLA office at (785) 273-5115.

Grandin receives Lifetime Achievement Award

NCBA awarded Temple Grandin its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award on July 31, 2010, at the Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver, Colo. Grandin is a world-renowned designer of livestock handling facilities; a professor of animal science at Colorado State University; and one of the world's highest functioning autistics. The HBO production on Grandin's life afforded her the opportunity to make many appearances in Hollywood. She said the public's curiosity about livestock handling is an opportunity for ranchers to tell their story.

"Through my public appearances for this movie, I have been in Hollywood on several occasions. You

would be surprised how interested people are in what ranchers do and how they handle and take care of their animals," she told attendees of the award presentation. "This tells me we need to do a better job communicating to the public about how we take care of and manage our livestock."

Tom Field, NCBA executive director of producer education, said Grandin has revolutionized the way U.S. cattle producers handle livestock.

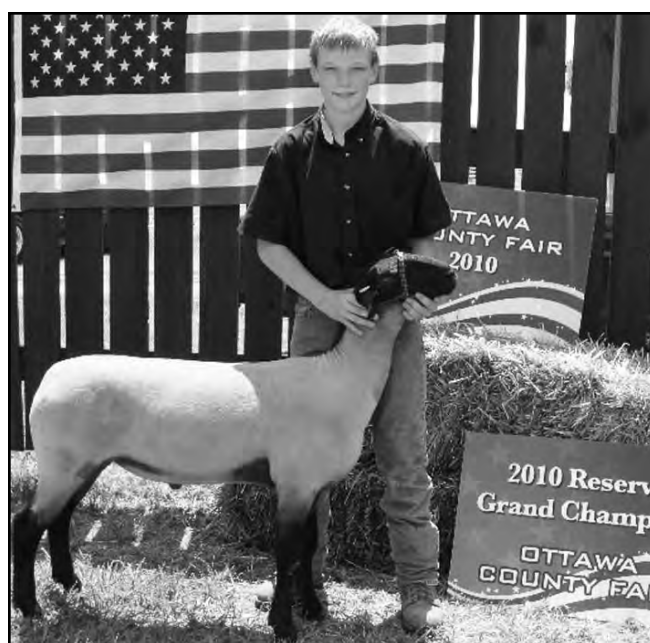
"Temple reminds us that the American dream is still alive," said Field. "She has reminded the world that one person really can make a difference. Beyond this industry, she has given renewed hope to autistics around the globe."

KCA Risk Management Seminar to be held in Emporia

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association will be hosting a Risk Management Seminar in Emporia on August 20, at the Best Western, 3021 W. U.S. Hwy. 50. Flint Hills Commodities Broker John Wernli will be discussing what opportunities are available for farmers and ranchers to manage their financial risk in their operations.

Whether a person is a cow/calf producer or even has interest in feeding cattle, information and resources will be available. "If cattlemen are in the area for the Flint Hills Beef Fest, this is a great opportunity to fill the day. They can just hop over to the Best Western and find out what opportunities are out there. There are a lot of cow/calf producers in the area. However, if someone wants to know about feeding cattle, we will have the information as to what is available as well," stated Brandy Carter, KCA executive director.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required but welcomed by calling the Kansas Cattlemen's Association at 785-238-1483.



Ottawa County Fair's reserve grand champion market lamb went to Kyle Comstock. Diedrick Farms, Inc. purchased the premium for \$550.

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Fred Engler, El Dorado, Wins Weekly Grass & Grain Recipe Contest & Prize

Winner Fred Engler, El Dorado: "Other than finding a way to pit the plums, this is not as difficult to make as it looks. Produces a dessert that is sweet and tart combined. Can be doubled for a 9-by-13-inch pan."

SAND HILL PLUM CUSTARD TORTE

Crust:
 1 cup flour
 5 tablespoons powdered sugar
 1/2 cup butter or butter-flavored shortening (cold)
 Grease a 9-by-9-inch pan. Sift flour and powdered sugar together and cut in butter or shortening (should be very cold). Pat mixture into pan lightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until light brown.

Filling:
 1 cup sugar
 1/4 cup flour
 1/2 cup whipping cream
 2 eggs, beaten
 2 1/2 cups pitted Sand Hill plums, pitted with an olive pitter (may have to enlarge hole so pit will go through. I usually pick plums firm red ripe about size of quarters)
 Combine sugar and flour in a bowl. Whisk in cream and eggs. Stir in plums. Pour over crust, distributing plums evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool.

Topping:
 4-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped
 Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth; fold in whipped cream. Spread evenly over top of torte. Cover and chill. Store in the refrigerator.

Jo Hetzke, Barnes: REFRIGERATOR BREAD & BUTTER PICKLES

Cucumbers
 Onions, optional
 4 cups vinegar
 4 cups sugar
 1/3 cup salt
 1 1/3 teaspoons turmeric
 1 1/3 teaspoon dry mustard
 1 1/3 teaspoon celery seeds
 Wash cucumbers and slice in a gallon jar. If using onions, add at this time. Mix vinegar, sugar, salt and spices. Mix well and pour cold over pickles (do not heat). Cover. They do not need to be sealed. Refrigerate.

They will be ready to use in about a week and yet better with even more time. Will keep for months. May add more cucumbers to the jar anytime but need to wait for a while.

 Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "A cooling, nutritious drink."

ORANGE SLUSH

2 cups orange juice
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
 8 ice cubes
 1/2 cup powdered milk
 Process in blender until mixture is frothy. Serve at once.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
PEANUT BUTTER TOFFEE BARS
 2 cups quick cooking oats
 2 cups flour
 1 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup chopped peanuts
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1 1/4 cups butter
 8-ounce package cream cheese
 3/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
 1/3 cup sugar
 1 large egg
 1 cup toffee bits

Set oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with aluminum foil. Spray with cooking spray. In bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, peanuts and baking soda. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Press half of oat mixture firmly into bottom of prepared pan. Bake for 20 minutes. In bowl, beat cream cheese, peanut butter, sugar and egg until combined. Spoon mixture over prepared crust, spreading to edges. Sprinkle evenly with toffee bits. Cover evenly with remaining half of the oat mixture. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool completely before serving.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: WILLIAM TELL'S NEVER MISS APPLE CAKE

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
 2 cups sugar, divided
 4 eggs
 1 cup canola oil
 2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 2 cups chopped & peeled tart apples
 1 cup shredded carrots
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 In a small bowl beat cream cheese and 1/4 cup sugar until smooth. Beat in 1 egg and set aside. In a large bowl, beat oil with remain-

ing sugar and eggs until well blended. Combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda; gradually beat into oil mixture until blended. Stir in the apples, carrots and pecans. Transfer half of the apple batter to a greased and floured 10-inch fluted tube pan, layer with the cream cheese mixture and the remaining apple batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

