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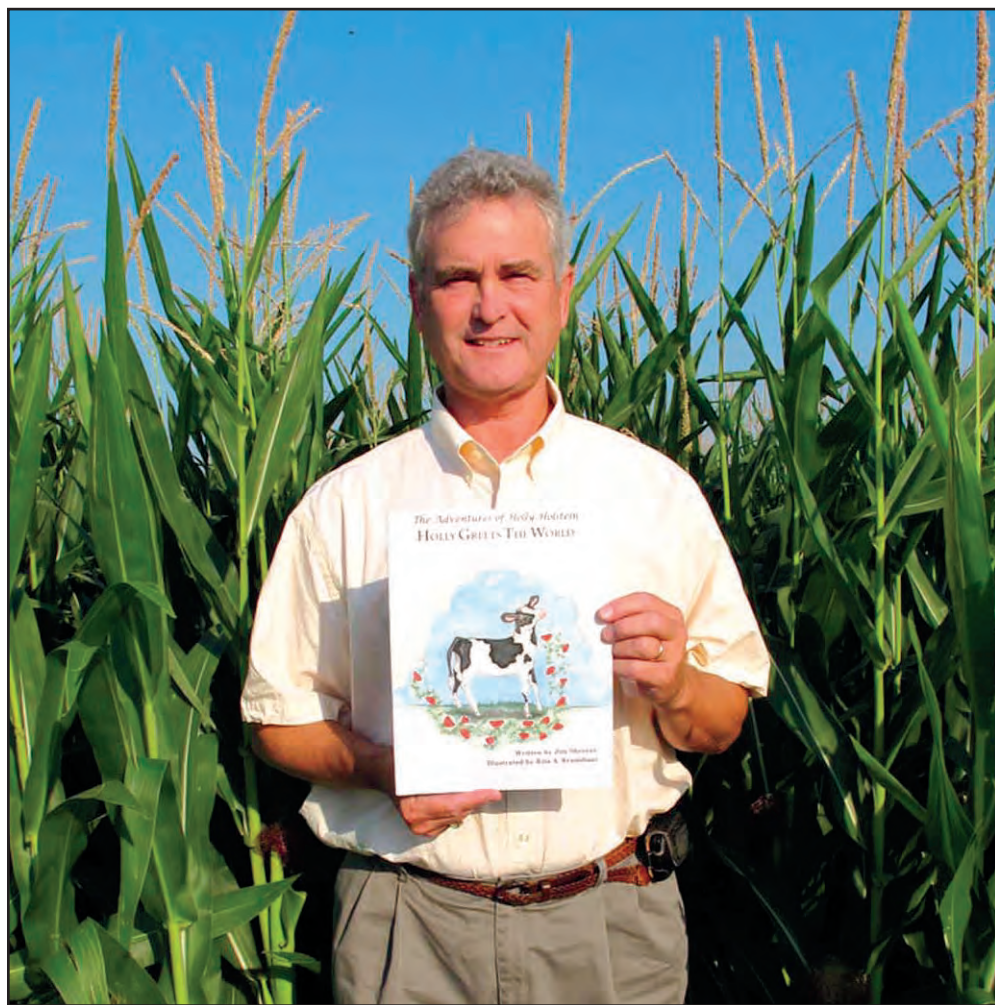


Family storytelling tradition inspires crop scientist to write children's book

By Mary Lou Peter

Jim Shroyer is best known around Kansas as “the wheat guy,” but farmers have also known for years that he can tell a good story.

The longtime professor of agronomy and Extension specialist at Kansas State University has been teaching Kansans young and old about agriculture through conferences, field days, educational websites and the crop physiology class that he teaches to college students.



Now, he's branched out and is teaching in a different way by writing “The Adventures of Holly Holstein: Holly Greet the World” for young children.

Shroyer comes by his storytelling ability naturally. That's because when he was growing up on a farm in Eufaula, Okla., his father used to tell Jim and his siblings tales of all sorts of places and characters.

“My dad told bedtime stories. Many were about wildlife and nature-type stuff and his growing up on an Iowa farm,” said Shroyer who in turn, told stories to his own sons as they grew up.

“I didn't make up these stories initially to turn into books. I made them up to make

the children go to sleep,” said Shroyer, who explained: “Holly” is the tale of a Holstein calf born during a fierce snowstorm in the hills of eastern Oklahoma. The black and white heifer is befriended by a little girl named Mika. The story, illustrated by Kansas artist Rita A. Kraushaar, was inspired by a real life event when Shroyer's family, including his granddaughter, Mikaela, was celebrating his mother's 90th birthday at the family farm a few years ago.

The idea for writing this book and others has taken shape over the 32 years he's spent working as a crops specialist with K-State Research and Extension. In that role, Shroyer has logged countless hours cruising Kansas highways looking at wheat, talking about wheat, taking pictures of wheat, thinking about wheat, and, sometimes, other things.

“I've been driving around Kansas, often late at night, drinking Dr. Pepper, and maybe 15 years ago got the idea to start writing children's books,” he said. “I had the history for this. I made up Holly Holstein to tell my own kids. They didn't really grow up on a farm but their visits to the family farm increased their curiosity and they wanted to hear stories about it,” said Shroyer, who, with his wife, Gail, raised their sons in Manhattan.

In sharing the stories he told his children and later, his granddaughter, Mikaela, he's passed along stories – and wisdom gleaned from growing up on the farm.

The book is not his first foray into educating children. For years, Shroyer maintained the educational extension websites Soybean Scene, Wheat Watch and Adopt-a-Wheat Field, designed to show children (and adults) how wheat and soybeans are grown.

And, prior to writing “Holly Greet the World,” Shroyer wrote “Holly Runs Away” and “Holly Goes to the Fair.” Neither has been published, but Shroyer believes it's just a matter of time.

“Last year I was looking at ‘Holly Runs Away’ with an editor and an illustrator and decided we needed one that introduces Holly first. So ‘Holly Greet the World’ was born. It's somewhat of a true story, from about four years ago when we were at the family farm celebrating my mom's 90th birthday in the farm shed. My brother, Tom, went out back to check the cows and came back in with a baby calf.”

Shroyer's mother Helen still lives on the family farm and his brother Tom is a veterinarian in the same community. Both are reflected in characters in the book, as is Mikaela.

“Most children today have no connection to a farm, including farm animals or where their food is grown,” Shroyer said. “About the only thing children these days know about farming is the pull-string toy that makes the sound of the different animals.”

“This book is my way, in very simple terms and pictures, of introducing children to life on a farm,” he said. “In the book, Freddy Cat and Jake the Dog are based on a cat and dog we had growing up.”

Shroyer credits his wife, Gail, for her patience and encouragement, as well as her ideas and editing skills. Others who contributed their children's literary expertise to the book were K-State assistant professor Lotta Larson and professor emeritus Marjorie Hancock, both in the College of Education. “Holly” is not the first book he wrote, but it's the first to be published.

In addition to the two other “Holly” books he hopes to have published, he has written several others, including “Cows in the House” and “Why Pigs Have Curly Tails.”

“I'm not quitting my day job, but, to keep the process going I need to sell at least 1,500 copies of ‘Holly Holstein’ before I can publish the next book. If I don't reach that goal, in the next book Holly may find herself on a truck to a packing plant,” the Extension specialist said with a smile.

The book is available at Amazon.com.

U.S. growers expect to produce 13 percent less corn than last year

Affected by one of the worst droughts on record, U.S. corn growers are forecast to harvest 87.4 million acres in 2012, down 2 per-

cent from June estimates, according to the Crop Production report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2012 growing season began on a very optimistic note for growers, with the fastest corn planting pace on record. The growers' optimism waned, however, when the warm spring was followed by a very dry summer, developing into a drought throughout most of the Corn Belt states. Despite planting the largest number of acres to corn in the past 75 years, growers are forecast to produce 10.8 billion bushels in 2012, down 13 percent from 2011. Based on conditions as of August 1, corn yields are expected to average 123.4 bushels per acre, down 23.8 bushels from last year.

Just as with corn producers, soybean growers are greatly affected by the

drought conditions in the United States. This year's soybean production is forecast at 2.69 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2011. Soybean yield is expected to average 36.1 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from the 2011 crop.

