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## Precision technology improves yields, lowers inputs

By Lucas Shivers

With a demonstration vehicle decked out with laptops and the latest precision agriculture hardware, producers experience for themselves how easy technology can be to implement.

"I would hear about people doing new things with technology, and I thought 'I could do that on my farm,'" said Walter Lenhart, a Clay County producer. Used in field days, projects and conferences, this fully equipped vehicle allows farmers to test drive precision sensors, including an EzGuide 500 light bar, steering wheel actuator, a Greenseeker® NDVI re-cording system and a variable rate spray system. "I actually learned more about the practical things I can do by trying [the technology] myself. I prefer to talk with individuals about how they do what they do, rather than listen to big company presentations," Lenhart said.

As sweeping innovations transform the future of farming in the U.S., the mobile teaching unit travels the state to model the latest technology on a small scale. This allows producers to experience the potential of the latest advances in agricultural technology, improving the bottom-line of operations of any size.

### Background

Beyond basic 'boys-with-toys,' these tools drive new agricultural modernization, said Randy Price, machinery

engineer with K-State Research and Extension.

Price said that precision farming encompasses several new technologies and allows producers to look at their fields on a zoned, site-specific basis. Producers can apply precise inputs for the variations in their fields, rather than a blanket application on seeding and fertilizing. Often saving money while enhancing yields, precision technology also reduces inputs, pollution, operator stress and waste. "Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology has become commonplace and drives the market on precision products," Price said. "GPS-based products continue to grow in guidance and mapping capabilities, with automatic sprayer boom, nozzle and planter shut offs."

Sensors, the latest advancement in precision agriculture, are used for mapping, data collection and real-time variable rate application. Overall, the GPS systems assist in analyzing data and making decisions to maximize profitability. Price works with both machinery companies and consumers to develop, test and educate the public on new precision farming components. "My goals are to develop and support precision farming extension and research," Price said. "I want to help make the systems easier to operate and understand."



With computers on the dashboard and variable sprayers linked in the bed, Randy Price, machinery engineer with K-State Research and Extension, shares the latest easy-to-use precision agriculture tools.

Photo by Lucas Shivers

Price said the economy drives the agriculture technology process, like most sectors of the industry. "With any new system, we have to look at the bottom line and efficiency," Price explained. "It may be good stuff in a lab or on paper, but the technology may be too complicated or not profitable out there.

We strive to make [the products] effective and easy to use."

### Practical Examples

In the 1980s and '90s, visionaries cast 'grand plans' for the production industry by using detailed maps for variable rates with software. However, Price said the technology is just now

catching up to apply these goals on a larger scale.

"We're more practical with specific applications," Price said. "For example, planter box shut-offs can save their cost in one year, as well as sprayers to control and prevent over-application." In another example, GPS navigation and steering

of the tractor guides machinery down a straight, pre-set path. "This reduces stress of operators to review other things and avoid compaction," Price said. "Theoretically, farmers could even read the newspaper or their iPad at the steering wheel."

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## FCC – local telecommunication companies at odds over rural broadband rule

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

There is no debate among those in the communications industry that providing broadband access to every home in the nation is a worthy goal. There is, however, concern on the part of

many local telecommunication companies that a proposed plan being considered by the Federal Communications Commission could put them out of business in the process.

In early 2009 Congress directed the FCC to come up with a national broadband plan that would guarantee that every American has "access to broadband capability." Although the number of Americans with home broadband access has rocketed from eight million in 2000 to nearly 200 million in 2010, there are still approximately 100 million Americans who do not have it.

Regarding a June 22, 2011 report prepared by the FCC in consultation with USDA's Rural Utilities Service, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski stated, "While we have made significant progress, the report shows that approximately 28 percent of rural residents still lack access to the kind of broadband that



most Americans take for granted. That is not acceptable, and it's why the FCC has launched major initiatives to overhaul our universal service system, free more spectrum, and reduce barriers to broadband deployment. These efforts will help ensure that high-speed Internet can connect rural communities to global markets, jobs, and

world-class education and health care."

Mike Foster, CEO of Twin Valley Telephone of Miltonvale and Clay Center, has been working to raise awareness of the issue for months, both among consumers and state telecommunications associations. He is concerned with two main aspects of the plan, one being that it proposes

only a 4 megabit connection speed in rural areas, which is actually 25 times slower than what most companies now provide. "100% of our customers have 30-40 megabits available right now," he said. "And 70% have 100 megabits available. 90% of my peers nationwide have deployed these services to 100% of their customers. We do that with the Universal Service Funding."

That Universal Service Funding is where his second concern lies. In order to pay for this new plan, the FCC proposes shifting \$15.5 billion over the next ten years from the Universal Service Fund (USF) program to create the Connect America Fund (CAF). Money for the Universal Service Fund comes from a user charge on all phone bills. The current fund is \$7.2 billion annually, about half of which supports rural telephone companies through the High Cost program, to ensure that "consumers in all regions of the

nation have access to and pay rates for telecommunications services that are reasonably comparable to those in urban areas." The other three programs supported by the fund are Low Income, Rural Health Care and Schools and Libraries.

Blue Valley Telecommunications general manager Dennis Doyle expects the impact of the plan on consumers to be higher bills and slower speeds. "Their assumption is that we've already built and don't need the fund any more," he said. "But there are those of us that borrowed money from RUS to do that building and are paying it back with the USF money. Also, we've got our operating expenses that the USF helps with maintaining."

"It's not so much what it's doing to us, the phone company, it's what it's doing to the consumer," he continued. "The FCC has proposed that rural areas only need 4 megabits, while

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By Lori Pultz Haresnape,  
Lebanon

My son, Colton: Seven years old, soon-to-be second grader... and knows exactly what he wants to do for the rest of his life.

He was born to farm – just like his father.

During his first years I never thought it possible. Until he was four, he was attached to me and no one else. He really didn't want much to do with Dad – until he had to spend a few mornings with Theron in the tractor one summer so I could have a sanity break from fighting boys. He developed such a love for farming from the buddy seat that I've seen very little of him Saturdays and summers. Asking him to stay home "and just be a kid" so he can play with his toys and swim not only makes him angry, but just

plain breaks his heart.

In preschool, after only his first summer spent with Dad, he knew what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. In fact, he already considered himself to be doing it. While at lunch with his classmates and teachers at preschool one day, Mr. Jim asked Colton if he was going to be a farmer when he grew up. Colton was completely offended, perked right up and angrily exclaimed, "I already am!"

Getting him to go to school every August is a struggle. Thank God for two wonderful women, Miss Heidi and Mrs. Ratliff, who helped convince him farmers need an education to do what they do, and that he could actually enjoy himself at school while doing it. Miss Heidi (preschool) explained that he'd need to

know how to read to figure out all of the wonderful things his new machinery could do. Mrs. Ratliff (kindergarten) did the same, and made sure she had farm magazines in the classroom for him to peruse periodically.

School isn't the only activity which cut into Colton's farm time. I signed both of our boys up for pre-tee-ball that first summer, one evening a week for four weeks. Colton enjoyed it and was really pretty good at it. When I tried to sign him up the following summer, he replied "No thanks, it cut into my farm time last year." One evening a week. He hadn't even realized yet that it was going to turn into three evenings a week!

As much joy and pride as Theron feels that his son shares his love of farming, he'll admit it can be kind of exhausting at times. Much of the time Colton is with him, he is expressing his desire to pull this trailer with that pickup or that implement with this tractor. No machine was safe – including the neighbor's. The

first couple of years, he just could not understand why we couldn't go get Steve's or Johnnie's pickups to pull our stock trailers.

Wheat harvest 2009, Colton – age 5 – was riding with me to take food to the field. We were not quite a half mile away when he blurted out, "Hey, that's not our tractor!" I told him there was really no reason we'd have someone else's. He kept insisting that it wasn't ours. As we pulled into the field and closer to the tractor, I discovered he was right. In fact, he had already recognized it to be our friend Steve's. He continues to amaze our hired men and friends as they travel along and he tells them exactly what model number the tractor is from a distance, just by the physical characteristics.

Summer is almost over. Colton will go back to school soon. He'll enjoy seeing his friends and playing football at recess. After school, he'll pull various "implements" around the yard with his bike and work on our Suburban with plastic wrenches. Until then, he'll keep sleeping with one eye open, jump out of bed the minute Theron does, and farm from the buddy seat.