Praline Icing:
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup butter, cubed
 2 tablespoons 2% milk
 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

In a large saucepan bring the brown sugar, butter and milk to a boil. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Remove from the heat and whisk in the confectioner's sugar and vanilla until smooth. Drizzle over cake. Sprinkle with pecans. Yield: 12 servings.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 eggs
 1 cup oil
 2 cups sugar
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 1/2 cups flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup cocoa
 2 cups shredded zucchini
 1 cup chopped nuts
 Beat, eggs, oil and sugar. Add flour, vanilla, salt, baking powder, baking soda and cocoa, mixing well. Fold in zucchini and nuts. Spoon into 2 greased 9-by-5-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

A Winning Recipe: A Decadent, Easy Dessert Bar

(NAPSA) — Baking a mouthwatering dessert bar doesn't have to be difficult. This dessert, using brownie mix as an easy base for a delicious treat, was one of 100 recipes that vied for the \$1 million grand prize in the 44th Pillsbury Bake-Off® Contest.



Peanut Butter-Toffee Cheesecake Brownies
 19.5-ounce box Pillsbury® Chocolate Fudge Brownie Mix
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 1/4 cup water
 2 Eggland's Best eggs
 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 14-ounce can Eagle Brand® Sweetened Condensed Milk
 1/2 cup Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter
 8-ounce bag Heath® milk chocolate toffee bits
 1 cup Hershey's® milk chocolate baking chips
 3 tablespoons whipping cream

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray 9-by-13-inch pan with Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. In medium bowl, stir brownie mix, oil, water and eggs 50 strokes. Spread in pan; set aside. In large bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Add milk and peanut butter; beat until smooth. Stir in 1 cup of the toffee bits. Spread evenly over batter. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until cheesecake layer is set and edges are light golden brown. Cool 30 minutes. Refrigerate 40 minutes.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips and cream uncovered on high 40 to 60 seconds or

until melted; stir until smooth. Spread over cheesecake layer. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits. Cool completely. Store covered in refrigerator. Makes 36 brownies.

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Perfect Meringues: As Simple As An Egg White

By Allrecipes Staff

Whether soft and fluffy on a pie, or as a crispy base to Pavlova, snowy white meringue is an ethereal delight.

A meringue at its simplest is made up of egg whites and sugar. Sometimes salt and an acid, like lemon juice or cream of tartar, is added to stabilize the egg foam.

The Basics

- Use a clean, dry bowl. The bowl must be grease-free, because any trace amount of fat will wreck a meringue. Glass, ceramic, stainless steel, and copper bowls are all suitable. Plastic bowls may appear clean, but may still have trace amounts of oil, so do not use them.

- Cold eggs separate easily, but eggs whip to a higher volume when at room temperature. The solution is to separate the cold eggs, and then set them aside for 10 or 15 minutes.

- Separate each egg into two small bowls, one for the white and one for the yolk, and then add the white portion to the larger bowl. This allows you to reserve any with broken yolks for another purpose. Even a small amount of yolk can deflate the egg whites, so be careful.

Basic Meringue

Cream of tartar, white vinegar, or lemon juice can all be used to stabilize a meringue.

- Add 1/8 teaspoon of

cream of tartar per egg white to the unbeaten eggs. (If you're using a copper bowl to make your meringue, don't add any acid: it can react with the copper and discolor the egg foam).

- Whip to medium-soft peaks. Beat in 2 tablespoons white sugar per egg white. Continue to beat until egg whites are glossy and hold a firm peak.

- Adding sugar early in the beating process results in a firmer, finer-textured meringue.

Safety

Pasteurizing egg whites is not a concern when preparing a meringue that is going to be baked longer than ten minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees F/175 degrees C).

Cooked Meringues

For buttercream frostings, baked Alaskas, or meringue pies, however, the egg whites should reach at least 140 degrees F (60 degrees C) for safety's sake. Some supermarkets sell pre-pasteurized egg whites; you should know that these egg whites will require a much longer whipping time to reach the desired volume for a meringue.

Italian Meringues

Italian meringues are made with a sugar syrup. Sugar and water are boiled to the soft-ball stage (240 degrees F/115 degrees C) and carefully poured in a thin stream into a mixer bowl of whipped egg whites. The

mixture is whipped until cool. Because of the constant whipping, the bowl cools quickly, and the egg whites may not reach pasteurization temperature; you can use an instant read thermometer to check the meringue's temperature after the first minute or so of whipping. Individuals with compromised immune systems should take care not to consume undercooked egg whites.

Swiss Meringues

Swiss meringues are made by combining sugar and egg whites and heating them over a double boiler.

- To prepare a Swiss meringue, whisk the sugar and egg whites enough to break up the whites, but not so vigorously that they form an airy foam.

- The sugar will melt and act as a protective shield against coagulation of the egg whites; heat and whisk constantly until the temperature of the whites reaches 145 degrees F or hotter.

- Remove the bowl from the heat, and beat the warm egg whites until they form stiff, glossy peaks.

Common Problems

Beading, weeping, and shrinking are common complaints. Overcooking causes beading, formation of water droplets on the surface.

Weeping — loss of water between the meringue and the pie filling — is caused by undercooking. Shrinking is a loss of volume during baking.

Meringue Pie Tips

A never-fail method for producing the perfect meringue is one that uses a cornstarch and water mixture to form a gel: beaten gradually into a meringue, the thickener will prevent shrinking problems.

- Spread meringue over piping hot filling, and spread to the edges to seal. Hot filling is necessary to ensure that the inside of the meringue cooks, preventing weeping. Swiss or Italian meringues, since they are already cooked, are less prone to shrinking and weeping.

- Fine cake crumbs, vanilla wafer crumbs, or soft white bread crumbs sprinkled lightly over the filling will absorb liquid between the layers, another preventative against weeping.

- Bake your meringue pie at a high temperature with a short baking time. This prevents overcooking the outer layer of meringue, so beading is avoided. Bake at 425 degrees F (220 degrees C) for 4 to 5 minutes.

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Russian wheat ban impacts Kansas farmers

Extreme drought and heat in the wheat producing regions of Russia have prompted officials in that country to embargo wheat exports from Aug. 15 to Dec. 1, 2010. Weather concerns in Russia and other wheat growing areas have prompted the rise of U.S. wheat futures prices, which have rallied more than \$2.50 since the end of June. At least 20% of Russia's 2010 wheat crop has been destroyed by drought, and wildfires also threaten key wheat-producing areas in that country. In 2009, Russia was the third largest exporter of wheat in the world, exporting 18.3 million tons — 632 million bushels — largely to countries in the Middle East. That export total is surpassed only by the U.S. and European Union.