In contrast to corn and soybeans, all wheat production remains largely unaffected by the drought and is forecast at 2.27 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield for all wheat is forecast at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month, and up 2.8 bushels up from last year. Harvest in the 18 major producing states was 85 percent complete by July 29.

The report also included the first indication for this year's cotton production. Growers are forecast to produce 17.7 million 480-pound bales this growing season,

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HSUS helps fund lawsuit against NCBA as contractor for Beef Checkoff

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

St. Francis feedyard operator Mike Callicrate filed a lawsuit last week against the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Cattlemen's Beef Board and Beef Promotion Operating Committee, seeking a permanent injunction against the use of beef checkoff funds by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Callicrate, vice president of the Organization for Competitive Markets (OCM), alleges NCBA uses checkoff money in lobbying efforts, which is prohibited by the Beef Research and Information Act of 1985 that established the beef checkoff. Assisting OCM with funding for the suit is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). OCM president Fred Stokes stated at the press conference announcing the lawsuit that, “OCM and every cowboy out there owes a deep gratitude to the Humane Society of the United States.”

NCBA president J.D. Alexander disagreed. “HSUS is an organization going state-by-state vowing to end production agriculture by outlawing scientifically validated production practices in animal agriculture. Their efforts put people out of business and often jeopardize the well-being of livestock,” he said in a statement released after the announcement of the lawsuit.

The \$1 per head checkoff raises approximately \$80 million annually, of which NCBA receives \$35-40 million as a contractor. The checkoff is designed to highlight beef in the marketplace through research and promotion programs.

According to Drovers/CattleNetwork, the lawsuit does not seek a monetary award or request any refund or reimbursement of checkoff funds that have already been allocated for projects conducted by NCBA. It also does not seek a temporary injunction, instead asking the court for a permanent injunction against NCBA.

NCBA chief executive Forrest Roberts told AP News that the organization is confident their financial practices and procedures to safeguard the hard-earned dollars beef producers from all across the country pay into their beef checkoff program are “being used in the most efficient and effective way.”



It is official; the grass across the fence is definitely greener. Well, okay, with the current drought conditions it is not greener, but there must be something better about it. My cows sure seem to think it is better than the grass in the pasture and they keep helping themselves to it.

Each morning and evening I drive over to the pasture and what I find decides how my morning or evening will go. I hold my breath as I top the final hill, little black dots ahead lead me down the road to a bad day (literally). However, an empty road leads to a great big sigh of relief, at least until the next check.

If the cows can't find a hole in the fence, they make one. Once they are loose, mayhem ensues. Let me give you an example of the mayhem my bovine cause. It's the morning after the county fair; we are all gathered around the breakfast table, enjoying a leisurely breakfast of biscuits and gravy. I am sipping my second cup of coffee. Life is good – and then it happens.

I hear a faint mooing. At first I thought it was on the TV. It really didn't make sense but I had convinced myself that the TV was the source. However, Jack heard the same mooing and he decided to answer with some stern barking of his own. That is when I saw the black cow pass by the front door. So much for the leisurely breakfast.

A lazy morning that was to be spent reflecting on the success of the fair was suddenly turned upside-down. The troops were pressed into action and soon the cows and calves were turned around and headed back down the mile of road to the pasture. A broken gate post was the culprit and easily fixed, but the cows were not happy.

They made sure to voice their displeasure the whole time I fixed the fence. It was kind of like a chorus of air horns pointed in my direction. On top of being loud, they seemed to take turns, lobbing volley after volley of angry bovine protests. I wondered if their bawling alone might not knock the fence down.

Since that early morning sneak attack the cows have launched other assaults on my peace of mind and

sanity. I may be winning the battles but I suspect they are eventually going to win the war – they will wear me down to the point that I move them to the next pasture.

One might think the cows are out of grass or maybe water is short. I am here to tell you that there is a plethora of grass and plenty of water in the pond. This leads to my conclusion that the grass is greener or at least more palatable across the fence (or in the ditch). Each day they spend their free time scouring the fence for weak spots to exploit. But I do look for silver linings and I have found a couple.

First, I have perfected the drive-by cow-check. If I take the time to slow down as I drive by the pasture the cows will immediately run to the fence to voice their protests. I now take the Mazda pickup instead of the Dodge diesel – stealth is the key to a successful drive-by. I can now count my cows at 40 m.p.h. Actually, I have made it even simpler than that. I know if I can see the red cow and the bull, all the cows must be present.

Second, the fence along the road has never been in better shape. I can say, with a degree of certainty, that I have been over every foot of the fence. I have patched holes and gaps that I never knew existed. Rotten wire has been replaced, gates have been strengthened and posts have been added.

Finally, I figure I have the cows primed and ready to move to the next pasture. I would guess that all I will have to do is open the gate and get out of the way. I can visualize the cows charging down the road and blasting into the next pasture. They might even close the gate behind themselves.

The reality probably is that they will not be happy in the next pasture either. The drought has turned the pastures into dry patches of bristly grasses that the finicky cows will only turn their noses up at. In any case, the sound of cows bawling in the distance has given me a nervous twitch and I see cows running down the road in my dreams.

I may win one or two more battles but I suspect the war will be lost in the next week.

NCGA addresses concerns, urges cooperation in light of revised corn crop estimates

National Corn Growers Association president Garry Niemeyer released the following statement in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports which further decreased the estimated U.S. corn production in 2012.

"Farmers across the country are coming to grips with the full impact of this devastating drought. The August USDA crop report confirms our concerns that corn production may be several billion bushels less than previously anticipated, due to a summer heat wave which kept temperature well above normal and offered only sporadic rain.

"Our nation's farmers have done all they can to increase the corn supply, planting the most corn acres our country has seen since 1937 this year. Thankfully, this additional acreage and innovative agronomic practices will make an important difference, and we remain hopeful that above average yields in some areas will further augment the crop. At the same time, we recognize that it will not fully cover yield concerns.

"Without advanced seed technology, including biotechnology and new genetics which help corn plants use water more efficiently and better tolerate extreme heat and other drought conditions, production losses would be much greater.

"Many of our farmer members are suffering immensely from the drought. Many are also in the same predicament as our customers because they have livestock or own ethanol plant shares. Now is the time for all of American agriculture to pull together and work together for solutions that benefit us all. NCGA offers the following recommendations to that end.

"First and foremost, we must maintain a level perspective when looking at the situation facing us today. Looking at similar points in our past, we see that, in the long run, the market works. While speculators aiming for personal gain and emotionally charged decisions may drive corn prices beyond justifiable levels in the short term, these factors will subside. As it always has, the market will correct and continue to effectively allocate the corn supply for our various customers.

"Likewise, it is crucial that we maintain this sort of calm, rational perspective when examining the impact that corn actually has on the food prices paid by average Americans. Corn remains an incredibly small portion of the price paid for groceries and provides a relatively inexpensive, quality ingredient used to make the affordable, nutritious foods we enjoy. While the price of corn may be higher than it has been historically, the amount of corn in a box of corn flakes still only costs about 12 cents, and only 37 cents' worth of corn is needed to produce a pound of hamburger. USDA projects the total impact of the drought on retail food prices to be less than one percent.