Mother Nature has been in an unusual mood for the past year. Ruthless winter snows, torrential rains, devastating floods and scorching summers have been endlessly plaguing producers. Whether or not you believe in global warming or climate change, there's no denying that our environment is experiencing a definite makeover.

There's been a lot of talk, both in the United States and Australia, about how to be more environmentally conscious and decrease our effects on planet Earth. In an effort to combat climate change, in early July 2011 Australia's prime minister, Julia Gillard, initiated the "Clean Energy Future" package which will commence on July 1, 2012. This new package will institute a charge of \$23 on each ton of carbon with a price increase of 2.3% per year over the next three years. The program's target is to reduce Australia's carbon emissions by 5% in 2020 and 80% by 2050. Regardless of whether or not those

are achievable goals, Australia's initiative at working towards a cleaner, healthier environment is admirable. The legislation has received varied reviews, ranging from severe admonishment to immense praise.

For example, dairy farmers are optimistic about a program that has been developed in light of the carbon tax. The Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) was created to establish a carbon crediting mechanism which will aid producers in offsetting the cost of the carbon tax. Additional features of the program are the fast-tracked development of methodologies for alternative projects, and information and tools to help farmers and landholders benefit from carbon markets. Many have found that the new legislation provides opportunities for expanding their business and increasing management responsibilities. Some of the suggested alternative projects for dairy farmers focus on reducing livestock emissions through rumen fermentation research and increased management of effluent systems.

Conversely, sheep farmers are disheartened at the potential 16% loss in revenues they will experience under the new carbon tax. A study conducted by the Australia Farm Institute revealed that average increased costs per producer will be approximately \$6000 but could run upwards to \$9100 in some areas of the country. Producers are also concerned with the impact the carbon tax will have on the economy and Australian farm families. Prior to the instigation of the carbon tax legislation, National Farmers' Federation (NFF) President Jock Laurie voiced his distaste for the tax by stating, "Australian farmers will suffer under the proposed carbon tax and this is not

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**The Learning Post**  
By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator  
**Performer versus audience**

Occasionally I am asked to talk to a group; and whenever I walk into the meeting place, you can be sure that I take note of whether or not it has a packed-out crowd or just a few in attendance. It causes me to wonder about just who is the most important, the speaker (performer) or the audience. Both are essential. After a session, a quick evaluation is made as to how effective and beneficial the presentation was. Then a decision is reached as to whether there should be changes made, continue in the same manner, or should the program cease or close up?

Early in 1992 I began writing for Grass & Grain. During this period of almost twenty years, I have written about a thousand columns. I am not sure what the present circulation is, but it has been running around 13,000. I believe it is time to express my gratitude to the people at Ag Press who have been placing my column on page 2 of this paper each week for all these years. I also want to say thanks to the faithful readers (my audience) who have enjoyed my better stories and still read the ones that weren't as meaningful or of particular interest to them. A farm wife may write to express condolences at Buck's death; she can relate to this experience because of a similar situation with her own farm dog. A farmer may call to get more details on some farming procedure I have talked about. Then there are university professors who write letters of encouragement, telling me they have read my column for years. I am appreciative of the cross-section of people who read the column and comment on it. It is humbling and also encouraging when they express interest in what has been said. Thank you for all the encouragement. All of us together can make a difference when we honor and appreciate one another, regardless of our calling or vocation in life. It helps bring out the best in us.

Recently I included in my column a poem that was one of the two sent to me by Dr. Don Mock, a retired KSU professor. Today I am giving you the other poem because it fits the situation that so much of our country is in this summer. Although

we have recently had some good rains locally that brought relief to our parched land, much of the country is still experiencing severe drought conditions. Whether you are now or in the past have been in a drought situation, you can relate to the message in the following poem entitled "Drought." My thanks to Don for providing it.

In the hot, hot days of August  
when your eyes burn from the glare  
and the pounding heartbeat in your  
brain  
is nearly more than you can bear;

In the dry, dry days of August  
when even the air is dead;  
when grass is crunchy underfoot  
and no clouds pass overhead;

In the hot, dry days of August,  
in Kansas on the Plain;  
in the hot, dry days of August  
when you can't remember rain;

In the hot, dry days of August  
when each day is long and bright,  
when dust spurts up with every  
step  
and locusts clack their wings in  
flight;

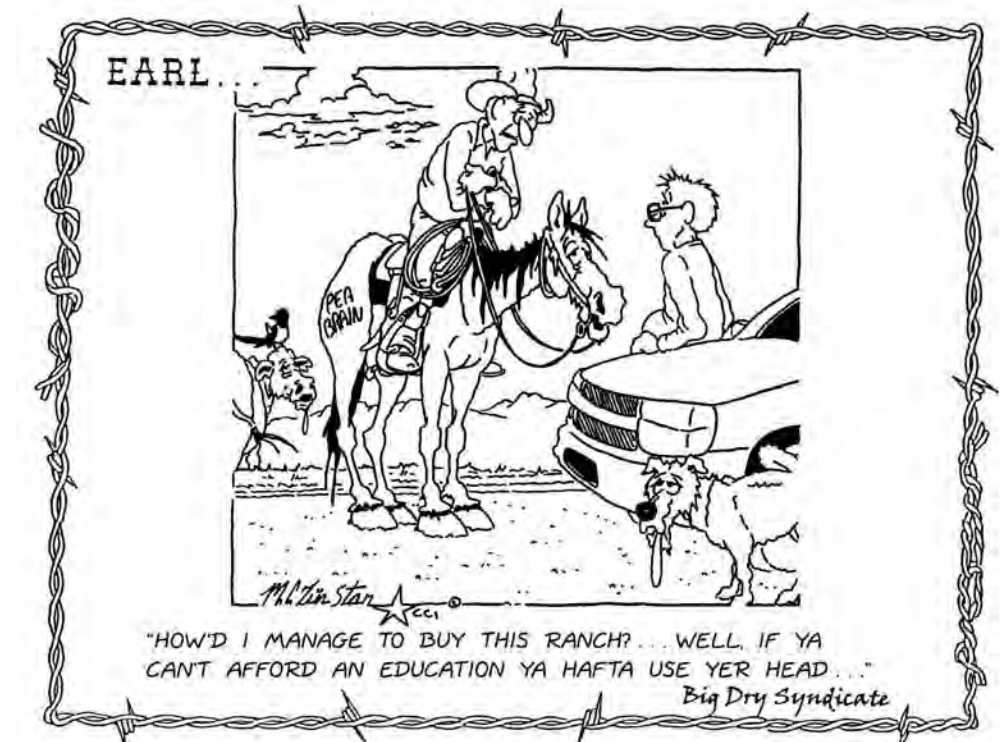
In the dead, dry days of Kansas  
when the ponds are damn near dry,  
watchin' cattle drinking mud  
can make a grown man cry.

In those dry, dead days of August  
when you think your brain will fry,  
you hate the Earth and all that's on  
it  
and you wish that you could die.

In the dead, dead days of August  
comes then a sudden squall;  
the sky's ablaze with flash and  
thunder,  
and hail and rain begin to fall.

In the extravagance of August  
come a year's worth in a week;  
old cottonwoods give up the ghost  
and fall into the flooding creek.

Another drought's been broken  
and the dry, hot days are gone;  
you're humbled but you're grateful  
for the Earth that you live on.



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# Precision technology improves

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## Implementing Ease

Producers have the option to buy and install comprehensive 'push button' systems to bring their farms 'online.' "(Precision systems) bring up new and different types of farming strategies with roundabout planting and control traffic patterns," Price said. "Just think, if year after year, we had track compaction in exactly the same paths. With this trait alone, we may see around a 4% increase in yields." Farmers are most likely to adopt new technology when excessive training is not required, Price said. "I recommend everyone have a guidance system, but I let farmers decide on their best fit," Price said. "There are \$5,000 to \$15,000 options. It all has come down in cost, but it's still an investment to set up site-specific management zones."

## Keeping Precision Practical

Taking the first step can be a challenge, but Price said that searching fields on a free online program can be beneficial. "Google Earth gives you some pretty good stuff if you can analyze what you see," said Price. By looking at an aerial image, producers can identify areas where alteration could enhance yields or cut costs. Google Earth can provide images from

which producers can draw basic zones. An example of progressive production, Wayne Lenhart and his wife, Susan, farm near Clifton with 3,300 tillable acres of 100 percent no-till core crops. "We started using precision ag with yield mapping in 1998 and have a light bar system to record data for our sprayer," Lenhart said. "We have been logging planter information for two years, and have just added a rate controller to our drill."