"U.S. farmers harvested an above-average crop in 2010, and we have ample supplies of good milling quality wheat," says Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer of the Kansas Wheat Commission. "Shortfalls in Europe and Russia, however, mean that global consumption of wheat will likely outpace production for the first time in three years."

Due in part to the weather calamity in Russia, the

United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization has cut its global wheat production forecast for 2010 to 651 million metric tons, from previous estimates of 676 million metric tons. However, the FAO claims existing world stocks will cover the decline. Meanwhile, Russia's traditional export customers, which include Egypt, Tunisia and Iraq, will have to look elsewhere for wheat. The United States is a likely source, given large supplies of high quality Hard Red Winter wheat. Jay Armstrong, a wheat producer from Muscotah, says overseas buyers can count on the U.S. to meet the world's demand for wheat.

"U.S. farmers grow enough wheat to meet domestic demand, and supply other countries with consistent, high quality Hard Red Winter wheat," says Armstrong, a Kansas Wheat Commissioner and board member of the U.S. Wheat Associates.

On August 5, September wheat futures surged to a 23 month high on the Kansas City Board of Trade at \$7.80 per bushel. These prices bear watching as producers gear up for the 2011 wheat planting season. USDA's Risk Management Agency

new COMBO crop insurance product — similar to its Revenue Assurance and Crop Revenue Coverage programs — will establish the Projected Price guarantee on the Kansas City Board of Trade average price from

August 15 to September 14, according to Dalton Henry, governmental relations specialist with Kansas Wheat.

"In the next five weeks, wheat producers will have numerous decisions to make in terms of marketing and

insuring the 2011 wheat crop," Henry says. It is critical for wheat producers to be vigilant on marketing strategies and continue to work with grain elevators, merchandisers and brokers to stay abreast of these

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JD 567 net wrap; NH 688 net wrap; Freeman 1500 sq. baler, 3x4; Gehl 1850 baler, big round, w/elec monitor, twine, shedded; Hesston 5540; NH 2000, 3x4 w/accum; Hesston 8400-14' swather; NH 2550 swather; CIH 8380 swather; JD 800 swather; 2 - INT 1000-7' sickle mowers; JD 346, 347, 510, 530, 535; 2 - JD 336; NH 290; Hesston 38

stacker w/power end gate; JD 840 bale grinder; Bear Cat tub grinder w/Detroit engine, runs good.

MISCELLANEOUS

Buffalo 6600-8RN, less than 100 acres; Buffalo 4600-8RW; Buffalo 4600-6RW; Noble 4R cultv; Buffalo 4R cultv; Noble 12R ditcher; 2 - Sukup grain cleaners; Remm 3700 grain vac, 10,000 bu. per hour, 80 hrs.; Walinga Ultra vac 614D; NH 358 grinder/mixer w/scale; NH 195 manure spreader, tandem; NI 3632 spreader, sloop gate, tandem; NH 785 spreader, sloop gate; Dual 800 spreader, tandem, sloop gate; Wilmar sprayer 60' booms, 600 gal. tank, JD engine 4000 hrs., 12.4x42 rubber; Schaben 1000 gal. sprayer; 2 - PK 1000 gal sprayer, 60' booms; FH 7-knife liquid applicator, 650 gal.; Blue-Jet anhyd for parts; Feteral 10x71 w/swing hopper; Sudenga 12x71 w/swing hopper; Batco PS2500 hyd drive over conveyor, like new; 5 - 8' 3pt blades, NEW; 3pt sprayer, 300 gal. tank, 30' booms; JD 350-52' elevator; American 8x52; Westfield 8x60 w/swing hopper; Peck 8x30; Kelly Ryan 38' elevator; 3pt fast bar, 80'; DMI high capacity grain cleaner; NH 518; Knuse 3pt bucket; Artsway 425 grinder; 2 - Kelly Ryan 4x8 feed wagon; Calmount 1500 gal honey wagon; 5 semi loads of misc. 6-7-8" pipe; Semi load continuous 20'panels; 15 - dozer blades 8-14' various models; JD 40KW enclosed generator, 4000 hrs.; Heinzman 1/4 mile travel gun w/hose reel; 1/4 mile hard hose on reel; Chrysler propane engine; 61 - ringlock 8"x30" pipe; 1000 gal. nurse tank w/motor; 3 - JD running gears; Trojan hyd squeeze chute; JD 1508 batwing shredder; Brady 1680 shredder; Set 400 gal. saddle tanks; 2 - sets 200 gal. saddle tanks; Ford LG120 lawn tractor, all rebuilt w/new motor; NH LS45 lawn tractor; JD LX172 lawn tractor; JD L130 lawn tractor; WWV working circle; Heavy belting 4-8-16"; 250' rolls; 4000 lb elec chain hoist; 4000 lb hyd. lift table; Hotsy elec power washer; 2 - 40' pivot bridge.

SECURED CREDITOR

'79 JD 4440; Kelly Ryan 5x12 feed wagon; 500 gal fuel tank w/110 pump; '04 Polaris 330ATP, 4x4 ATV; 150 bu.wagon on gear; Big Valley headgate; 2 - wooden 20' feed bunks; 6 - rubber tire feed bunks; 7 - continuous fence panels.

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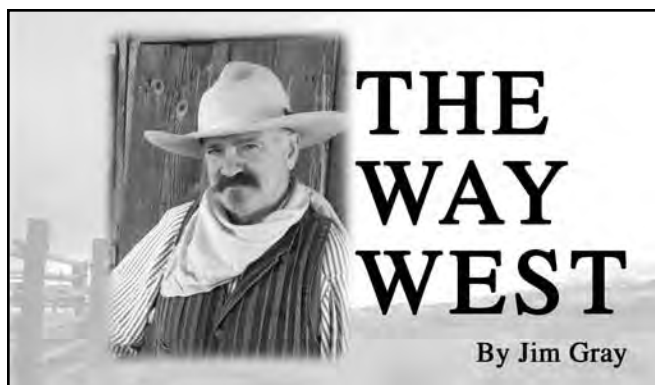
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

The Shooting of Sheriff Whitney

Ellsworth businessmen looked forward to the summer of 1873 with great anticipation. The bulk of the Texas trail herds were expected to make Ellsworth their headquarters as they marketed their Texas Longhorns to eastern cattle buyers. Texas cowboys, just in from the trail, also brought the expectation of trouble. Hoping to tame the cowboys before they got out of hand, the Ellsworth City Council beefed up the police force. Marshal Brocky Jack Norton boasted four deputies early in June. The men included John "Happy Jack" Morco, John S. "High Low Jack" Branham, and John "Long Jack" DeLong. Although not a "Jack," Ed Hogue

completed the "hand." Ellsworth felt it had dealt a strong hand with its new police force on the streets, but with obvious reference to sporting cards the cowboys referred to the force as "Four Jacks and a Joker."