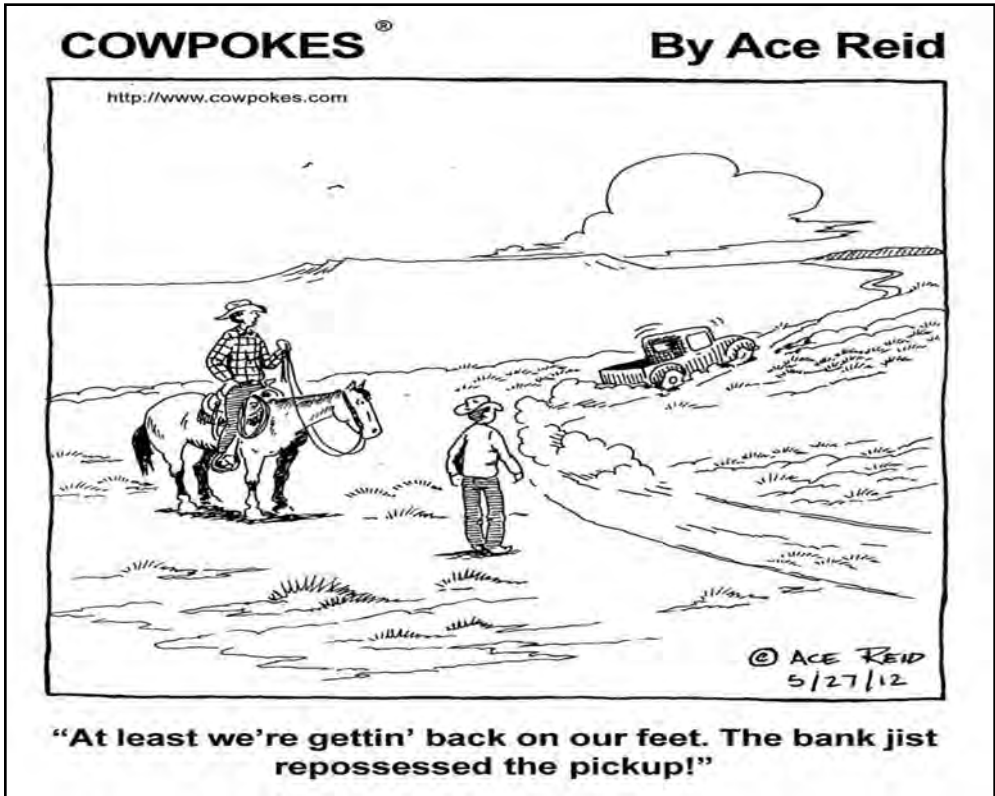
"Additionally, we ask that all parties maintain perspective when looking at how we might allow the drought to impact our nation's biofuels policy. NCGA stands firm in our support of the Renewable Fuel Standard. At the same time, we support the waiver process that is embodied in the current RFS, and ask that any parties who would seek RFS changes do so in this manner, rather than through legislation.

"With most of the crop still in the field and thus

the most accurate corn supply estimates still outstanding, we think that it is still somewhat premature to consider a partial waiver of RFS provisions. In addition, recent analysis suggests that the current need for octane in gasoline is driving ethanol demand, rather than the RFS. Corn going for ethanol use, about one quarter of total corn supply, is subject to the same market forces that all customers of corn are currently facing.

"Finally, what farmers and ranchers are experiencing clearly demonstrates the pressing need for Congress to pass a farm bill this year. The crop insurance and risk management tools authorized in this legislation provide critical assistance to crop and livestock farmers when they face losses due to drought and other adverse weather conditions, crop disease or volatile markets. The Senate and the House Ag Committee have already done their job, and we thank them for that. In light of the evolving situation, we strongly urge the Speaker of the House to get the farm bill on the House floor for an open debate and quick vote.

"As prices and emotions rise, so does the temptation to take action that might actually hurt us all in the long run. Right now, farmers, ranchers, ethanol producers and much of the country is suffering through this historic drought. Yet, we suffer together. We have all seen our investments, be they of time, hard work or resources, wither under the unrelenting heat. With empathy and a strong spirit of cooperation, we will come through these difficulties stronger for the experience and with renewed vigor to build a brighter future for ourselves, our industry and our country."



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Beef Cattle Institute and Kansas Beef Council to host free training sessions

The Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University and the Kansas Beef Council are partnering to host advanced beef cattle care and health training sessions throughout Kansas during August and September. The beef checkoff-funded sessions will provide beef producers and veterinarians with up-to-date standards and technologies to improve animal welfare and food safety. The training sessions will be led by veterinarian Dan Thomson, assistant Dean, Jones professor of production medicine and epidemiology and director of the Beef Cattle Institute.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

August 27 — 6:00 p.m. —

La Crosse Livestock Market — La Crosse

September 6 — 12:00 p.m. — Southwest Area Research and Extension Center — Garden City

September 12 — 6:00 p.m. — Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Co. — Salina

September 13 — 6:00 p.m. — Rezac Livestock Commission Co. — St. Marys

September 19 — 6:00 p.m. — Hill City Livestock Market — Hill City

September 27 — 6:00 p.m. — Parsons Livestock Market — Parsons

Producers and veterinarians will receive Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training and information relevant to the cow-calf, stocker and feedlot indus-

try segments, animal husbandry best management practices and downed animal care and humane euthanasia training. Additionally, disease detection training and a cattle necropsy demonstration will take place to provide an in-depth look at critical factors pertaining to cattle health. All producers and veterinarians who attend a regional training meeting will earn BQA certification.

Each workshop is free of charge and includes a complimentary meal. Pre-register one week or more prior to the event by calling the Office of Continuing Education and Events at (785) 532-4528 or email wpacheco@vet.ksu.edu.

The Beef Cattle Insti-

tute was founded in 2007 to provide beef industry stakeholders with the most current education, research and outreach available in the beef industry. The BCI offers certificates and tools to aid producers in managing a successful beef business.

The Kansas Beef Council administers the \$1-per-head beef checkoff in Kansas. Funds are used for research, educational activities and promotion of beef and beef products. Twenty-nine cattle producer volunteers from Kansas serve on the executive committee and direct how checkoff funds are utilized.

Corn crop down 13%

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up 13 percent from 2011. Producers expect to harvest 10.8 million acres of all cotton, up 14 percent from last year. This forecast includes 10.6 million acres of Upland cotton and 233,400 acres of Pima cotton.

NASS interviewed more than 28,000 producers across the country in preparation for this report. The agency also conducted field and lab measurements on corn, soybeans, wheat

and cotton in the major producing states, which usually account for about 75 percent of the U.S. production. NASS is also gearing up to conduct its September agricultural survey, which will focus on wheat, barley, oats and rye growers. That survey will take place during the first two weeks of September.

The Crop Production report is published monthly and is available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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Our Daily Bread

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

This Week's Contest Winner in 'Our Daily Bread' Is Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:
CORN FRITTERS

4 ears sweet corn, cooked
 2 eggs
 1/4 cup milk
 1/2 cup flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon bacon drippings or vegetable oil
 Cut kernels from corn and place in a mixing bowl, stir in eggs and milk. Combine flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a small bowl, stir into corn mixture and mix gently. Heat drippings or oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Drop batter by 1/4 cupfuls and cook until delicately browned, turning to brown the other side. Serve with butter and maple syrup if desired. Makes 1 dozen.

The next two recipes are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

ZUCCHINI FRITTERS
 2 zucchini, grated (about 3 1/2 cups)
 1 egg
 2/3 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
 2/3 cup round butter crackers, crumbled
 2 tablespoons oil
 Combine zucchini, egg, cheese, crackers and if desired salt in a large mixing bowl. If mixture seems

wet add extra crackers; shape mixture into patties. Heat oil in a skillet, fry patties about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown.

7-FRUIT SALAD
 1/2 cup lime juice
 1/2 cup water
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 nectarines, peeled & thinly sliced
 1 banana, thinly sliced
 1 pint blueberries
 1 pint strawberries hulled & sliced

1 1/2 cups watermelon, scooped into balls
 1 1/2 cups green grapes
 1 kiwi, peeled & chopped
 Whisk lime juice, water and sugar in a medium bowl until sugar dissolves; add nectarines and bananas, stirring to coat. Combine blueberries and remaining 4 ingredients in a 2 1/2-quart glass serving bowl; add nectarine mixture, gently tossing to mix. Cover and refrigerate one hour.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
EASY SUMMER BROCCOLI SALAD
 2 cups broccoli florets
 1 cup seedless red grapes
 3/4 cup coleslaw dressing
 1/3 cup dried cranberries
 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
 Mix all ingredients tossing well.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:
EASY HUMMINGBIRD CAKE
 8-ounce can crushed pineapple
 1/2 cup ripe banana, mashed
 1/4 cup milk
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 banana cake mix
 1 can white vanilla frosting
 8-ounce package cream cheese
 Chopped pecans
 Beat first 5 ingredients in large bowl and beat with mixer until blended. Add

cake mix and beat at medium speed 2 minutes. Pour batter into a greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack 15 minutes; remove cake from pan and cool completely on wire rack. Mix can of frosting and cream cheese. Heat 15 seconds in microwave or until pourable. Let stand one minutes before drizzling over cake. Sprinkle with pecans.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
FRESH TOMATO & BASIL LINGUINE
 1 1/2 pounds tomatoes, finely chopped (any ripe garden tomato, roma, cherry, etc.)
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 red pepper, chopped
 1 bunch fresh basil, torn
 1/2 cup olive oil
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 16-ounce package linguine, cooked
 Grated Parmesan cheese
 Stir together tomatoes, garlic, pepper and basil in a large bowl; drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, mix well and toss with hot cooked linguine. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

MICROWAVE CHOCOLATE FUDGE
 3 cups semisweet chocolate chips

14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
 1/4 cup butter or margarine, diced
 1 cup chopped walnuts
 Combine first 3 ingredients in a 2-quart glass bowl. Microwave at MEDIUM (50% power) 4 to 5 minutes, stirring at 1 1/2 minute intervals.
 Stir in chopped walnuts, and pour mixture into a buttered 8-inch square dish. Chill at least 2 hours. Cut into squares. Makes 2 pounds.