Lenhart and local fertilizer dealers analyze the information and apply it to fertilizer usage rates. "Recently, the best upgrades are 'swath' control for sections of the planters and sprayers that shut off with minimum overlaps and cross sprays," Lenhart said. "They are accurate and adjustable. In the last two years, I've used less seed."

## Learning with Others

Overwhelmed by some of the fast-paced changes, Lenhart joined the Kansas Ag Research and Technology Association (KARTA), an organization of farmers, researchers and industry representatives. Members share a common desire to research and learn about production agriculture.

"I saw an advertisement for using yield maps for variable rate fertilizers, which was new for me," Lenhart said. "I went to the

convention and within a few years I stepped up to serve on the KARTA board. I like the networking opportunities and learning the latest." As a premier resource for providing information about agricultural technologies and on-farm research, KARTA provides educational workshops to teach techniques and analysis methods. "KARTA has also supplied me with some funding to help me start doing some on-farm research in fertilizers like phosphorus, lime and potash," Lenhart said. "I also enjoy and learn from the visits I have with other members at workshops, the annual meeting and whenever I run into one of them."

Aside from learning to do research on his own farm, Lenhart also seeks to help the environment by adjusting and lowering the inputs from others around the state. "I have learned a lot about GPS data collection and analysis from other members of KARTA, but I realize I have a long way to go," said Lenhart. "Participation in the association has given me the courage to do a lot more on-farm research and the know-how to make it simpler and more viable to our operation."

Learn more at [www.KARTAonline.org](http://www.KARTAonline.org) and [www.bae.ksu.edu/precisionag](http://www.bae.ksu.edu/precisionag).

# Rural broadband rule

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cities need 100 megabits. In my opinion, it's just the opposite. We've already built out fiber to the home for more than 4 megabits, but they only want to pay a provider for 4 megabits. How can the FCC say that rural doesn't need the same as cities? The service was intended to provide equal, affordable services to all Americans whether urban or rural. So we built out the infrastructure, but now they're saying you don't need that. So for a business out here, if the FCC were to implement their plan and they couldn't run their business on 4 megabits, their only option is to move to an urban area. We're fighting for the survival of rural America."

Doyle has been to the FCC twice this year. "I don't think they really understand what rural America is like," he said. "They believe you can survive with just a cell phone, but you'll never get good, reliable broadband service with a cell phone."

Population density as the fiber to the home lines are being laid is what drives the cost. "The funds for big companies are generated from end users, which can pay for the infrastructure," Doyle explained. "In rural America, if I were to charge the customers what it actually costs me, their phone bills would be hundreds of dollars a month."

"Washington thinks that

the free market should take care of all of this," Foster said. "If I lay a mile of fiber, I pass 1.6 customers. In Chicago, if you laid a half-mile of fiber you'd pass 10,000 customers. So the free market works there. It doesn't work out here."

According to a study by Wichita State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research, the FCC plan could result in the cutting of up to \$143 million in funds over the next five years to small businesses in Kansas, mainly the Rural Local Exchange Carriers, which provide telecommunications services to 104 of the state's 105 counties. As the RLEC's are forced to reduce services, the report estimates 140 jobs will be lost through 2016, to the tune of \$29 million in wages. And finally, many rural Kansans will risk losing service altogether as the RLECs succumb to the losses - the very problem the plan initially set out to address.

Foster expects the plan to be passed by the FCC, mainly because they have rejected several alternate plans that have been presented to them by the phone companies. "In my opinion the FCC is going to ignore all of them because they don't accomplish what their goal for national broadband is. It's a good goal, but we all think it should be at whatever speed and affordable rates that they need."

"The reality is, the day

this things gets passed by the FCC, we better have one of two things happen," Foster said. "First, it would be really good if Congress would kill it like they did a really bad net neutrality rule. They said to the FCC, 'That's a bad rule and we're not going to fund the implementation of it.' If that doesn't happen, this deal is going to the courts. If we don't get a judge that will grant us a stay, the rule gets implemented immediately." Foster went on to explain that if a stay is not granted, the appeals process could take two years. "Half of the companies in the nation will go bankrupt in that time," he predicted. "Jobs will be lost in the first six months as companies drop employees, benefits and services in order to stay afloat. And also they won't be able to provide the same level of service they had been providing."

Foster encourages consumers to visit [www.saveruralbroadband.org](http://www.saveruralbroadband.org) for more information on the proposal and to write their legislators concerning the issue.

"What we need to have happen is to make this thing go away and put us all in a room with the FCC and others in the industry and figure it out," Foster said.

"We're fighting to keep rural America," Doyle emphasized. "Every time they have a crunch, they seem to want to squeeze rural America to solve the issues by taking away their funding."

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# GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

\*\*\*\*\* By G&G Area Cooks \*\*\*\*\*

## Weekly Our Daily Bread Recipe Prize Goes To Jan Schoshke, Brookville

Winner Jan Schoshke, Brookville:  
**ZUCCHINI GRATIN**

5 to 6 medium sized zucchini  
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, shredded  
1 cup panko bread crumbs  
1 cup heavy cream  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
3-4 sprigs fresh thyme (can use 1 or so teaspoons dried thyme)  
Olive oil  
Salt & pepper to taste

Heat cream in a small saucepan with garlic and thyme until starts to boil. Remove and set aside. Slice zucchini into 1/8-inch thick rounds. In a buttered baking dish, layer zucchini, salt and pepper, sprinkle of Parmesan cheese, panko bread crumbs and drizzle of heavy cream. Repeat layers until pan is almost full. Finish the top with bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and a drizzle of olive oil. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly. Refrigerate leftovers. Serves 4 to 6.

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Mary Hedberg, Clifton: "I used to take this to work for snack time and I never had any left over."

**GRAHAM STREUSEL CAKE**  
2 cups graham cracker crumbs (28 squares)  
3/4 cup nuts, chopped (I use pecans)  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
3/4 cup melted margarine  
1 package yellow cake mix  
1 cup water  
1/3 teaspoon vegetable oil  
3 eggs  
Powdered sugar glaze  
Heat oven to 350 degrees.  
Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan.

Mix crumbs, nuts, brown sugar, cinnamon and margarine. Beat cake mix, water, oil and eggs in a large bowl on low speed. Beat 2 minutes on regular speed. Pour about 2 1/3 cups batter into the pan. Sprinkle about 2 cups crumb mixture over the batter. Pour remaining batter over the crumbs then add the last crumbs over the batter. Bake until cake springs back when touched lightly, 40- to 45 minutes. Cool. Drizzle with powdered sugar glaze if desired.

Glaze:  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 tablespoon water  
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Doris Shivers, Abilene:  
**REUBEN CASSEROLE**  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 medium onion, halved & sliced  
14.5-ounce can sauerkraut, drained  
1 teaspoon caraway seeds  
1 cup dry white wine  
1 1/2 lbs. all-purpose potatoes  
14-ounce package light or turkey kielbasa, sliced on the diagonal  
8-ounce bag shredded Swiss cheese  
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Coat a 10-by-10-by-2-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Melt butter in a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer to a bowl with a slotted spoon. Stir sauerkraut and caraway seeds into onion and toss to mix. Return skillet to heat and add wine. Heat through, 1 minute. Thinly slice potatoes with a food processor, V-slicer or mandoline. Begin layering: Spread a layer of potatoes (1/3 of the slices) on the bottom of prepared dish, overlapping slightly. Top with half of the sauerkraut mixture and half of the kielbasa. In a medium bowl, toss Swiss cheese with cornstarch. Pour half of the wine over the kielbasa, then top with half the cheese. Add a second layer of potatoes, and the remaining sauerkraut and kielbasa. Pour remaining wine over kielbasa, then

fan remaining potatoes over kielbasa. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Coat a sheet of foil with nonstick spray and cover dish. Bake, covered, at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka:  
**OVEN FRIED GREEN TOMATOES**  
1/2 cup yellow corn meal  
1/2 cup panko bread crumbs  
1 egg white  
2 green tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices  
Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Spray with cooking spray. In a dish, combine corn meal, bread crumbs, salt and pepper. In another dish lightly beat egg white. Dip each slice of tomato in egg white, dredge in corn meal to coat. Place on baking sheet. Spray each tomato with nonstick cooking spray. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until lightly browned. Turn slices and spray with cooking spray. Bake for 15-20 minutes longer or until lightly browned.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:  
**APPLE COFFEE CAKE**  
1 1/2 cups peeled chopped apples, divided  
12.4-ounce tube refrigerated cinnamon rolls, separated  
1/2 cup pecans, chopped

2 tablespoons melted butter  
2 tablespoons corn syrup  
Spread 1 cup apples on 9-inch pie plate sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Cut rolls in quarters (save icing). Place rolls in a large bowl, add remaining apples and pecans. In small bowl combine remaining ingredients, mix well and pour over rolls. Toss gently to combine. Spoon mixture over apples in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until rolls are deep golden. Cool 5 minutes. Invert on platter. Microwave icing 10-15 seconds and drizzle over warm coffee cake.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge:  
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3-ounce package cream cheese, softened  
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1/4 cup sliced black olives

2 tablespoons onion, chopped  
1/4 cup celery, chopped  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Mix all ingredients together and chill in refrigerator before serving. Makes about 4 servings.