That summer cattle covered the Kansas prairies like locusts from a plague. Two hundred head were estimated to be grazing the Ellsworth range and buyers were slow in contracting cattle. Cattlemen bided their time, hoping for an enlivened market in the fall. The saloons of the cattle town filled to capacity night after night. Gambling concerns raked in stacks of money. The "carnival of sin" carried on around the clock. Still there had been

very little trouble from the crowd of cowboys.

A hot August 15th was just about to turn Ellsworth's quiet summer into a session of Hell. Texas gambler Ben Thompson and his brother Billy found themselves at odds with a gambler by the name of John Sterling and Deputy Marshal Happy Jack Morco. Even though Happy Jack represented law and order in Ellsworth, he and Sterling called the Texans out into the street for a fight. The Thompsons were only too happy to oblige. But by the time they took up positions near the depot on the plaza, Sterling and Morco were hiding inside a store just across the street. Ellsworth County Sheriff Chauncey Whitney heard the commotion. He was a friend of the Thompsons and stepped out on the plaza to calm the situation.

Whitney had been a lawman in Ellsworth since the early months of its existence. He had seen more than his share of disagreements settled with the gun and he had learned how to defuse situations before they became deadly. Whitney again suc-

ceeded by convincing the Thompson brothers that Sterling and Morco would not be a bother in his presence. With that the men walked to Joe Brennan's Saloon to take a drink together.

Whitney had misjudged Happy Jack Morco. Just as the men were entering the saloon deputy Morco charged along the boardwalk with his guns raised in the air. Gunfire erupted. Billy Thompson, who was already very drunk, stumbled and fired his shotgun. The blast hit his friend Sheriff Whitney full in the chest. While Whitney was being seen to, Billy acquired a horse and rode out of town.

Billy's enemies insisted that when asked why he had shot the sheriff Billy told them he would have shot "if it had been Jesus Christ." Others said he was visibly shaken and expressed sorrow at the unfortunate accident.

Ben and other Texans assembled in front of the Grand Central Hotel expecting a fight from Ellsworth lawmen and citizens. A virtual standoff existed for a full hour in which Ellsworth lawmen seemed to have disap-

peared. Finally, Major James Miller talked Ben out of his weapons, after first firing his entire police force. A potentially disastrous fight had been extinguished. A posse was formed but found no trace of Billy Thompson, who eventually returned to Texas.

A surgeon was brought by train from Fort Riley to tend to Sheriff Whitney but there was nothing he could do. Lead shot had penetrated Whitney's lungs and lodged near his spine. Sheriff Whitney suffered for three days, finally succumbing to his wounds on August 18, 1873.

Each year the town of Ellsworth remembers its favorite lawman with "The Shooting of Sheriff Whitney" during Cowtown Days. Lawmen and gamblers will fill the street with smoke on August 21, 2010, as the story of the shooting of Sheriff Whitney unfolds once again.

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Grand champion horse awards at the Geary County 4-H Horse Show went to Whitney Hutchinson with her Aged Gelding. Hutchinson also received grand champion horse showmanship honors.



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PICKUP (Sells at 11:30 AM)
1993 Dodge Dakota LE Club Cab, V-6, auto, 2wd, AC, bucket seats, gray & white, no rust, very good, 98,500 miles.



FURNITURE

Duncan Phyfe table w/5 chairs, buffet & China cabinet, dark mahogany; round, dark mahogany end tables; large corner sectional bookcase/cabinet, mahogany; double bed, dresser & chest; small kitchen table w/3 chairs; arm chairs; cedar chest; iron beds; porch glider; other furniture.

APPLIANCES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Crosley heavy duty washer & dryer, nearly new; Maytag refrigerator, nearly new; 2 - chest freezers, 23 cu. ft. & 9 cu. ft.; Necchi cabinet sewing machine; small appliances; fans; pots & pans, cookware; bakeware; Tupperware; games; books; bedding; casseroles; dishes; other household items.

COLLECTIBLES

Square pedestal cake plate; set of crystal stemmed glasses, sandwich plates, wine glasses, platter & other pieces; 12 place setting Larchmont Sango China; 6 place setting Homer Laughlin China; Goofus glass bowl; carnival glass; pink depression glassware; red & white coffee pot; toys; bentwood cradle; Red Wing 3 & 4 gallon crocks; flat top trunk; picture of 1937 4-H congress in Chicago; pictures; other collectibles.

TOOLS

Bolt cabinet w/bolts; air compressor; long handled tools; shop vac; shop work table; other tools.

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One mare stands out among the rest of the horses I ride. I receive compliments on her condition. Compliments that make me feel good and reflect the appreciation other riders have for a horse in good shape. Her coat shines, muscles are well defined in the right places and you can't count her ribs unless you run a hand along her barrel. She's got lots of energy and will carry you all day and the next without quitting. Every time someone comments on how good she looks, I usually say, "We do a lot of loping and galloping to keep in shape" or "It's that good alfalfa that keeps her slim and trim."

The truth of the matter is that I don't do anything different with that mare than I do with the other seven horses in our lineup. Most of the others are in good shape too, but the sorrel mare carries good shape a little further and stands out just enough extra to elicit approval from admiring eyes. On average, she only

works a couple times a week and loafs in the pasture or barn as much as the other horses but somehow manages to maintain her body weight and muscle tone better than others. Same feed, same amount of riding but always in just a little better shape.

When I receive one of those flattering comments about her, I wonder myself why she's such an easy keeper. I don't give her any extra feed or special treatment, the horse does it all on her own. Naturally, I don't give her all the credit when I respond to the compliments she draws. I allow a little of the flattery to come my way while I explain how I keep her shiny.

A lot of thought has gone into the reason some animals are better keepers than others. They can live on half the rations and maintain themselves in better shape with less sickness, have more resistance to bugs, ticks, worms and mosquitoes. Those good keepers have less injury and hardly ever come home with

wire cuts, bumps, bruises or packing a leg because it hurts, is swollen, sprained or maybe they twisted a shoe off and ripped part of the hoof wall away so there is hardly enough left to drive a nail. It seems like some are always in trouble and others, like my stand-out mare, manage to keep themselves out of trouble and in good shape under the same circumstances. It would be nice to have all easy keepers in your string and I've tried to reason the difference between the sorrel mare and horses that have a little harder time keeping the weight on or have a coat that lacks the luster of hers even though they are on the same groceries.