SLIDER HAMBURGERS
 2 pounds lean ground beef
 1/4 cup dry minced onion
 1/4 cup hot water
 3-ounce jar strained beef baby food
 2/3 cup clear beef broth
 Hot dog buns
 Soak onions in hot water until soft. Meanwhile, mix ground beef with baby food and beef broth. Using 1/4 cup of the meat mixture for each patty, flatten to 1/4-inch thickness and fry quickly in 1 tablespoon of oil per patty on a hot grid-

dle. Make 3 or 4 holes in the patties while frying. Cut hot dog buns in half. Cut off rounded ends. Fry 1 teaspoon of onions under each patty as you turn to fry the second side. Slip each patty onto the cut bun with 2 dill pickle chips and mustard.

CHOCO-CHERRY SMOOTHIE
 1 can (15 ounces) dark sweet cherries in syrup
 1 can (15 ounces) apricots in juice
 1 1/2 cups chocolate ice cream or frozen yogurt
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 2 tablespoons chopped peanuts
 Cinnamon stick, for garnish (optional)
 Whirl the cherries, apricots, ice cream and cinnamon in a blender, just until smooth. Add peanuts; blend 5 seconds more. Serve immediately in tall glasses. Garnish with a cinnamon stick, if desired. Servings: 4
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Easy Homemade Dressings Add Zest to Nature's Bounty

(NAPSA) — Enjoying garden-fresh fruits and vegetables can help you look and feel good, especially once you learn how to dress them up as mouthwatering sensations. Making your own dressings is easy and pays off in terms of both taste and nutrition.

"Take advantage of farmers' markets and enjoy fresh produce," says Robin Miller, M.S., host of the Food Network's "Quick Fix Meals with Robin Miller," who developed the CanolaInfo "Get Dressed for Summer" Recipe Collection. "Homemade salad dressings add so much flavor and can be prepared in minutes."

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- Fennel-Orange Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette
- Caramelized Corn and Red Pepper Salad with Chives

The collection also features:

Spinach Salad with Seared Bok Choy, Ginger & Cilantro
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 bunch bok choy, rinsed well & chopped (4 cups)
1/3 cup chopped whole green onions
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
4 cups fresh baby spinach leaves

In large skillet, heat canola oil over medium-high heat. Add bok choy, green onions, garlic and ginger and cook 2-3 minutes or until bok choy is tender-crisp. Add soy sauce and pepper, stir to coat and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in cilantro. Arrange spinach leaves on serving platter. Spoon bok choy mixture over spinach and serve.

Yield: 4 servings. Serving size: 2/3 cup bok choy mixture, 1 cup spinach.

The complete collection is available at www.CanolaInfo.org. To find a nearby farmers market, go to <http://search.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets>.

Flowering Shrubs In Containers Can Bring Easy Elegance To A Garden

(NAPSA) — Many believe container gardening is the new way to grow: It's a fun, easy way to add color and bold seasonal interest to any size garden. Planting flowers and tropical plants in containers every year can become costly, but it's easy to minimize the expense by mixing in some shrubs.

Every garden can benefit from the more permanent, year-round beauty of flowering shrubs in containers. It's easy and rewarding to do, as long as the gardener follows a few simple guidelines.

It Starts With Location

Choosing a location for a potted shrub is the first step, as this will dictate what you can grow. Locations with easy access to water and out of the path of high winds are best, and some sun is imperative for shrubs. Roses, butterfly bush and lilac need at least six hours of uninterrupted sunlight daily; hydrangeas, azaleas and weigela will benefit from some shade during the hottest part of the day, especially in warm climates.

Choose Carefully

Your local garden center is the best place to shop for plants. To help

narrow your choices, consider how tall you'd like your shrub to be and what you'd like it to contribute to your garden. Low-growing shrubs, such as OSO Easy roses and Lo & Behold butterfly bushes, offer vivid color at eye level, while taller shrubs like Fine Line buckthorn and Black Lace elderberry add dramatic height and create privacy.

To make sure your new shrub will survive the winter in your area, choose a variety that tolerates temperatures at least one zone colder than the zone you live in (visit provenwinners.com to find your hardiness zone).

The container you choose must be large enough to accommodate your shrub. Look for sturdy pots that are at least 18" across and 16" tall to allow enough room for the plant to grow; larger is preferable. The container must have several open drainage holes in the bottom. Since your potted shrub will remain outdoors year-round, look for frostproof or weatherproof containers if you live in a cold climate.

Potting Tips

Fill your container with

potting soil. Do not use garden soil or top soil, which may hinder drainage. Avoid putting anything in the bottom of the pot to take up space, as the weight of soil creates stability and the shrub's roots will need the room.

Fill the pot to within 2" of the top, tamping soil down gently to prevent settling later. Make a well in the center of the pot to accommodate the new plant. Remove the shrub from its pot (tap on its sides to dislodge it), gently untangle any visible root, and place it in the hole.

Add or remove a bit of soil until the plant sits at the same level in the new pot as it was in its original container. Rotate the plant a few times to make sure that its best side faces outward. To finish, gently push the soil around the root-ball, eliminating air pockets and making sure the entire root mass is surrounded. Water immediately and thoroughly.

Water Is Key

Water is the most important factor in caring for your potted shrub. The soil may dry out quickly, especially during periods of hot weather.

Check it frequently and water when necessary, ideally in the mornings. Winter won't be a problem if you've selected a hardy plant and weatherproof container, but the plant may need a drink during winter warm spells when the potting soil is not frozen. Come spring, apply a granular fertilizer formulated for woody plants and incorporate it into the top few inches of soil.

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Wyandot Destiny

Present-day Kansas City, Kansas occupies a historic piece of property at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers. Known more commonly as the Kawsmouth, this land had remained relatively unchanged for many generations as the homeland of the Kaw or Kansas Indians. In 1825 the federal government identified the lands west of the Missouri River as Indian Country and began to trade the native people of the eastern states out of their land.

Tribes were forced to move to reservations in Indian Country while traditional Kaw lands were reduced to allow for the influx of new tribes. The Delaware Indians settled at Kawsmouth. The Shawnee were their neighbors on the south side of the river. The Wyandots were among the last of the Indians in the east to move to Kansas. The Wyandot tradition held them to be political leaders among the various eastern tribes known as the Northwest

Confederacy. They were uniquely advanced in culture, having been “civilized and Christianized” by the time they made the move to Kansas. The Wyandot were actually a people of mixed culture, having absorbed many nationalities in their two-hundred-year association with European culture. At the time of the move to Kansas there were no full-blood Wyandots left in the tribe. Although recognized as Indian, the people were at least three-quarters European. They brought their church, the Methodist Episcopal, to Kansas. They organized schools and maintained a formal government with the council house as their capitol. They also brought the first Masonic Lodge to Kansas. A delegation of principal Wyandot men visited Indian Country in 1832 to select their own land. They chose the north side of the Kansas River at Kawsmouth. Being a small tribe, the Wyandot required a small parcel of

thirty-nine sections of land. In times past the Wyandot had befriended the Delaware when they were driven out of Pennsylvania into Ohio. In return the Wyandots were welcomed to Delaware lands and an agreement was met for the purchase of the land. That agreement had far-

reaching implications. Even though the Kansas lands were proposed as a permanent Indian Country, politicians were already agitating for settlement of those lands with the idea of statehood in the future. The Missouri Compromise held that the land west of the Missouri River and north of the thirty-sixth

parallel would be free of slavery. Indian Country was attached to the State of Missouri for legal purposes. Being a slave-holding state Missouri leaders naturally looked upon the lands west of their border for potential expansion. Wyandot settlement at the Kawsmouth was problematic for slave-holding



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Missouri. The advanced culture of the Wyandot meant development beyond the realm that had been envisioned by men who had hoped to find a way around the Missouri Compromise. An influx of people opposed to slavery would limit the influence Missouri might have in overturning the Missouri Compromise.