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka:  
**BACON CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS**  
2 pounds ground chuck  
1 lb. bacon, cooked & crumbled  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
14 slices Colby jack cheese  
14 sliders buns

Spray grill rack. In a large bowl, gently combine ground chuck, bacon, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Form mixture into 14 patties. Grill for 5-7 minutes per side or until thermometer registers 160 degrees. Place cheese slices on patties, remove from grill and let stand for 10 minutes. Serve on slider buns with desired toppings.

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4 whole eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Topping:**  
4-ounce package box vanilla instant pudding mix  
20-ounce can crushed pineapple, juice reserved  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
4 ounces fluid frozen whipped topping (such as "Cool Whip")

Extra mandarin orange slices, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For the cake, combine cake mix, margarine, 1/2 cup juice from the mandarin oranges, eggs and vanilla. Beat for four minutes on medium-high. Add drained oranges and beat again until pieces are broken up and small. Pour batter into greased and floured 9-by-13-inch baking pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown and set. Remove from oven and cool completely. If desired, turn out cake onto a large platter. Once cake is cool, blend juice from drained pineapples with the vanilla pudding mix. Add powdered sugar and mix; then mix in the whipped topping. Stir in drained pineapple. Spread on cooled cake and refrigerate several hours. To serve,

cut cake into squares and top each square with a mandarin orange slice.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

**SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE**

2 cups uncooked instant brown rice.  
2 cups chicken broth, divided  
3/4 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup sliced green onions  
1 teaspoon garlic salt, divided  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided  
3/4 cup thinly sliced zucchini  
3/4 cup thinly sliced yellow squash  
3/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
1/3 cup bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare rice according to package directions substituting 1 3/4 cups chicken broth for water. Add remaining 1/4 cup broth, sour cream, onions, 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper to cooked rice, stirring well. Pour rice mixture into the bottom of a shallow 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Top evenly with zucchini and squash, overlapping slices. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt and remaining pepper. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for 30 minutes or until squash is tender. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese. Top evenly with crumbs. Bake uncovered for 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

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**BLACK BEAN & ARTICHOKE DIP**

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- 1/2 cup bottled salsa
- 1 up marinated artichoke hearts, drained & rinsed
- 1/2 cup mixed black & green olives, pitted & chopped
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 green onions, chopped, green part only
- 4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 tablespoon Simple Indulgence™ Southwest Chipotle Seasoning Blend

1/2 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

1/2 cup black beans, drained & rinsed

In base of a food processor fitted with blade attachment, combine salsa, artichoke hearts, olives, garlic and green onions. Cover and coarsely chop. Add cream cheese, seasoning blend and cheese. Cover and process until well combined. Using a spatula, stir in black beans and place in a serving bowl. Refrigerate until serving.

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

Pringle Ranch will open its gates August 18 for the first Kansas Livestock Association (KLA)/Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Day of 2011. The ranch, located south of Yates Center in central Woodson County, is owned and operated by Mardelle Pringle, her daughter and son-in-law, Beth and David Patterson, and granddaughter Becky Farha.

Pringle Ranch is a fifth generation cattle and ranching operation specializing in custom grazing cow-calf pairs and yearlings and starting weaned calves in the fall and winter. In addition, the Pringle family produces and sells native grass hay and raises wheat, soybeans and corn in their farming enterprise.

National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Bill Donald will kick off the event. He will discuss current challenges and opportunities for beef cattle producers. Donald is a third generation rancher from Melville, Mont. His family owns and operates Cayuse Livestock Company, a commercial cow-calf and yearling operation headquartered in the foothills of the Crazy Mountains in south central Montana.

Kansas Animal Health Commissioner Bill Brown will update attendees on the prevalence of trichomoniasis in Kansas. Trichomoniasis is an infection that

causes reproductive and fertility problems in cow herds. The state recently adopted import regulations for the disease. Brown will discuss the state's role in reducing the incidence of trichomoniasis in Kansas and options for additional regulations if they become necessary.

Another educational session will focus on controlling sericea lespedeza. The continued spread of this invasive species, and the difficulty of controlling it, has led to heightened frustration among landowners and operators throughout the Flint Hills and eastern Kansas. A panel including K-State agronomist Gary Kilgore, Sedan rancher Bill Sproul, Kansas Department of Agriculture Program Manager of Plant Protection and Weed Control Jeff Vogel and Natural Resources Conservation Service rangeland management specialist David Kraft will share their experiences with sericea lespedeza and offer suggestions on how to control the noxious weed.

The Yates Center 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.

Pringle Ranch is about five miles south of Yates Center, on the east side of Highway 75. Directional

signs will be posted. KLA and K-State also will host ranch management field days August 23 at Pannbacker Farm near Washington and August 29 at Erbes Farms near La Crosse. Unique aspects of these operations will be incorporated into the educational sessions.

Bayer Animal Health and the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas are sponsoring each event. For more information, go to [www.kla.org](http://www.kla.org) or call the KLA office at (785) 273-5115. KLA is a trade organization representing the business interests of independent beef producers at the state and national levels. Members of the association are involved in all segments of the live-

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 something the industry is going to take lying down." Clearly, there are passionate parties on both sides of this significant issue.

Climate change is probably the biggest hot button issue in the world right now. Obviously, there are a wide range of opinions on how we can preserve the environment for our children and grandchildren, and no single solution will please everyone. As I said before, the Australian carbon tax may not result in drastically reducing carbon

emissions; in fact, it may not reduce emissions at all. However, it is truly enlightening to see a nation taking some initiative in regulating, and potentially decreasing, the negative effects that society has on our environment.

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## Vengeance In Caldwell

Caldwell was founded in 1871. The location, directly on the Chisholm Trail, was good for business but without a railroad, Caldwell was just another place to resupply before reaching the more successful shipping towns of Abilene, Ellsworth, Newton and Wichita. Business began to boom when the railroad finally came to Caldwell in 1880. But with the boom, political factions lined up in opposition to one another. George Flatt was Caldwell's first marshal. He was a two-gun man who had effectively kept the peace, but elections brought a new mayor. Mayor Mike Meagher ap-

pointed a new marshal and new deputies. None of these men liked Flatt.

The brew began to boil when Flatt and Deputy Frank Hunt exchanged heated words in the Red Light saloon and dancehall the evening of June 19, 1880. Flatt apparently thought that he had gotten the best of the deputy in the confrontation. Later that night Flatt walked out of the IXL Saloon in the company of Sam Rogers and Charlie Spear. The former lawman was feeling pretty good. Just as the rooster was seen as the ruler of the farmyard, Flatt told his friends that he was the "Cock of the walk of

Caldwell." Within seconds of his bold pronouncement a flash of light and a roar of gunfire split the night! Rogers and Spear dived for cover but George Flatt fell hard to the ground. Bullets ricocheted over Flatt's motionless body until Rogers finally cried out in desperation, "Let up, the man is dead or killed!"

Caldwell city mayor Mike Meagher and his lawmen arrived on the scene immediately after the shooting. Friends of George Flatt were suspicious, especially since the city officials had charged out of the darkness from the same direction as the deadly hail of bullets. Curiously, none of the officials claimed to have seen any evidence of the assassins.