If it's not a difference in how you feed them or if they're in different pastures with maybe different soil or grass, then maybe it's genetics, plain and simple. Who was their momma and poppa and what is their line of breeding? All of our Doc Bar bred horses are mostly trouble-free and do well when the grass gets short or the pickings get slim. Others go downhill faster and, unless I supplement their feed or take special care with them, I don't have any trouble counting their ribs or trading money for worm medicine, vet bills or bug dope that washes off as soon as it rains which seems to happen just as soon as you

spray the last horse.

My shiny mare has a grandfather named Peppy San Badger on the top side. He became a legend in the cutting horse world and was an all-time leading sire of performance horses. Her mother carried good blood from King, Leo and Three Bars. I don't have first hand knowledge of her sire but we raised her mother and she was another easy keeper. I'm guessing she passed her good qualities on to her daughter and that was my good fortune. Our horses, including past and present tenants, have similarities in breeding that reflect my ideas on the type of horse I want to ride. The animals that aren't linked to those lines that we have owned or raised don't seem to do as well when the going gets tough or the grass gets short.

Intelligence certainly plays a big part in keeping a horse out of trouble same as it does with humans. Maybe those easy keepers that seem to avoid wire cuts, cactus, ant hills and falls are made up with a little more upstairs than the horses that always seem to find the hard way to do things.

I'm proud to ride my sorrel mare into the pasture or arena. When I hear someone comment on her good shape, it reaffirms my belief in sticking with good breeding even if that stud fee cost a little more than I'd like to

pay. I know I'll save money in the long run on feed and vet bills. That makes sense to me.

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Reservoir algae blooms have Kansas pond owners on alert

Summer blue-green algae blooms at Lovewell Reservoir and Meade State Fishing Lake have put small farm pond owners on the alert. Hot summer conditions that have created the algae blooms in these larger lakes can effect ponds as well, and nothing can be more disheartening than to carefully nurture a pond only to discover a fish kill on a hot summer morning. While blue-green algae blooms can be toxic to fish, fish kills can be the result of oxygen depletion created by a number of factors that may not necessarily be associated with blue-green algae blooms.

To prevent fish kills, a pond or lake must have one element to support fish and other higher organisms — dissolved oxygen. Oxygen depletion is the most common cause of fish kills, and low oxygen occurs most often during periods of calm, cloudy, hot weather, much of which Kansas has experienced this summer.

Most dissolved oxygen in water comes from the atmosphere on windy days and as a byproduct of photosynthesis in aquatic plants such as filamentous algae (commonly called "moss"), green algae, and coontail. If less sunlight penetrates deeper water, vegetation and oxygen content at deep-

er levels are reduced. Dissolved oxygen levels can also be affected by temperature. Colder water holds oxygen better, and very warm water easily loses oxygen. Atmospheric pressure is also a factor. Oxygen solubility increases as atmospheric pressure rises.

Most fish kills occur in the early morning before the sun comes up, when dissolved oxygen levels are lowest, and, unfortunately, larger fish are usually the first to be affected. Ponds or lakes with large amounts of algae or phytoplankton can have high oxygen during the day, but at night, bacteria that feed on these dying plants use up oxygen.

Herbicides or algaecides can help control aquatic vegetation and reduce the chances of a fish kill. However, this must be done carefully to prevent rapid decomposition and further oxygen depletion. Other ways to prevent oxygen depletion include pumping or flowing water into a pond (especially in the early morning hours before

sunup), preventing runoff that adds nutrients to a pond, using a commercial aerator, reducing feed if artificial feeding is used, and maintaining proper fish density for the size of the pond.

Blue-green algae blooms such as those that have affected larger lakes in the state can cause fish kills in ponds and small lakes. Blue-green algae blooms often resemble green paint floating on the water. These blooms result when long-term build up of nutrients in the water (nitrogen and phosphorus) combine with hot weather and other environmental conditions to stimulate algae growth. In time, these algae blooms naturally die off.

For more information on pond management, contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at 620-672-5911 or visit the department website, www.kdwp.state.ks.us. Type "Pond Management" in the search box and then click on "Producing Fish and Wildlife in Kansas Ponds."

September 1 is NAP closing date

Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kansas, reminds producers that September 1, 2010 is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber.

September 1 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain NAP coverage for Aquaculture, Canola, Christmas Trees, Nursery Crops, Turf Grass Sod, and all Small Grain Crops, except Oats. Continuous Crop Wheat planted with the intention of harvesting as grain is not eligible for NAP.

The administrative service fee is \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county and a \$1875 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for

Coverage, by the application closing deadline.

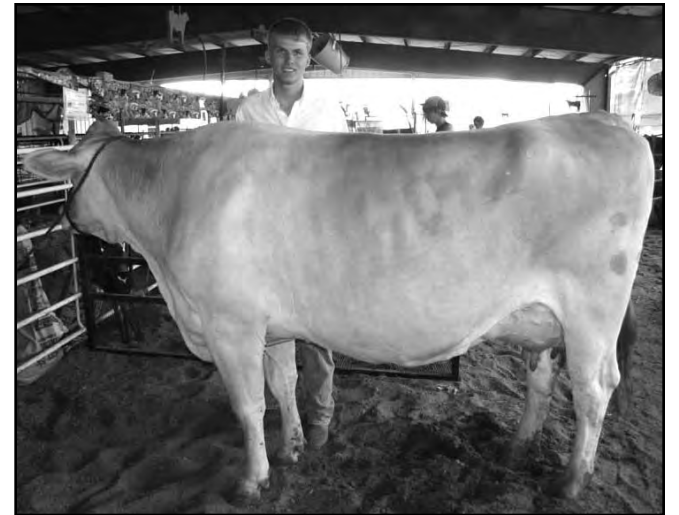
This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must be filed with FSA within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Producers are limited to

\$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for 3 years, have less than \$500,000 Non-farm Adjusted Gross Income, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible.

Interested producers shall contact their local Farm Service Agency at the USDA Service Center prior to the September 1 application closing date to obtain NAP coverage. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



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Skip April weaning for fall-calving beef herds, researcher tells attendees at field day

The best way to wean calves from a fall-calving cow herd in April is to delay until July.

Delayed weaning gives an extra pound of gain per day, and weaning is easy when the cow begins to dry up in July and the calf is too big to nurse. Best of all, the calves earn an extra \$100 per head by weaning time.

Researchers at the University of Missouri

Forage Systems Research Center studied four weaning options for their fall-calving cows.

"Calves left with their mothers through the spring grazing season gained an average of 2.1 pounds per day in the three-year study," said Rob Kallenbach, MU Extension forage specialist at the FSRC field day, Aug. 3.

"In comparison, calves

weaned in April and grazed in an eight-paddock rotational grazing system gained only nine-tenths pound per day. This was the traditional stocker system."

The researchers — Kallenbach, MU beef nutritionist Justin Sexten and center superintendent David Davis — found many advantages for the delayed-weaning option.