Slavery was not a foreign idea to the incoming tribes. Many tribal members held slaves, including some of the Wyandot, but they were from northern Ohio and the very idea of the northern influence at a "key and commanding position on the border" rankled pro-slavery elements.

Their fears proved valid when the old Northwestern Confederacy was revived among the Indians in 1848. The Wyandot were reinstated to their position of "keepers of the council fire" and assumed leadership in representing the emigrant tribes along the front range of Indian Country. Their first order of business came to light in 1852 when they petitioned the United States to establish a territorial government in Indian Country. A delegate to Congress was elected but that institution failed to recognize the Indian delegate during the normal session in Washington. However, the

Wyandot had set affairs in motion that would not be denied. The idea of a territorial government was closely tied to an ongoing national debate over the construction of a transcontinental railroad.

Wyandot leaders moved boldly forward. A provisional territorial government was established July 26, 1853. Principal leader William Walker was elected governor. In addition to the establishment of the new territorial government, a central route for the transcontinental railroad was championed by Walker. The actions of the confederacy of Indian nations under Wyandot leadership, while never officially acknowledged in Washington, forced Congress to address the issue. Less than a year later President Pierce signed the Kansas Nebraska Act into law and the entire destiny of the United States was changed as the nation continued its march toward freedom and self-determination on The Way West.

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Continuing education and corn

It's becoming common practice for larger businesses to encourage continuing education for employees, the idea being that the more they know, the more they're worth. Some of the more generous offers come with a proviso that employees must work X amount of years before quitting or reimburse educational fees, similar to the G.I. Bill only you don't have to kill people. There's no question that education benefits everybody, but the older I get the more I agree with Mark Twain's assessment that education is "the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty."

Maybe it's due to my ambivalence toward higher education, and, for that matter, lower education. My school years were a struggle to hammer square facts into the round hole of my brainpan, painful for me and frustrating for the teachers assigned to the unenviable task. After graduation my real education began in earnest after discovering that facts weren't the cold dead ciphers I was force-fed but riveting and electrifying when presented properly. The more I learned, the more I wanted to know.

Still, the things I needed to know—not facts but skills, common sense, wisdom—came through the experience. As Oscar Wilde said, "Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught." Twain carried the idea one step further while infusing it in Southern wit: "A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way." Sometimes painfully so.

This passed through my mind with particular relevance when I left the news office last week in search

of corn. I was writing an article about the upcoming corn harvest—something of an oxymoron, as what was predicted to be the largest corn harvest in history reversed itself through a double-whammy of excessive heat and withering drought. To write the story I had to learn something about corn production, futures, prices, markets and diseases, including aflatoxins which are the big concern now. As if that weren't enough for this city slicker, I was instructed to venture forth to capture two photos, one of a corn field in its death throes and another in its prime.

The first was easy after talking to various co-op managers throughout the county. With stalks only a foot or two high and stunt-

ed ears the size of bean pods, the field was a poster child for disaster. The slightest breeze stirred the yellowed leaves with a brittle dissonance. One farmer told me that the stalks were so hollow that a good wind would flatten everything.

It was the second field that got me worried. A nar-

row sliver of land in the middle part of the county had received about 10 inches more rain than surrounding areas, I was told. "It's what corn is supposed to look like in mid-August," one manager said. I didn't ask what that might be.

Somewhere west of Barnes the doubts crept in. What did I know about corn, dead, dying or in perfect health? My agricultural knowledge was so pathetically limited that when I wrote the article I had to Google corn stalk anatomy to determine the correct word for the ears (I thought they were cobs, as in "corn on the cob," but I suspected some ten-dollar scientific term would be more applicable). Would I recognize "normal" corn? What if I

couldn't find a good field to photograph—would I keep driving endlessly in circles hoping to somehow find one by accident? If I live in Kansas and write for a weekly newspaper, I grimly told myself, I need to know this stuff. I need to learn it.

After all, they didn't teach it in school. It's no mystery to rural people because they've lived it their whole lives, but for me it was an unknown that had to somehow become known. And so I turned south at the Greenleaf corner and passed through fields of soybeans and milo and what might have been shattercane, and every mile brought me deeper into a green I had all but forgotten. Pastures were luxuriant, ponds filled, woods the color of a

tropical summer, and so dazzlingly different than conditions north of Washington. I didn't want to leave but slowed to extend the moment, to relish the sights while also delaying the reason for my photographic excursion.

Our worst fears are usually groundless though we rarely learn the lesson. When I found the corn field it was just like it was supposed to be in mid-August, mostly green with ears like footballs. I parked on the shoulder and snapped a few frames and then just stood there listening to the hum of life, the bees, the birds, the breeze through the stalks and the ghost of Oscar Wilde whispering, "Some things can't be taught."

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Climatologist expects cooler temps and more moisture for Kansas in August

Historical climatologist Evelyn Browning-Garriss concluded the line-up of speakers at the 2012 K-State Beef Conference on August 9. Browning-Garriss is the editor of the Browning Newsletter and

has authored or co-authored five books on the effects of climate change on water supplies, agriculture, business and terrorism. Describing in detail several long-term cycles that affect weather patterns, she stated

that much of the warming the earth is experiencing is natural, and anything man does on top of it just makes it more extreme.

"Nature is always

changing and you better change with it," she said. "It's like riding a horse — when it moves, you move or you're going to fall off."

There were 1,844 heat records across the United States broken in June, and 2,107 broken in the first eleven days of July. She believes it is likely that El

Nino conditions will develop in August, which should set Kansas up for cooler weather and some moisture. She expects the state to have a normal winter.



Closing out the day of speakers at the K-State Beef Conference was Evelyn Browning-Garriss, a historical climatologist and editor of the Browning Newsletter.

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Drought-damaged soybeans can make cattle feed; MU economist has calculator for hay:bean value

Soybeans that won't make a seed crop offer potential high-quality forage for beef and dairy producers. The decision to cut beans for hay won't be easy, say University of Missouri Extension specialists.

"It will be difficult to tell when there is no potential for a seed crop," said Bill Wiebold, MU soybean specialist.

"Waiting too late to cut soybeans for forage decreases feeding quality," said Justin Sexten, MU beef nutritionist.

Joe Horner, MU Extension economist, developed a spread sheet for producers to put in their own numbers to figure value for forage.

Horner said the cutoff for the transition from beans to forage is when yield drops below 10 bushels of soybeans per acre; and if forage provides one ton or more of quality dry matter per acre.

There is potential for tons of needed forage, Horner adds.

The first step on the way to hay, Horner said, is a visit with the crop insurance adjuster. "Don't cut anything, without checking crop coverage."

Rob Kallenbach, MU forage specialist, said soybeans now have the potential for a feeding value equal to full-bloom alfalfa

hay. Currently that hay sells for \$200 per ton. High quality alfalfa brings \$300.

Wiebold said judging potential for soybean yield will be more difficult than for corn. "Corn makes one attempt at making an ear and that is over in a few days. The soybean keeps setting blossoms for 30 to 40 days, trying to make pods. A late rain can increase bean yields.

"A lot depends on who owns the soybean field and if they need forage," Wiebold said.

All the specialists caution producers to read the label on any pesticide used on the soybean crop during the growing season. The most widely used soybean herbicide is glyphosate (RoundUp®). It has a 14-day-waiting period before harvest for forage. However, most herbicides require much longer periods between application and harvesting of soybeans for forage.