Six days after Flatt's death Sumner County lawmen arrested the mayor and his entire police force, charging them with complicity in George Flatt's death. However, no one stepped forward with specific evidence against the lawmen and they were soon reinstated. The Caldwell Post reported, "old police

force resume their former places - everything is quiet." But everything wasn't quite as quiet as the Post implied. A lot of people thought that at least one of the men, Deputy Frank Hunt, was responsible for the killing. Marshal Horseman and Deputy Hunt were certainly no shrinking violets. They were tough men in a tough town. Within the week the two were once again arrested by Sumner County Sheriff Joe Thralls under a charge of assault and battery on a hotel man by the name of Abraham Rhodes. Rhodes coincidentally was a political opponent of Mayor Meagher. But Rhodes declined to press the issue and the two lawmen were released from the Sumner County jail.

Enraged by his actions against a solid city leader, the Caldwell City Council discharged Marshal Horseman from his duties but kept Hunt in service as a deputy. Deputy James Johnson was selected as City Marshal and Newt Miller, a former Wichita officer, filled the empty position.

In September Deputy

Hunt took part in a particularly classic "cowntown confrontation." A wild young cowboy had consumed a considerable amount of liquor before he saddled up to "hurrah" the town. He had made several passes through the street shouting, and shooting when Hunt confronted him with shotgun in hand. The officer ordered the cowboy carouser to halt but that would never do for a range rider on "the hunt." The cowboy flourished his pistol a bit too slow as Hunt touched the trigger of his shotgun. The blast shattered the cowboy's knee as the rider and horse collapsed into a heap in the street. The horse was killed. "A great deal of sympathy was expressed for the horse." The cowboy was fined and allowed to leave town with, "quite a severe wound."

Later in the year, the city fired Hunt to save money. He was just another citizen sitting in an open window on a pleasant fall evening at the Red Light Saloon. Hunt had no reason to suspect danger. Seductive music filled the air. The dance

continued and life was good. Suddenly there was a shot. Hunt slumped to the floor, "I'm killed! He did it out there!" Just as with George Flatt, no one was convicted for killing Frank Hunt but "out there," in the darkness, "Vengeance" found a way to even the score on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or [www.droversmercan.com](http://www.droversmercan.com).



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This year's Kansas Hereford Association tour once again will have something for everyone. This is a Saturday-Sunday tour which should give the weekenders a chance to participate in the whole tour.

### Saturday, August 27

Stop #1 — Priest Herefords — West of St Francis on Hwy. 36 to Hwy. 27, then 3-1/2 miles north on Hiway 27. 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Stop #2 — 4V Ranch — Steve Douthit Herefords, From U.S. 36 in St. Francis turn north on Benton St., go 3.5 miles to Y, bear right, go 4.5 mi north to sign, 1 mi. east, .75 mi. north to place. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Stop #3 — Douthit Herefords (Walter & Megan) 3 miles north, 1 mile east and 6 miles north of St. Francis. — Lunch Stop 12:00-12:45 noon

Stop #4 — Mader Herefords — Location: 2 miles east and 9 miles south of Jennings or 16 miles west and 2-1/2 miles south of Lenora. 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Stop #5 — Jamison Herefords — From I-70 Exit at Quinter, 2 miles south, 1 mile east and 1-1/2 miles south. — Evening

meal, program, and social time. 5:15-? p.m.

Stop #6 — Harmony Herefords — The Swihart family will have cattle on display at Jamison's

### Sunday, August 28

Stop #7 — Pieper Land & Cattle — Located at Sutor Ranch and 15 miles north of Ellis off I-70 or 7 miles south of Palco and 1 mile east. 8:00-9:15 p.m.

Stop #8 — Pelton Herefords — Location: 3 miles south and 1 mile west of Zurich. 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Stop #9 — Towns Herefords — 3 1/4 miles south of Palco or 20 miles north of Ellis I-70 interchange. 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Stop #10 — VJS Polled Herefords — From I-70 at Hays, go 5 mi. north on 183 and 2-1/2 west on Hopewell Rd. — Lunch Stop 12:00 noon-1:45p.m.

Stop #11 — Brannan & Reinart Polled Herefords — Ranch is 1/2 mile north of Bison on county blacktop, or from the intersection of K4 and U.S. 183 in LaCrosse; go 6 miles east and 1/2 south.

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# USDA seeks comments on the proposed rule for animal disease traceability

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a proposed rule last Tuesday to establish general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate when animal disease events take place.

"Through the past two years, I have listened carefully to stakeholders throughout the country about how to reach effective animal disease traceability in a transparent manner without additional burden," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We are proposing a flexible approach in which states and tribes can develop systems for tracing animals that work best for them and for producers in their jurisdiction. This approach offers great flexibility at the state and local level and addresses gaps in our disease response efforts."

Under the proposed rule, unless specifically exempted, livestock moved interstate would have to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation, such as ownership statements or brand certificates. The proposed rule encourages the use of low-cost technology and specifies approved forms of official identification for each species, such as metal ear tags for cattle. However, recognizing the importance and prevalence of other identifications in certain

regions, shipping and receiving states or tribes are permitted to agree upon alternative forms of identification such as brands or tattoos.

"Our proposal strives to meet the diverse needs of the animal agriculture industry and our state and tribal partners, while also helping us all reach our goal of increased animal disease traceability," said chief veterinary officer for the United States, Dr. John Clifford. "We believe reaching our goals on traceability will help save the industry and American taxpayer's money in the long term."

Animal disease traceability, or knowing where diseased and at-risk animals are, where they've been, and when, is very important to make sure there can be a rapid response when animal disease events

take place. An efficient and accurate animal disease traceability system helps reduce the number of animals involved in an investigation, reduces the time needed to respond, and decreases the cost to producers and the government.

This notice will be published in the Aug. 11 Federal Register.

Consideration will be given to comments received on or before Nov. 9. You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2009-0091](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2009-0091).

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.



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## Smart Horses

There's an old saying around horsemen that you're only as good as the horse you ride. I agree with that old cowboy adage but I haven't heard any sayings that say you're only as smart as the horse you ride. I'm pleased I've never heard the latter one. There's been times and many Cayuses when I've wondered what the horse was using for brains. I would have been embarrassed to have my intelligence compared to some of the horses I've ridden. Every once in a while you run into a horse that just doesn't get it. It's not very often but it occasionally happens if you work with a lot of horses. They can't seem to understand what you're trying to teach them and no matter how you change your technique, you can't change their mindset. They keep doing the wrong thing and simply don't catch on to what you introduce them to.

Some just can't do anything right. No matter how hard you try. They run into things, slam you against gates when you try to side pass up to unlatch the gate or maybe continually stumble on smooth level ground. The first thought is that there is something physically wrong with them but sometimes that something wrong is in their head, between their ears. It's hard to come to the conclusion that they have a problem and it's not your training or riding ability. These horses do test your skill. If you have patience, don't push them too hard and hang in there, you may be able to finally get through to them and make a good horse.

Sometimes, this type of horse, once you get over that hurdle, becomes excellent mounts. Some have

even gone on to become champions.

It can happen that a really slow learner never earns the reputation of a good mount. A go-to horse. The kind you never think twice about saddling up for a full day's ride in the brush or rough country alone. Why keep a horse you can't really depend on to keep you out of trouble? Keep yourself out of trouble. Bite the bullet and let the horse go.

A smart horse sees trouble coming and avoids it. Now, I've ridden horses that I was convinced were smarter than I was and would have taken it as a compliment if someone said the horse was smarter than I was. Let me tell you, I've ridden a lot of horses that were smarter than me. You can teach them things a lot faster and they come to terms with the fact that when you are poking them or squeezing parts of their body, they are supposed to do something with that part and they try to figure out just what you want. If they make the right move and you give them a love tap on the rump or neck, they know they did the right thing and will maybe remember it the next time you do the same thing the same way. The smart ones always know the way home. You can put faith in their ability to take the right trail and find their way like a homing pigeon across miles of country all the way to the barn. They have awesome memories and can remember trails and places they haven't been for years. If you've lost the trail, just give the reins some slack and turn the navigation over to the horse. Chances are he'll head you in the right direction.

Breeding is the key to a

smart horse. People keep their best mares and stallions to breed. The horses they keep have proven to be good stock for them and they'd like to raise more just like them. So, they keep their best horses to raise new babies hoping to get a return of those same qualities. That only makes sense.

Another old saying is, if you breed a horse with bad qualities, you'll simply get another horse with bad qualities. That can be true more often than not. Don't make the mistake of keeping an ornery stud or mare and just because you have them, breeding them. You'll probably regret it when you go to start the baby. Raise your chances of breeding for a smart horse by using proven sires and dams. They didn't prove themselves by throwing babies that would make a fence post seem smart.