"In April, May and June there is more grass growing than the cow herd can eat," Kallenbach said. "Keeping the fast-gaining calves with the herd, helps control grass in the paddocks."

The MU study demonstrated that milk from the cows is a good supplement for grass that the calves are eating. Kallenbach explained that as long as a calf is not weaned, the esophageal bypass stays active. Milk nursed by the calf goes directly to the lower digestive tract, not into the rumen.

"Milk is the perfect bypass protein for calves," Kallenbach said. "That helps account for added weight gain."

Three other options in the MU study compared to July delayed weaning. One weaned in April but

gave calves first choice in grazing paddocks, a leader-follower system. A second option took the leader-follower system and added supplemental feed to replace protein from missed milk.

Finally, calves were rotated through the grazing paddocks in a traditional stocker system, without grazing assistance from mother cows cleaning up the residue. In the stocker system, the calves were weaned, trucked to a sale barn for an overnight stay and then hauled back to the research farm. "We tried to replicate what happens to a lot of Missouri stocker calves," Kallenbach said.

Fall calves weaned in July typically hit a yearly high in feeder-calf prices. The price declines to a seasonal low as spring calves are sent to market in the fall.

"Delayed weaning couldn't be easier," Kallenbach said. "It's strictly low-stress. By July, the calves have about weaned themselves. And, the mother cows let them go."

Some visitors on the tour wagon questioned what happens to a cow's body condition score (BCS) when nursing a calf

that long. What was the cow's condition at calving time in September and at rebreeding in December?

"No problems," Kallenbach said. "In the three years, the cow BCS at the end of July was right at 7, on a nine-point scale. We want cows in BCS 5 or better at calving and breeding."

"Our cows carried a couple of extra body condition scores into winter," Kallenbach said. In answer to a question, he added the re-breeding rate ranged from 89 percent to 93 percent in the three years.

However, he cautioned to not try delayed weaning with heifers that are still growing. The cows in the study were three years old, and older.

Fall-calving herds are gaining popularity because of better calving weather in September and October. "Calving in February is a killer," Kallenbach added.

U.S. farmers on track to produce record corn, soybean crops, USDA reports

U.S. farmers are on pace to produce the largest corn and soybean crops in history, according to the Crop Production report released last Thursday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Corn production is forecast at 13.4 billion bushels and soybean production at 3.43 billion bushels, both up 2 percent from the previous records set in 2009.

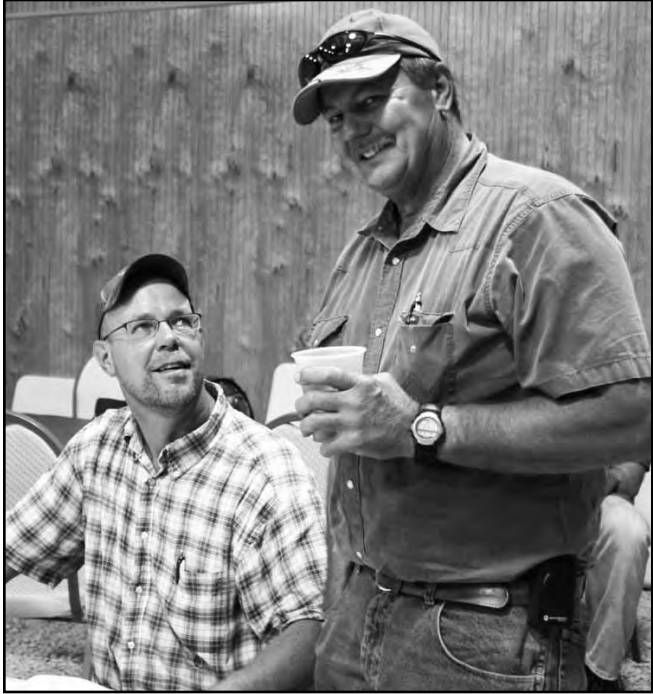
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KCA has also arranged for discounted room rates at the Courtyard Marriott, 1200 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO. You do not have to be a KCA member to receive the discounted rate. You may make your hotel reservations by calling 970-282-1700. Just make sure you mention the "KCA room block" to receive your discount. Rooms are available for \$79 (king or 2 double beds). If you prefer to share the cost and the room with another attendee, let us know and we will help you find a roommate.

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To pre-register for the bus charter, call the KCA office at 785-238-1483. The deadline to register for the bus charter is August 20, 2010. Call today. *If Colorado producers would like to join us, stop can be arranged along I-70 in Colorado.

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Soybean yields are expected to equal last year's record of 44 bushels per acre. Cotton production is expected to jump 52 percent from last year, to 18.5 million 480-pound bales. Average yield is forecast at 837 pounds per harvested acre, up 60 pounds from last year.

The August Crop Production report contains USDA's first survey-based estimates of yield and production for corn, soybeans and other spring-planted row crops.

Between July 25 and August 6, NASS surveyed approximately 27,000 producers and also took objective field measurements in the major crop-producing states. Crop Production is published monthly and is available online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>.

Weather causes problems with hay harvest

Rainfall and high humidity this summer have made it hard for farmers to harvest hay, said a Purdue Extension forage specialist.

"Some farmers got their hay mowed, but then they lost yield and quality when it rained," Keith Johnson said. "Others did not get it cut in [a] timely fashion, so the quality of their hay went down."

The heat and humidity have caused more problems than normal, Johnson said. Because high moisture can cause mold in the hay and other bacteria and fungi can form and cause combustion, it is important to monitor hay after harvest and to store it properly.

Part of proper storage means farmers need to monitor the crop's moisture content, he said. Small rec-

tangular bales should have a moisture content of less than 20%, while large rectangular bales and large round bales should be closer to 18% moisture content when baled.

Hay can be packaged at slightly higher moisture levels if farmers have the proper equipment to apply propionic acid, a preservative, at baling.

Hay producers also need to be sure the mower-conditioner is properly set for each field harvested, Johnson said. A mower-conditioner increases the hay drying rate as compared to use of a mower without mechanical conditioning.

"Farmers using the forage on the farm might want to consider investing in a single bale wrapper or an in-line tuber," he said. "An in-line tuber lines large

round bales in a row and automatically wraps them with several layers of plastic. Moisture content at wrapping is recommended to be around 50%. The crop is stored in the wrapped plastic as silage."

Producers also should continue to monitor alfalfa for the presence of potato leafhopper and make forage testing a priority as there is likely to be some lower quality first cutting hay this year.

After harvest, Johnson recommends soil be tested for fertility level and pH if it has not been tested for several years. Fertilizer and lime application can then be based on the soil test information received from the laboratory.