In his spreadsheet example posted on the MU AgEBB website, Horner used a value of \$16 per bushel for soybeans. And a value of \$164 per dry matter ton of forage.

Justin Sexten said timing for cutting soybean plants for forage will be critical. Leaves on the mature and dried soybean plant shatter

and fall quickly. Nothing but stems is left after maturity.

Wiebold said transition from what looks like a good crop and a dead crop can be just a few days.

The specialists agree on one thing. Making soybean hay isn't easy. The favored way to harvest soybean plants is as high-moisture hay, wrapped in plastic. Balage makes high quality forage with less leaf loss.

After using the new soybean spreadsheet, Kallenbach said there are some clear breaks. A yield above 10 bushels per acre favors harvest of soybeans. However, yields below five bushels per acre clearly show more

value as forage. "Other factors can change the decision between five and ten bushels per acre. That won't be an easy decision."

Wiebold said, "Once you make a decision to cut soybean for forage, or to harvest beans, do not look back. There's a good chance you will think you made a wrong decision, either way."

In a drought teleconference call, Bradley, the weed specialist, had the last word. "Read the label before harvesting soybeans for forage."

Horner's soybean spreadsheet can be found listed under "Silage" at <http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/dairy/feed/>



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Kansas wheat production bright spot amid drought

(AP) – The 2012 winter wheat crop sitting in elevators across Kansas remains the single bright spot in a dismal forecast for the state's fall-harvested crops.

This year's wheat was harvested before this summer's drought took hold in Kansas.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service estimated the state's wheat crop at 387 million bushels. The estimate is 2 percent lower than the agency's forecast last month, but is still 40 percent higher than the drought-stricken 2011 wheat crop.

This is the biggest wheat crop in Kansas since 2003. The agency says the wheat was cut from 9 million acres. That is 1.1 million more acres than harvest a year ago. It is the largest Kansas wheat acreage since 2006.

Yields averaged 43 bushels per acre.



Reserve champion dairy and dairy showmanship honors at the Geary County Free Fair went to Cierra Hicks.

The American Royal announces a new steak competition event in 2012

The American Royal Association announced recently that there will be a new event added to the 2012 season, The American Royal Steak Competition. Beef producers from across the nation are invited to submit ribeye steaks to compete for the best-tasting steak. Steaks will be judged by a panel of experts. There will be two entry categories, grass-finished and grain-finished.

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New structure brings focus, flexibility to beef checkoff

A newly approved structure for joint beef checkoff committees endeavors to engage more cattle producers and beef importers who pay the checkoff in a more efficient decision-making process about investment of their hard-earned checkoff investments.

Adopted unanimously by both the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB) and the Federation of State Beef Councils during the recent 2012 Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver, the new structure effectively reduces the number of checkoff program committees – which are responsible for making recommendations to the Beef Promotion Operating Committee about programs to fund with checkoff dollars – from the current 13 to just four in 2013.

Each of those four new committees will be tied directly to core strategies identified in the 2011-2013 Beef Industry Long Range Plan, with subcommittees for the domestic market formed around the beef demand drivers identified in that same plan. As envisioned, committees will be flexible enough to change with adoption of a new long-range plan, if those strategies and demand drivers change.

"Unification of the industry around the goals of the Long Range Plan is the vision of the plan itself," said Beef Board member Hank Maxey, who chaired the CBB Special Committee on Committee Structure, appointed by the Beef Board to examine the checkoff committee structure and determine if it was still the best fit for today's checkoff. The resulting proposal approved at summer conference was the work of that committee, with input from and coordination with producer leaders of the Federation of State Beef Councils.

"This joint working group reviewed the draft structure presented to the Boards in February, and also reviewed many other committee models, to find the model that would best fit today's checkoff work," said Federation chairman Craig Uden of Nebraska.

Results of that work was presented both to the full Cattlemen's Beef Board and, separately, to the di-

rectors of the Federation, during the 2012 summer conference, and both boards approved the new structure unanimously.

According to the approved structure, the four initial checkoff program committees will be:

- Domestic Consumer Preference Committee
- Global Growth Committee
- Beef's Image Committee
- Freedom to Operate Committee

"If you review the Long Range Plan, you'll find these four core strategies right up front," Maxey said. "There are, in total, six core strategies to the Long Range Plan, but these four are the ones the working group said were appropriate for checkoff funding."

From the outset, the Domestic Consumer Preference Committee will have five subcommittees, each focused on one of five consumer demand drivers in the Long Range Plan: convenience; safety; value; nutrition and health; and taste. Other committees may appoint subcommittees where deemed necessary by committee members.

"You'll note that the goal is to improve domestic preference for beef – not demand," Maxey pointed out. "Of course, beef demand involves volume and price. The Long Range Plan committee knew that we have more direct control over improvement of consumer preference, but not so much control over improvement in beef demand, due to our inability to control price."

Addressing other strategies/committees, Maxey pointed out the continued growth in opportunities for beef in global markets; the industry's need to focus on proactive ways to strengthen its image in the consumer environment, especially in light of increased attacks on beef and beef products in anti-meat arenas; and the need for the checkoff to help protect the consumer environment, thereby protecting beef producers' future and freedoms.

Approval of the new structure came just months after the Beef Board and Federation adopted a new Joint Committee Agree-

ment, at the 2012 Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville in February, which removed all policy members from any committees with checkoff representation and adjusted the way members are appointed to committees. At that time, both boards asked special subcommittees to review the committee structure and report back to them at the summer conference.

Maxey and Uden spoke to a joint gathering of the members of the Beef Board and directors of the Federation during the summer conference to explain the process the special committees went through to form their proposed structure, and explained that structure to them.

"As a kickoff point to our discussion, we agreed upon five critical success factors for an optimal committee structure," Uden explained. "We asked ourselves, if we had the best committee structure, what would that structure achieve?"

In brief, those five factors said the joint checkoff

committees should:

- Strategically align to the Beef Industry Long Range Plan and research-based beef demand drivers
- Be flexible enough to change with industry needs
- Be efficient in the decision-making process and provide valuable input to program staff and the Operating Committee to which the committees make recommendations for checkoff funding
- Increase awareness about the Beef Checkoff Program among a greater number of producers and importers
- Engage committee members and provide them a greater sense of ownership in their beef checkoff.

"The new committee structure is a really big step forward to focusing checkoff work on consumer demand and preference," Beef Board CEO Polly Ruhland said.

"Of course, most of the work of the checkoff goes into the domestic consumer preference area – in other words, getting American consumers to love beef more than they already

do," Ruhland continued. "So that committee does have five subcommittees, and those subcommittees revolve around consumer demand drivers identified in the Long Range Plan."

Ruhland explained that converting to the new structure will take place between now and the next cattle industry annual convention, slated for February 2013 in Tampa, Fla. In the fall, she said, CBB and Federation officers, separately, will appoint their members to the new committees. Then, based on the joint agreement the boards approved in winter, the chairman and vice chairman of the Operating Committee (the CBB chairman and the Federation chairman) will appoint chairs and vice chairs to each of the committees.

Ruhland said she is pleased with the level of

involvement and engagement of Beef Board members in the process to make committee decisions more strategic and more consumer-focused.

"The Beef Board's unanimous vote in favor of the new committee structure came after about 40 minutes of very good discussion about it," she said. "Our Board members are very interested in doing the right thing. They take their responsibility very seriously, so there were a lot of questions about committee size, function, how existing checkoff programs fit into the new structure.... They asked great questions because they wanted to be very educated and clear about what they were doing in approving this new structure to leverage every checkoff dollar to the greatest extent possible."



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Wheat producers have options for planting into dry soils

Soils are generally very dry in much of Kansas, which presents an all-too-familiar dilemma to wheat producers, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

"Wheat producers faced with very dry soils basically have three main options, and these haven't changed over the years. Do I 'dust in' the seed and hope for rain, plant deeper than normal to place the seed into moisture, or just hold off and wait for rain before planting?" Shroyer said. "There are pros and cons to each option."

Dusting in the wheat at the normal seeding depth and normal planting date is probably the best option, Shroyer said. The seed will remain viable in the soil until it gets enough moisture, he said.

Before planting, producers should look at the long-term forecast and try to estimate how long the dry conditions will persist, he added. This will help determine the best seeding rate to use.