It's a lot easier to work with a horse that doesn't spook at every little thing that's out of the ordinary like a bird flying by or a covey of quail jumping up or even fighting you when you clean their hooves. The smart ones don't have any of those evils. They're smart enough to know that birds aren't going to eat them and that when you throw your saddle across their back or pull your slicker loose from the strings, it's just part of the normal routine and they don't have to jump out of their skin to save themselves. They think first and decide not to waste their energy. Like other people, I have horses that walk right in the barn and step in their stall every time you let them out of the pasture. I have a couple youngsters that I've been working with. I usually halter the colt and lead him in and let the filly tail along loose. She never fails to follow us in the barn and step right in the correct stall. She never misses. Somebody commented when they saw her do this, "She sure is smart." I thought, maybe she's smart but more than likely she's hungry and knows exactly where the feed is. There are different kinds of smart. Horses are

like people, there are smart ones and there are others that can't figure out when

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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Approx. 95 acres with 89 acres nearly level 1st and 2nd Republican River bottom NHEL cropland, small creek and trees.

**BASE ACRES:** 0 FSA Payments: 0  
**TAXES:** \$540

**POSSESSION:** After 2012 wheat harvest. Purchaser to receive 2012 cash rent, paid June 1, 2012.

#### TRACT II • 6 ACRES WITH OLDER MODERN HOUSE

**LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE:** Adjoins Tract I on south (on Highway #9).

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** A tract of approx. 6 acres in NW 1/4, 35-5-3, West of 6th PM, Cloud County, Kansas.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Approx. 6 acres with 2 story wood frame modern house, basement, good roof and siding. House needs updates. Old barn & old sheds. In a good setting and in a good location. Home has been vacant, septic system not up to county code. House will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

**TAXES:** Approximately \$450.

**POSSESSION:** On day of closing.

#### TRACT III • 74.4 ACRES CROPLAND

**LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE:** East edge of Concordia, 11th Street & 150th or intersection land on southeast corner (Rock Road and N. 160th).

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** W 1/2 of NW 1/4, 2-6-3 West of 6th PM, Cloud County, Kansas.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** 74.4 acres with 68.25 rolling terraced, tillable cropland, 6.53 acres waterways.

**BASE ACRES:** 59.6 Ac. wheat; 5.5 Ac. milo.  
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#### TRACT IV • 77 ACRES CROPLAND

**LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE:** Just south of Tract III on west side of road (N. 160th Road).

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**TAXES:** \$608.12.

**POSSESSION:** November 15, 2011. Sellers will retain pasture rent and pay 2011 and all prior year taxes.

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# THE HEALTH CORNER

## Hearing loss a silent concern in agriculture

Protecting their hearing might be the furthest thing from the minds of most farmers as they drive tractors, operate chainsaws or check grain drying in their bins, but not being cautious around these loud noises produces irreparable damage.

"Farmers have lifelong exposure to levels of noise that cause hearing loss," said David Baker, University of Missouri assistant dean of agriculture Extension, and a former state safety and occupational health specialist. "These higher exposure levels mean farmers who don't protect themselves will invariably experience hearing loss that will impact their lives."

Agriculture ranks high among industries that take their toll on hearing.

According to National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) surveys, more than 43 percent of workers in U.S. agriculture encounter dangerous levels of noise. Farmers rank

only behind mines, factories and utility workers in exposure to high levels of noise.

Even short bouts of loud noise can cause permanent hearing loss.

As little as two hours of driving an open-cab tractor or two minutes running a chainsaw can cause a temporary hearing loss. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends earplugs or other hearing protection for prolonged exposure to noises louder than 90 decibels.

"Sounds that register above 90 decibels cause harm over a period of time, and farmers often

don't know the risk level they are exposed to," Baker said. "Combined with the perceived hassle of wearing hearing muffs all the time, awareness issues and the idea that hearing loss goes with the territory cause higher prevalence of hearing loss among farmers than some industries."

Farm operators and managers report the second-highest hearing difficulty (22 percent) of all occupational categories in data collected from 1997 to 2004, according to the NIOSH survey.

Parts of the inner ear like the cochlea and small hairs that line its membranes are damaged by continued exposure to loud noise. Over time this can eliminate hearing of high-frequency noises, like the voices of women.

While some farmers might joke that it could be a blessing to not hear everything their wife says, hearing loss can result in ringing known as tinnitus, reduced muscular control and disruption of sleep as

well as the reduced ability to understand other people.

One solution is to reduce noise from machinery.

Simple maintenance can help with much machinery racket. Replacing worn or loose parts cuts down on vibration, maintaining properly working mufflers cuts exhaust noise and isolating yourself with an acoustically designed tractor cab all reduce exposure.

Still, keeping hearing protection handy and actually using it around loud equipment remains the biggest challenge for farmers. One in four ag workers admitted they don't use hearing protection.

Baker acknowledges that convincing farmers to protect their hearing can be a tough sell but should be addressed.

"Farmers are by nature risk-takers," he said. "They are losing their ability to sense the risk but getting them to realize the long-term harm is a start."

## 2011 Senior Fair promises "Roadside Adventures!"

Kansans who want to have a good time are invited now to pull their maps from their glove boxes and make plans to "hit the road" for the 2011 Senior Fair. The event is slated for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Salina's Bicentennial Center and highlights "Roadside Adventures!" as its theme. Workshops, national speakers and other activities of special interest to senior Kansans and family caregivers are on the Fair's agenda.

The North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging sponsors the annual event, with major funding in 2011 provided by Cox Communications. Lunch is included in the \$15 registration cost for those who register before September 9. Onsite registration costs \$20.

"Seniors have made our Senior Fair the region's premier event for older Kansans and family caregivers—last year more than 800 people attended, and we all had a great time," said Julie Govert Walter, North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Executive Director. "This year's theme encourages all of us, regardless of age, to reach beyond the day-to-day and have fun exploring what life brings—especially discovering the wonders along the highways and byways of Kansas as we celebrate our 150th anniversary," she said.

Topics slated for Senior Fair workshops include legal matters, health care and transportation. Honorees, entertainment, a silent auction, dynamic speakers and more than 70 exhibitors will also be featured. Those who wish to register for the Fair or get information about how to reserve an exhibit booth should call the NC-FH AAA office at (800) 432-2703 or in Manhattan call (800) 776-9294.

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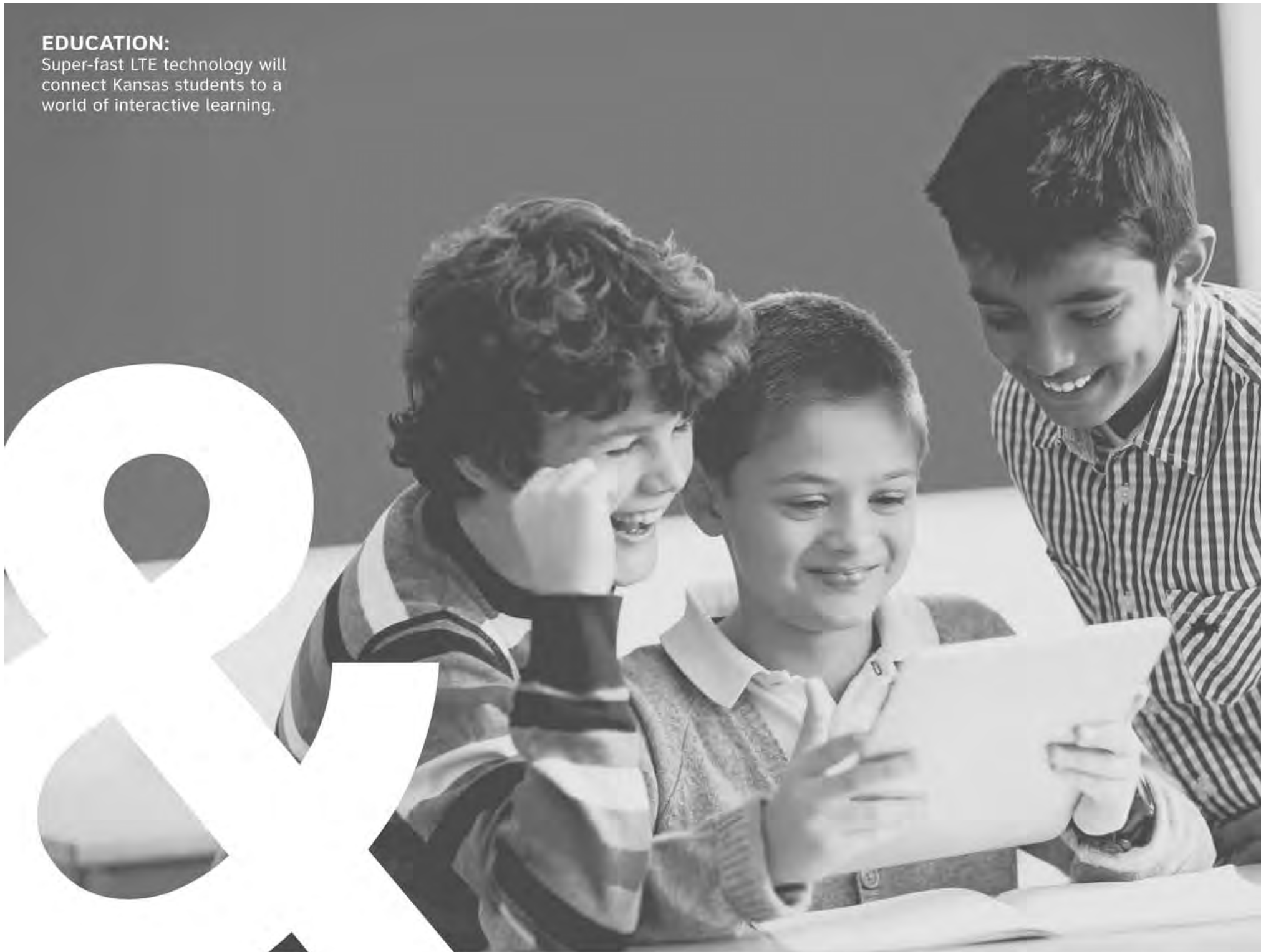
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# U.S. Department of Transportation reinforces commitment to no new regulations for America's agricultural community