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August 17 — Morris County land at Burdick for Roger & Jody Will. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
August 19 — Tractors, hay & livestock, harvest, construction, planting, cultivating, spraying, grain handling, tillage, antique machinery, trucks, vehicles, trailers N. of Tekamah, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Lee Valley, Inc.
August 21 — Furniture, household items, antiques, collectibles, miscellaneous at Bennington for Danny Startzman. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.
August 21 — Small tractor, loader, equipment, tools & misc. SW of Clay Center for Harold & Arleen Hartner. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
August 21 — Collectibles, crocks, primitives, WWII mementos, furniture, household, shop/garden, misc. at Delphos for Estate of Colene Halderson & consignments by Lamoine & Thelma Baldock. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.
August 21 — Automobile, limestone posts, pin cushion dolls, Coca Cola signs, toy sewing machine & sewing collectibles, collectibles, sewing machines, clock, furniture, dryer & misc. at Sabetha for Sue Patterson, etal. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.
August 21 — Real estate,

machinery, guns, coins & jewelry, hardware, etc. at Wamego for Dale Domeny Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
August 21 — Tractors, pickup, lawn mowers, stock trailer, hay racks, wagon, machinery, livestock equip. & misc. at SE of Beatrice for Waunita Theasmeyer. Auctioneers: Henrichs, Jurgens, Hardin.
August 21 — Tractor, pickup, machinery, antiques, collectibles, tools, household & other near Smolan for Richard Lofgren Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
August 21 — Pickup, furniture, appliances, household & collectibles at Palmer for Arnold Lohmeyer. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
August 21 — Collectibles, truck, farm, outdoor & household at Newton for Robert D. Suderman Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
August 21 — Gun, furniture, appliances, Precious Moments figurines, glassware, collectibles, tools, fishing equipment & misc. at Junction City for K. Ross & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
August 21 — Vehicles, equipment, buildings, shop equipment & supplies at Sedgwick for

Dean Held DBA Red Barn Agri-Service. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.
August 21 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools & misc. at Abilene for Tom Ware & Others. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.
August 21 — Tractors, combine, machinery, trucks, shop tools, collectibles, guns & misc. at Atchison for Dan & Patty Woodruff. Auctioneers: Chew Auction Service.
August 22 — Guns, ammo & access., antiques & collectibles at Topeka. Auctioneers: Olde Mill Auction.
August 23 — Pickup, mower, tools, household, collectibles at Glasco for Larry Beck Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
August 24 — Car, pickup, trailers, tractors, machinery, tools, animal care equipment, collectibles, household at Concordia for Larry & Betty Remmenga. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
August 25 — Inventory of mechanics shop at Topeka for City Alignment & Brake Service. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.
August 26 — Tractors, grain carts, corn & grain heads, combines, choppers, loaders & construction, trucks, trailers, drills, planters,

tillage, hay equip., misc. Online & at Cornlea, Neb. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement, Inc.
August 26 — Country home at Rossville for Elizabeth Tholl Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
August 28 — Butler Co. real estate W. of El dorado for Lill Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty.
August 28 — Trophy hunting real estate at Fall River. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate Professionals.
August 28 — Car, furniture, household & collectibles at Barnes for Gertrude Behrens. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
August 28 — Antique tractor, tractors, vehicle & equipment SE of Diller, NE for Jim Weichel Estate. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctioneers.
August 28 — Farm auction E. of Holton for Bill & Marge Amer. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.
August 28 — Farm toys & trucks at Sabetha. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.
August 28 — Fiesta, glass, collectibles at Salina for Everett & Gladys Johnson, Blue Spruce Antiques. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
August 28 — Farm sale, tractors, machinery, hand & misc. shop tools, furniture & misc. S. of Abilene for Dale & Nadine Martinitz. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.
August 28 — Car, furniture, household, antiques &

collectibles E. of Silver Lake for Ruth E. Johnson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
August 29 — Dodge Ram, roto tiller, gazebo, furniture, collectibles & tools at Manhattan for Steven & Patricia Gartrell. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
August 29 — Car, bicycle, tools, antiques & guns, railroad & collectibles at Salina for Ned Wade Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
August 30 — Tractors, combine, machinery, trucks, trailers, cattle equip., misc. shop & auto equip. at Concordia for Rick Breault Estate. Auctioneers: J&L Auctions.
August 31 — Greenwood County real estate at Eureka for Mable Boardman. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty.
August 31 — Greenwood/Coffey County real estate at Eureka for T.O. Dunman. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty.
August 31 — Real Estate & personal property E. of Council Grove for Rick Nichols, Kim Nichols. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
September 2 — Seed equipment, construction equipment, farm equipment at Hope for Donald Phillips Estate. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

September 3 — Fall Farm machinery consignments, Farm & industrial equipment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.
September 4 — Tractors, antique tractors, trucks, combines, tillage, industrial and livestock equipment at Minneapolis for Merl Pardee. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.
September 4 — Glassware, antiques, household goods, pickup, misc. at Clay Center for Verl Johnson. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
September 4 — Combine, tractors, grain truck, tillage equipment & more at Perry for Mr. & Mrs. Leo C. Mulvihill. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.
September 4 — Church parsonage (to be moved) S. of Barnes for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Auctioneers: Vathauer Auction Service.
September 6 — 15th annual Harley Gerdes Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon.
September 7 — Ottawa County land at Salina for Armour Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.
September 8 — Real estate at Concordia for Dorothy St. Pierre Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
September 9 — Ottawa

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 — 10:00 AM
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Beef Board approves fiscal year 2011 budget, addresses policy issues

The Cattlemen's Beef Board unanimously approved a \$40.6 million budget for Fiscal 2011, down 7.4 percent from the Fiscal 2010 budget and representing a decline of about 24 percent in the last five years.

The approval came during the Beef Board's meeting on July 31, at the close of the 2010 Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver. The 2011 budget still must be approved by USDA but includes the following budget components:

- \$17.4 million for promotion, including advertising, foodservice, retail and veal promotion, and new-product development.
- \$7.2 million for research programs, including beef safety, product enhancement, nutrition research, and market research.
- \$3.3 million for consumer information programs, which includes consumer public relations and information, and outreach to nutrition influencers.
- \$2.8 million for industry information programs, including beef and veal quality assurance and issues management.
- \$5.5 million for foreign marketing, including promotion and public-relations programs in export markets around the globe.
- \$1.7 million for producer communications, including trade advertising, media

relations, and direct communications to producers about the results of their checkoff investments.

- \$240,000 for evaluation of checkoff programs.
- \$160,000 for program development.
- \$263,000 for USDA oversight.
- \$2 million for administration, which includes costs for Board meetings, legal fees, travel costs, office rental, supplies, equipment, and administrative staff compensation.