"If it looks like there's a good chance the dry weather will continue until at least the back end of the op-

timum range of planting dates, producers should treat the fields as if they were planting later than the optimum time. Rather than cutting back on seeding rates and fertilizer to save money on a lost cause, producers should increase seeding rates, consider using a fungicide seed treatment, and consider using a starter fertilizer," the K-State agronomist explained.

"The idea is to make sure the wheat gets off to a good start and will have enough heads to have good yield potential, assuming it will eventually rain and the crop will emerge late," he said. "Wheat that emerges in November almost always has fewer fall tillers than wheat that emerges in September or October."

There are some risks to dusting-in wheat, he cautioned. For one thing, a hard rain could crust over the soil or wash soil off planting ridges and into the seed furrows, potentially causing emergence problems, he said.

Probably the worst-case scenario for this option would be if a light rain occurs and the seed gets just enough moisture to germi-

nate the seed but not enough for the seedlings to emerge through the soil or to survive very long if dry conditions return, he added. This could result in a loss of the stand.

Another option would be to plant deeper-than-normal into moisture during the optimal planting time, if possible, Shroyer said. This option can work if the variety to be planted has a long coleoptile, the producer is using a hoe drill, and there is good moisture within reach.

"The advantage of this option is that the crop may come up and make a stand during the optimum time in the fall. This would keep the soil from blowing. Also, the ridges created by hoe drills help keep the soil from blowing," he said.

The main risk of this option is poor emergence, he cautioned. Deep-planted wheat normally has below-normal emergence, so a higher seeding rate should be used, he said.

"Generally speaking, it's best to plant no deeper than three inches with most varieties," he said.

Finally, producers might simply decide to wait for a

rain, and then plant, the K-State agronomist said.


"Under the right conditions, this would result in good stands, assuming the producer uses a high seeding rate and a starter fertilizer, if appropriate. If it remains dry well past the optimum range of planting dates, the producer would

then have the option of just keeping the wheat seed in the shed until next fall and planting a spring crop next year instead," he said.

The risk of this option is that the weather may turn rainy and stay wet later this fall, preventing the producer from planting the wheat at all while those who

"dusted" their wheat in have a good stand, he said. There is also the risk of leaving the soil unprotected from the wind through the winter until the spring crop is planted, he said.

Crop insurance considerations and deadlines will play a role in these decisions, Shroyer added.



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TRACT II: W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 15-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

39.8 farmland acres located on Jade road. There are 35.9 cropland acres with base acres: wheat 23 acres with 34 bushel yield, grain sorghum 12.4 acres with 61 bushel yield, for a total base of 35.4 acres. Classified as HEL, Conservation system is being actively applied. Possession will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive the landlords cash rent of \$75.00 per acre on 37 acres for 2013 wheat crop. The rent payment will be due before December 31, 2013. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$341.29.

TRACT III: South 79 acres NW 1/4 20-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

77.9 farmland acres located on 20 road. There are 77.9 cropland acres with base acres: wheat 62.4 acres with 39 bushel yield, corn 0.8 acres with 58 bushel yield, grain sorghum 12.8 acres with 61 bushel yield, for a total base of 76 acres. Classified as HEL, Conservation system is being actively applied. Possession will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive the landlords cash rent of \$75.00 per acre on 78 acres for 2013 wheat crop. The rent payment will be due before December 31, 2013. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$674.17.

TRACT IV: SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 NE 1/4 18-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

196.10 farmland acres located on 20 road. There are 94.5 cropland acres with base acres: wheat 8.2 acres with 35 bushel yield, grain sorghum 72.5 acres with 61 bushel yield, soybeans 1.3 acres with 16 bushel yield, for a total base of 82.0 acres. Classified as not HEL. The balance of approximately 104 acres is grass. Possession of farm ground will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Possession of grass will be Jan. 1, 2013. Purchaser will receive the landlords cash rent of \$75.00 per acre on 96 acres for 2013 wheat crop. The rent payment will be due before December 31, 2013. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$1,137.81.

TRACT V: N 1/2 NW 1/4 11-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

80.2 acres located on 50 road. There are 15.4 cropland acres with base acres: grain sorghum 14 acres with 61 bushel yield, beans 0.1 acres with 16 bushel yield, for a total of 14.1 base acres. The balance of 65 acres is grass. Possession of the cropland will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Possession of grass will be Jan. 1, 2013. Purchaser will receive the landlords cash rent of \$75.00 per acre on 15 acres for 2013 wheat crop. The rent payment will be due before December 31, 2013. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$300.26.

TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before October 3, 2012. Downing & Alexander will act as escrow agent. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Escrow & closing fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Possession of all crop land will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive the 2013 cash rent. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent.

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This Hereford steer weighing in at 1260 pounds and owned by Cody Hutchinson won reserve champion market beef at the Geary County Free Fair.



Trent Langvardt won breeding sheep grand champion at the Geary County Free Fair with his Southdown spring breeding ewe lamb. Langvardt also earned grand champion in sheep showmanship.

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Auction Sales Scheduled

August 21 — Clay & Washington County real estate at Clifton for Delmer Kahrs & Medora Kahrs Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, agents & auctioneers.

August 22 — Tractors, combines, skid steers, wheel loaders, semi trucks, dump truck, straight trucks, grain trailers, tanker trailers, livestock trailers, balers, planting & tillage equip. & more online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction.

August 23 — Trailers, guns, tools, furniture, antiques, etc. at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc.

August 23 — Tractors, combines, corn & grain heads, loaders & construction, trucks, trailers, planters & drills, tillage, grain cart & wagons, hay equip., misc. at Cornlea, NE (and online at proxibid.com). Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement.

August 23 — Dickinson County land at Abilene for Fae Holdings 412296R, LLC. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

August 23 — Construction tools, equipment, enclosed car trailers, antiques, collectibles & more at Salina for SUPER AUCTION. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

August 25 — Farm equipment in Americus for Marsha and the late Ed Aeschliman. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

August 25 — Coins in Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

August 25 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, pool, Travalong trailer, tools and miscellaneous in Junction City for Ron Berget. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service.

August 25 — Jewelry, vehicles, collector car, furniture, collectibles, equipment & misc. at Lawrence for Otto (Russ) Stites & Maud D. Barrett Estates. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Co.

August 25 — Tractors, Kubota & recreational vehicles, combine & heads, crawler, irrigation pump & pipe, trailers, machinery, trucks, shop equip. & misc., lawn & garden, household, art, taxidermy

at Silver Lake for Dr. Phil Mills. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

August 25 — Vehicles, pickup accessories, sheetmetal fabricating equip., welding equip., hand & power tools, ladders, scaffold, refrigerant recovery equip., office equip. at Emporia for property of Butcher-Peterson Heating & Cooling, Inc., Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

August 25 — Tools & equipment at Beloit for Dick's Mechanic Shop, Richard Duvall. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 25 — Woodworking tools, concrete tools, misc., masonry, welding, ladders, air compressors, mowers, reloading supplies & more at Topeka for Dennis Hagemann. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.

August 25 — Lawn mowers, tools & household at Topeka for Dennis Hagiman. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.

August 25 — Tractor, trucks, farm machinery at Halstead for Lavern & Twila Koehn. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

August 25 — Household goods, shop supplies & misc. at Morganville for Alfred & the late Maxine Marcotte. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

August 26 — Automotive, tractors, tools, household, etc. west of Ottawa for William Kunard. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp Auctioneers.

August 26 — Collectibles, glass, pottery at Salina for 4 collections. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 27 — Real estate (80 acres CRP) at Delphos for Payne Farms. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

August 29 — Osborne County real estate at Tipton for Marylene Cordel Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 30 — Automotive, tractor, trailers, machinery and misc. at Shawnee Mission. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auctions.

August 30 — Republic County real estate at Republic for Lola M. Fuller Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 31 — Rush County real estate at LaCrosse for Buddy B. & Melissa Curry. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc. September 1 — Personal property N. of Marysville for Mrs. (Gary) Opal Tobin. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

September 2 — Advertising, furniture, collectibles, glass at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 3 — Real estate at Newton for Estate of Paul Androes. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Specialists, Inc.