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced recently that it has no intention to propose new regulations governing the transport of agricultural products. The agency also released guidance designed to make sure states clearly understand the common sense exemptions that allow farmers, their employees, and their families to accomplish their day-to-day work and transport their products to market. After hearing from concerned farmers earlier this year, FMCSA initiated this review to make sure states don't go overboard in enforcing regulations on agricultural operators, and to ensure consistent access to exemptions for farmers. No regulations will be proposed for any new safety requirements or changes to the rules governing the transport of agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm. "We have no intention of instituting onerous regulations on the hard-working farmers who feed our country and fuel our economy," said Ray LaHood, U.S. Transportation Secretary. "Farmers deserve to know that reasonable, common sense exemptions will continue to be consistently available to agricultural operations across the country, and that's why we released this guidance." This guidance - which does not impose any new rules on farmers - fol-

lows the Federal Register public notice which FMCSA issued on May 31, 2011, asking farmers, farm organizations and the public to give input on the agency's longstanding safety rules. "We want to make it absolutely clear that farmers will not be subjected to new and impractical safety regulations," said U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary John Porcari. "The farm community can be confident that states will continue to follow the regulatory exemptions for farmers that have always worked so well."

"FMCSA is pleased with the input we've received from the agricultural community and members of Congress. We received about 1700 comments and the vast majority called for us to preserve the guidance that leaves states to carry out the farm exceptions as they have for many years," said FMCSA administrator Anne Ferro. "We want to make crystal clear that we are not imposing any new regulations."

Earlier this year, farm groups came to FMCSA with concerns that some states might not allow exemptions to Commercial Drivers License (CDL) requirements for certain farm operations using "crop-share" leasing.

When FMCSA investigated, there appeared to be wide differences among states in how the "for-hire" and related agricultural exceptions were being applied. In order to ensure consistency, FMCSA asked state officials to cease all

new entrant safety audits on farmers engaged in "crop-share" leasing and issued the public notice soliciting input that would provide insight on the complex use of farm equipment on public roads. The guidance released today, which is based on that input, clarifies three critical issues:

- **Interstate vs. intrastate commerce.** Since the difference between the two has been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court and other Federal courts, FMCSA has limited flexibility to provide additional guidelines. The agency has concluded that new regulatory guidance concerning the distinction between interstate and intrastate commerce is not necessary. Generally, the states and the industry have a common understanding on this point. To the extent that fact-specific questions arise, the Agency will work with the States and the industry to provide a clarification for the specific scenario.

- **Commercial Driver's License.** Federal regulations allow states to make exceptions to Commercial Driver's License (CDL) regulations for certain farm vehicle drivers such as farm employees and family members, as long as their vehicles are not used by "for-hire" motor carriers. Some states have questioned whether this exemption applies to drivers who work for "crop share" or similar arrangements. FMCSA's notice includes guidance to ensure consistent applica-

tion of the exemption. After considering the public comments, the Agency has determined that farmers who rent their land for a share of the crops and haul their own and the landlord's crops to market should have access to the agricultural CDL exemptions given by the states.

- **Implements of Husbandry.** In a perfect world, farm vehicles would only

operate on farms, while commercial trucks would operate on public roads. The reality is that farm equipment that is not designed or intended for everyday use on public roads is often used for short trips at limited speeds. This creates a gray area for classification. After considering the public comments, FMCSA has determined that most States have al-

ready adopted common sense enforcement practices that allow farmers to safely move equipment to and from their fields. In areas where farm implements are common, the enforcement community and the agricultural community have achieved a mutual understanding of which safety regulations should apply to farm equipment on their public roads.

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## Horse Abuse And The GAO

The road to increased horse abandonment and abuse is paved with good intentions. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has recently (June 2011) finished its report on the current status of Horse Welfare in the U.S. titled "Action Needed to Address Unintended Consequences from Cessation of Domestic Slaughter."

The GAO is the equivalent of the person who inspects the Boeing 737 you ride on, or the IRS going over your books, or the instant replay in football. It is as cold as a calculator. It does not factor in emotion, hyperbole, angst, celebrity status, ad speak or political connections. "The facts ma'am, just the facts."

The report took the observation that "Horse welfare in the U.S. has generally declined since 2007, evidenced by increases in

horse abandonments and increased investigation for abuse and neglect," and examined the cause. Their investigation led them to believe that it was primarily the "...cessation of domestic slaughter (of horses) and U.S. economic downturn."

Collecting data and evidence, ignoring the deep-seated, though often unsubstantiated pronouncements from columnists, activists and, otherwise paid political pontificators, they put together recommendations for Congress. They were based on the fact that, in spite of the ban on horse slaughter in the U.S. in 2007, an equal number of U.S. horses are still being transported today to Mexico and Canada and slaughtered.

However, the USDA is unable to regulate and oversee their transportation and protection because Con-

gress will not amend the proposed rule to define "Equine for Slaughter." As the GAO put it, "Legislative actions have impeded USDA's ability to protect horse welfare since fiscal year 2006." Protect from whom? Truckers? Horse breeders? French chefs? Backyard horse owners? Animal rights groups? Everybody involved in this horrendous, self-inflicted tragedy on our magnificent horse should step back and take a look at the mess caused by "unintended con-

sequences" we've created. If your main contribution has been to blame, draw in your rhetoric and get out of the way! Let the GAO's wisdom sink in.

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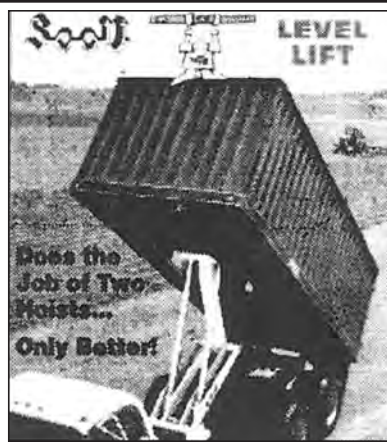
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# GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

August 16 — Real estate, 3BR house at Alta Vista for Ora Jean Glessner. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 16 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Thelma Given Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 17 — Coins at Concordia for Paul & Elsie Fahrback Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 18 — Cropland, home, barn, office building at Benton. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

August 18 — Lumber store items, truck, car at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

August 18 — Tractors, hay & livestock equip., antique machinery, tillage, trucks, vehicles, trailers, planting, cultivating & spraying, harvest, grain handling, construction & misc. at Tekamah, Neb. Auctioneers: Lee Valley Auction & Realty.