"With the dwindling funds, we're facing some real challenges as we try to fund the programs we need to promote our product and educate consumers about our industry," said CBB Secretary Treasurer Robert Fountain, Jr., a producer from Georgia.

"Costs for these programs continue to climb as our checkoff revenues continue to decline with the herd population," Fountain continued. "We really have to be extremely creative to leverage every checkoff dollar to the greatest extent possible."

Funds from the Beef Board for national checkoff programs in Fiscal Year 2011 will be augmented by about \$9 million in voluntary contributions from state beef councils to their national Federation of State Beef Councils.

In other action at the summer conference, the

Beef Board voted to reverse a recommendation from the CBB Executive Committee encouraging separation of the Federation of State Beef Councils from the policy division of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The Board subsequently passed a motion

to support Federation efforts to achieve a more independent, self-governed structure, but retain affiliation with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). They also agreed to meet with NCBA in Orlando, Fla. in the summer of 2011 and in Denver in 2012.

County land at Minneapolis for John Q. Stratton Trust. Auctioneers: Burr's Farm & Ranch Realty, Ray Swearingen.

September 11 — Pawnee County acreage, tractors, high wheel wagon, machinery, generator, household goods, collectibles & misc., lawn mowers at S. of Wymore, NE for Keith & Elaine Rees. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

September 18 — Antiques, primitives, glassware, Hummels, books & more at Baldwin City for Mildred P. Allen Living Estate, Rex Johnson, POA. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

September 18 — Fenton, glassware, collectibles & furniture at Emporia for John & Marilyn Weber Estates. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

September 25 — Vehicles, machinery, plumbing tools & supplies at Council Grove for the Bill Boyce Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Es-

tate & Auctions, LLC.

October 2 — Fall consignments at Holton. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

October 9 — Geary County land & farm items at Alta Vista for Albert & Gayla Morgan. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 16 — Farm & real estate at Holton for Don Whitesell. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

October 16 — Antiques, collectibles & furniture at Council Grove for Albert & Gayla Morgan. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 27 — Angus & Charolais bull sale at Randolph for Fink Beef Genetics.

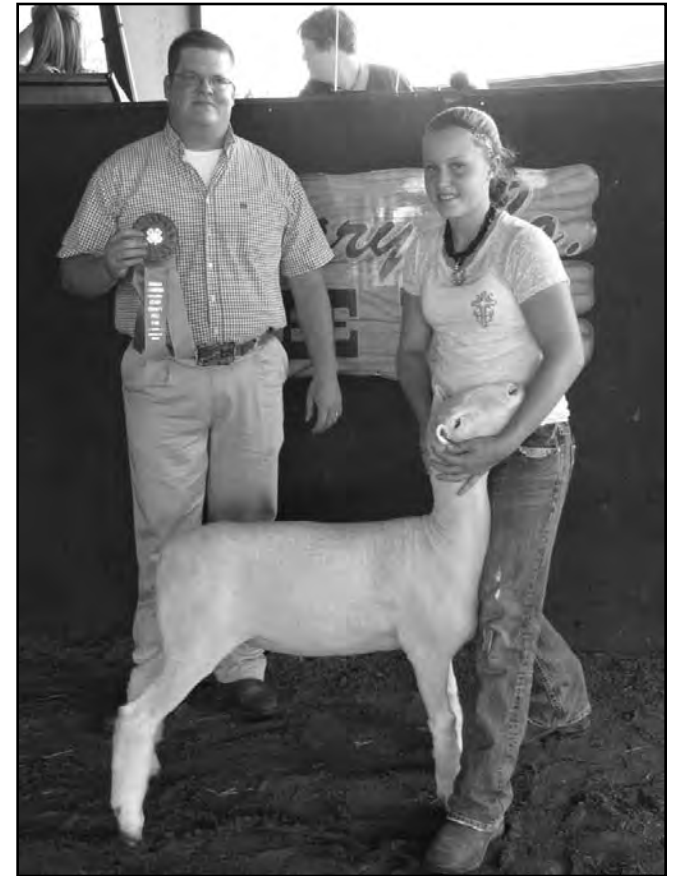
November 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

November 7 — 2nd "Shades" Show Calf Sale at Clay Center. Manager: Lori Hambright.

January 1, 2011 — 26th annual Harley Gerdes New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon.



This aged Hereford cow owned by Kati Fehlman won grand champion breeding beef at the Geary County Free Fair. Fehlman was also chosen as grand champion beef showman by judge Danny Davis.



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When You Need A Cowboy

There's an old saying, "A mule is as good as a horse, till you need a horse." Or, of course, the reverse!

I saw a photo in the newspaper of a man standing in the surf trying to throw a rope around the tail of a beached baby hump-back whale. My first thought was, 'A marine mammal biologist is as good as a cowboy, till you need a cowboy.'

How many times have you thought that yourself? "If only I had a cowboy." Like two years ago when

your cat got stuck up a tree: Sure, you called a fireman. They showed up with sirens blaring and lights flashing! Then they broke out the ladders and attempted to climb up the tree. A cowboy would simply have roped the limb, dallied and bent the limb back double. Then, with true cowboy clarity, he would have shucked the dally, released the limb and catapulted the cat into the neighbor's stock tank where the Navy Seals could have rescued him!

Or, say you were being

picketed by HSUS, PETA, and the lunatic fringe for texting non-organic messages to caged hens encouraging them to "Lay one for the team." You realize that reasonable dialogue with moon-eyed zealots is futile so you call a cowboy. He rides through the protesters scattering a wagonload of Hefty bags filled with chicken noodle soup which drenches the crowd. Then he calls the dogs who rush in and lick the whining protesters who slosh down the road with the dogs nipping at their heels.

Remember those times when the pigs got loose in the house and uprooted all your potted plants? Or when your pet camel fell through the swimming pool cover while grazing on the algae? Or when your daughter brought home a suitor with his head shaved like a soccer ball, a stolen credit

card, and was a recidivist paint can sniffer? Oh, what you would have given for a cowboy.

Maybe we should start a non-profit foundation funded by the United Cowboy Way, wherein each county could maintain a couple of cowboys-on-call. They would function like a cross between a paramedic, a dogcatcher and a psychologist, to handle the myriad of emergencies that cry for a man with a horse and a rope.

Think about that the next time you accidentally drop your heirloom Donald Duck lunch bucket down an abandoned missile silo or a rhino gets loose in the high school gym.

Remember, a 35-piece marching band is as good as a cowboy, till you need someone to rope a renegade tuba!



Ringmen Justin Stout and Kristian Rennert take bids at the Fink Genetic Heritage Charolais Female Sale held August 7 at the Fink Beef Genetics Sale Facility in Randolph. In the booth were clerk Anna Barrett, auctioneer Greg Clifton and Galen Fink.

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