September 3 — Real Estate (510 acres) at Miltonvale for Ethel Fuller Trust. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

September 3 — Furniture, collectibles & pottery at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 3 — 17th annual Labor Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 3 — Luck of the Irish Toy Show at Chapman.

September 4 — Wabaunsee County real estate at Alta Vista for Laura Andres. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

September 4 — Multi-parcel land auction, Ottawa County at Salina. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

September 6 — Miami County land at La Cygne. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

September 7 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

September 8 — Real estate, farm/shop/salvage items, old machinery, antiques, and collectibles in Lincolnville for Leland "Red" Chizek Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

September 8 — Household goods, antiques & miscellaneous at Clay Center for William & Nola Logan. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

September 8 — Antiques, household & farm items at Maple Hill for Alvin & Elsie Gurtler Estate. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.

September 8 — House, Jeep, guns & household at Salina for E.R. Teasley Estate.

Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

September 11 — Real estate in Green for Evan Adee. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, Salesmen & Auctioneers.

September 13 — Tools, household and miscellaneous in Clay Center for Harold Keeler and Dorothy Keeler Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auctions.

September 15 — Real estate, tractors, farm machinery, automotive, livestock and hay equipment, antiques, household items, tools and miscellaneous in Fairbury, NE, for Wayne R. and Diane Brandt, owners. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

September 15 — Land S. of Clay Center for the Heirs of Charles N. Yarrow. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

September 15 — Household & collectible at Marysville for Maxine "Mrs. Ty" Thompson. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

September 15 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Lonnie Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

September 17 — Pasture at Aurora for Maryln Swenson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 20 — 1925 Chevy Coupe, enclosed car trailer, antique furniture, collectibles & more at Salina for SUPER AUCTION. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

September 22 — Vehicles, boat, tractor, many tools & shop supplies & more at Abilene for SUPER AUCTION. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

September 29 — Surplus for Riley County near Manhattan. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

September 29 — Female sale at Westmoreland for R&L Angus.

October 4-5 — Large antique auction in Clay Center for Harold Keeler and Dorothy Keeler Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auctions.

October 20 — Farm sale 17 miles west (on #9 Highway) of Concordia for Dennis and Rita McClellan. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 31 — Fink Beef Genetics Annual Angus & Charolais Bull sale at Randolph.

November 3 — Harley Gerdes Consignment auc-

tion at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

November 10 — SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Bulls North of Wheaton for Moser Ranch 21st Bull Sale.

November 14 — McCook Farm & Ranch Expo Working Ranch Horse sale

at McCook, Neb.

November 16 — Late fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC. January 1, 2013 — Harley Gerdes 28th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

Denali: a new variety choice for wheat farmers this fall

By Bill Spiegel

When it comes to planting wheat this season, farmers will have a new choice from the Kansas Wheat Alliance, plus the assurance of several new varieties that should come from the Kansas State University wheat breeding program in coming years.

Denali is the new variety offered by Kansas Wheat Alliance. Targeted for farms in northwest Kansas, Denali was actually developed by Colorado State University and licensed through the Kansas Wheat Alliance. It features very good yield potential, has high test weights and features excellent resistance to stripe rust. It has good mill and bake quality. Its parents are Tam 111 and Hatcher, says Daryl Strouts, president of the Kansas Wheat Alliance.

As a new variety, it will have limited availability this fall. This fall, Kansas wheat farmers will be able to plant the new HRW variety Denali for the first time. It is licensed by the Kansas Wheat Alliance.

Kansas State University released the variety 1863, which will be available to registered seed growers this fall. 1863 - so named because of the university's sesquicentennial in 2013 - has similar yield potential to Everest. However, it possesses quality characteristics that are far superior to Everest, which was one of the state's most popular varieties in 2012. 1863 is best-suited for north central Kansas, Strouts says.

K-State has also chosen to "increase" several varieties in its Manhattan and Hays wheat breeding programs. Essentially, varieties scheduled for increase will undergo another year of agronomic and quality evaluation. If they pass muster, they could be slated for release to certified seed growers next fall.

From Hays, the experimental line KSO 9h19 is a one-gene Clearfield variety ideally adapted to western Kansas. The variety features very good yield and good quality characteristics.

The experimental line KS10-HW781 is a hard white wheat that features excellent yield and sprouting tolerance. Its future is dependent upon its quality characteristics.

From the Manhattan program, four lines are on small-scale increase, which means it will take two years to produce enough seed to release to certified seed growers, according to wheat breeder Allan Fritz.

Two varieties are sister crosses between Aspen, Everest and a Pioneer wheat line that had shown susceptibility to stem rust. In two years of testing, these varieties show yield potential greater than Everest and feature resistance to barley yellow dwarf and intermediate resistance to head scab. Fritz says both varieties have resistance to leaf rust and have better stripe rust resistance to Everest.

The highlight of the variety KS 03-0887 is a durable form of stripe and leaf rust from the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement. It is an upright plant type that looks thin, but has good tiller numbers to create very good yield potential. It performs very well under high management conditions.

Finally, Fritz is increasing the variety KS 03-1009k-4. A cross between the University of Missouri's Truman, Jagalene, and Overlay, the variety has shown excellent yield potential throughout the state. It is susceptible to leaf rust and will require management by farmers. Head scab resistance is intermediate; it has very good quality, Fritz says.

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If there are any heroes in the Abandoned/Neglected/Abused horse quagmire, it is the BLM Wild Horse program. The "Unintended Consequences" of Wild Horse Annie's dreams have taken the pendulum of reasonable "wild horse" management... to the extreme.

No one who personally contributes their money or time toward the care of these animals doubts that, but many have been caught in a trap of their own making. One of the most obvious contributors to the demise and destruction of the status and value of The Horse, wild or tame (remember they are both domestic animals), are the animal rights groups. Their leader is the Humane Society of the United States. They are stumbling through the nightmare of this continuing horse-abuse landscape of their own creation, lurching like a 35-ton money-sucking tick.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is rou-

tinely bashed and criticized by both those who favor horse slaughter, and those who don't. The BLM, by law, is allowed to run a limited number of horses on federal lands. The horse slaughter advocates have always accepted this premise. Most of the animal rights, anti-slaughter advocates do not understand why overrunning the range with horses is bad for both man and beast. The animal rights groups and their supporters have declared it "illegal, immoral, and abusive" to sell unadoptable wild horses to slaughter plants. But they are of no help when the BLM has to thin the range herd.

The HSUS, whose revenue in 2010 was \$148 million, does not offer to feed, treat, care for or house the unwanted horses. The politicians who support HSUS (and I assume are supported by), take no responsibility either; like Rick Santorum, (Penn.), Senator Landrieu (La.) and Gover-

nor Martinez of New Mexico. What's worse is they offer no help and impede those who are trying.

So, the BLM pays ranchers to keep the unwanted horses in feedlots or pastures for the rest of their lives. Horsemen watching the BLM know that what has transpired was never Wild Horse Annie's dream. To see the carnage that has happened to The Horse in our country due to HSUS and their allies would make her sorely grievous.

I have deliberately connected the wild horse problem with the privately-owned horse abuse crisis, because their plights are entwined and laid at the feet of the same people. But my admiration goes out to those who continue to try and hold back the tidal wave of "unintended consequences;" the horse rescues, local humane societies, ranchers, farmers, deputies, vets, knowledgeable politicians and the good horsemen and women workin' for the BLM. They are like the thousands and thousands of workers still bogged down in the aftermath of Katrina. They work while their foes continue to pour buckets of water over the levee, blind to the legacy they have created.


Train carrying grain derails in eastern Kansas

(AP) — A Union Pacific train headed from Colby to Corpus Christi, Texas, has derailed in eastern Kansas, sending three cars into a small river but causing no injuries.


Railroad spokesman Mark Davis says 23 of the train's 106 cars went off the tracks at 1:45 a.m. last Wednesday near Osawatimie in Miami County. Three of the cars ended up in the Marais des Cygnes River.


Davis says the cause of the derailment hasn't been determined, and he doesn't know how long it will take to clean up the area because of possible damage to a bridge that will have to be inspected.

He says 19 trains a day use the tracks where the derailment occurred. The railroad plans to detour its other trains to parallel tracks or other areas.




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