August 19 & 20 — Summer Shooters Live Gun Auction at Topeka & online (armsbid.com). Auctioneers: Kull's Old Town Station LTD.

August 19 & 20 — 19th: Old farm items, mower, cultivator, tools, appliances, misc. household & yard items; 20th: Antique furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles, pottery S. of Hugo, Colorado for Chuck & Laura Clagett Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

August 20 — Furniture, appliances, kitchen, cookware & sewing items, collectibles & misc. at Centralia for Winifred (Winnie) Becker. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

August 20 — Tractors, vehicles, farm equip., livestock, misc. & shop, guns, antiques & collectibles at Junction City for Clifford Gfeller. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

August 20 — Household, appliances & tools at Clay Center for Rev. Gerald & Luella Martin and Joan

Mattingly. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

August 20 — Furniture, tools, misc. W. of Clay Center for Roy Harris. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 20 — Real estate at Newton for Warren & Lorraine Cummings. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Specialists, Inc., Vern Koch.

August 20 — Farm equipment, farm related & household at Newton for Warren & Lorraine Cummings. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

August 20 — Tools, farm equipment near Burlington for the Estate of Justin Iseman. Auctioneers: Platt Auction Co., LLC.

August 20 — Real estate, Antiques, Collectibles, jewelry, coins, furniture, household, shop & misc. at Barnes for Velma (Zeller) Richter Estate. Auctioneers: Jim Vathauer, Gary Case Realty & Stuart Hedrick.

August 20 — Farm equipment, vehicles, tools, antiques, guns & misc. NE of Chapman for Clifford Gfeller. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

August 20 — Mobile home and lake lot at Vassar. Auctioneers: Wayne Wischropp.

August 21 — Furniture, collectibles, tools at Council Grove for Kenneth Davis. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 22 — Russell County grassland CRP at Russell for Elizabeth Steinle. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

August 23 — Real estate at Lecompton. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auctions.

August 23 — Sumner County farmer owned equipment at Caldwell. Auctioneers: United Country Thurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

August 24 — Farm equipment online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

August 25 — Online only machinery auction (www.gehlingonline.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

August 25 — Acreage with home, pasture & grassland E. of Manhattan for

Eldon Henton Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

August 25 — Tractors, combines, choppers, corn & grain heads, loaders, construction, trucks, trailers, planters, drills, tillage, misc. at Cornlea, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement.

August 25 — Lincoln County land at Lincoln for Joanna Faye Larsen Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

August 26 & 27 — 26th: modern household, tools & misc; 27th: antique furniture, primitives, antique glassware & porcelain, large selection of antiques, horse drawn equip., buggy at Industry for Dixie Minter Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

August 27 — Tractors, Ford Explorer, mobile home, car trailer, household N. of Beattie for Chris & Mary Skalla. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

August 27 — Rare antiques, books, antique furniture, glassware, pictures, costume jewelry, quilts, medical items at Great Bend for Pat Crawford. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

August 27 — Jewelry, glassware & furniture at Concordia for Jean (Gile) Heisley. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 27 — Antique tractors & machinery, miscellaneous, scrapbooks & memorabilia, household, fenders, hoods & parts at Lindsborg for Ewald Lofdahl Estate. Auctioneers: Richard Patrick Auction Service.

August 27 — Tools, vehicles,

furniture, collectibles at Wilsey for the Edward Kovac Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 28 — Coins, railroad safe, car, furniture & misc. at Lawrence for Phyllis Blaylock & Wilbern (Bud) & Effie Rinke. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

August 28 — Tires, tire machines & gun cabinets, surplus tire shop items at Clay Center for Five Creek Service. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

August 28 — Real estate, 3BR house, furniture, lawn tractor, tools at Council Grove for Gary Swenson. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

September 2 — Farm machinery consignment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

September 3 — Real estate, pickup, antique & vintage furniture & household items, pottery, china, glassware, collectibles, Christmas, tools & misc. at Berryton for Estate of Janice S. Marcum. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

September 3 — Kansas Charolais Field & Tour at Randolph.

September 5 — Harley Gerdes 16th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

September 5 — Luck of the Irish toy show at Chapman.

September 6 — Parcels of land in Riley County. Auctioneer: Jeff Ruckert.

September 7 — Cloud County pasture & cropland at Concordia for Dorothy Neander Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 7 — Ellis County real estate at Hays for Alma Herl Revocable

Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

September 9 — Marshall County land (252ac) at Frankfort for Dora E. Boyer Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.

September 10 — Real estate, acreage & home at Green for Shirley Kenney Trust. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler.

September 10 — Household at Green for Shirley Kenney Trust. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

September 10 — Farm machinery, collectibles & household SW of Onaga for Stanley Hay. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

September 10 — Real estate & personal property at Frankfort for Joe Perry Estate. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auction & Realty.

September 10 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

September 10 — Antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Stoddard items, Dennis & Linda Olson, sellers. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 12 — Farm sale NW of Concordia for Tom Trost Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 13 — Morris County land & Alta Vista house at Alta Vista for Vernon W. Richter Trust and Ruby M. Richter Trust. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

September 17 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

September 18 — Consignments at Odell, Nebraska for The Odell Community

Consignment Sale.

September 18 — Consignments at Blaine. Auctioneer: Steve Murray.

September 23 — Marshall County land (950ac) at Blue Rapids for Dorothy L. Hula and Harold L. Hula. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan.

September 24 — Farm sale SW of Courtland for Richard Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 1 — Tools, antiques, juke box, misc. at Clay Center for Dorothy (Mrs. Ervin) Fowles. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

October 8 — Farm items, haying & livestock equipment N. of Topeka for Circle B Retirement/Reduction. Auctioneers: Murray Auction and Real Estate.

October 8 — Woodworking tools, shop tools, utility pickup, furniture, antiques & misc. at Clay Center for Gary & Sue Caldwell. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

October 13 — Marion County farm & grassland at Herington for Martha R. Melcher Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

November 6 — Shades of Red & White Show Calf Sale at Clay Center. Lori Hambricht, sale manager.

November 12 — 20th bull sale featuring Simmental, SimAngus, Angus & Red Angus at Moser Ranch.

November 14 — John Deere machinery, farm related items & misc. S. of Waterville for Jim & Rhonda Tilley. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

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**HOUSEHOLD**  
 Couch; chair; TVs; beds; dresser; lamps; dishes; pictures; cedar chest; old chest; record player; upright piano.

**CONSIGNED ITEMS**  
 1947 Farmall H, trailer load of fenders, hoods & parts.

**LAND AUCTION**  
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — 10:00 AM

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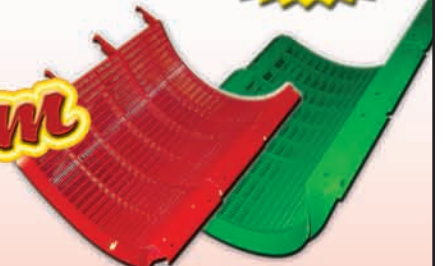
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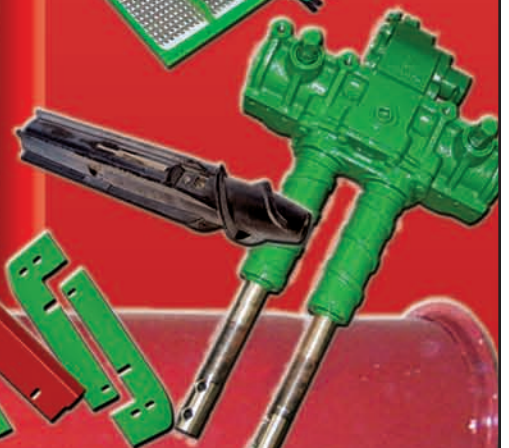
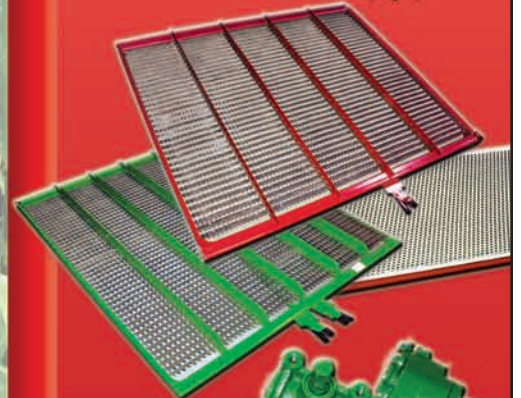
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