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NCBA president-elect discusses industry challenges at Flint Hills Beef Fest

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Determined not to let the challenges currently facing the beef industry cause his message to be one of doom and gloom, NCBA president-elect Scott George addressed attendees at the Flint Hills Beef Fest with straight talk and a sense of humor. George is a second-generation dairyman from Cody, Wyo., has a cow/calf operation and also the American Breeders Service dealership with his brothers. They raise all of the corn silage, earlage and hay for their beef and dairy herds.

"NCBA is an organization that literally believes we are all better off by sitting at the table together and talking about the issues and finding common solutions," he described. "We believe very strongly that you need strong state organizations to advocate for you because there are state issues you need to address. But there comes a time when you need to address the national issues. So it's great when we can sit down together and have cow/calf operators, stocker operators, feeder operators, and yes, even dairy standing at the table talking together and finding solutions.'

Acknowledging that topping the list of concerns on producer's minds these days is the drought, George encouraged his audience to explore their options and to check out NCBA and K-State Extension websites that give information on deferring income tax if they are forced to sell cattle early.

George described the two facets of NCBA, the first being the consumer side of the organization. "We're looking at the consumers buying our beef products and addressing their concerns, because if they're not addressed, you're not going to have a customer and if we don't have customers that

want our products, we're all out of business," he stated. "If consumers are concerned about nutrition, we're addressing nutrition. We want them to know that beef is a good, strong, nutritious part of their diet that provides zinc, iron and protein." He cited the eight-year BOLD study (Beef is part of an Optimal Lean Diet), conducted at Penn State which found that eating lean beef lowered cholesterol. "We're trying to get that information out to dieticians, doctors, schools and medical journals," he said.

Safety is another issue that George says they work to stay ahead of, with concerns over E. coli and salmo-

Convenience is an area that he says NCBA has worked to address. "More and more of our customers today don't know how to cook," George asserted. As a checkoff contractor, NCBA has worked to get manufacturers to put out products that are more convenient. "Maybe you put a label on it that tells you how to cook it, or you pre-marinate it or precook it or make it microwavable. Since we started that effort there are about 2,800 new convenient beef products that have come out on the shelf," he continued. "I tell you, when they take a little two-pound pot roast and put it in the microwave for seven minutes then throw it on the table and it's ready to go and tastes good, that's pretty convenient."

Addressing burdensome regulations is part of the second arm of NCBA described



NCBA president-elect Scott George addressed many of the issues facing the cattle industry at the Flint Hills Beef Fest on August 17.

by George. "We believe in the free enterprise system, where you can go out and make an opportunity," he said. "We are not opposed to government. We understand that there needs to be regulations to protect our water, our environment and our air. It's the burdensome, overzealous regulations that are a problem." George pointed to the proposed changes to the Child Labor law and stricter dust regulations as areas where push-back from NCBA and other groups yielded victories for the agriculture community. "Somebody's got to watch out for that and let you know when

that kind of thing is coming at us so we can address it," he said. "Again, we're not opposed to keeping clean air and my goodness, we want clean water. But when they start telling you you're going to have to report how much ammonia comes off your feed yard or your dairy, that is challenging and what does that mean? You're going to have to hire some Joe Blow that you're going to have to pay for and it's going to cost more to do business.'

The estate tax is an area George says NCBA is working hard on. Current regulations provide a \$5 million exemption per individual, being taxed at 35%. At the end of the year it will expire and revert back to a \$1 million per individual and \$2 million per family, with the rest taxed at 55%. "Folks, we in the livestock business are asset-rich and cash-poor," said George. "It doesn't take long to accumulate assets when you've got land, cattle, equipment and buildings. The thought of having to destroy our operations to give the government 55% of that over the exemption is really problematic. We've been pushing really hard to get that changed or at least get an extension. But if you get an extension, then next year, here it comes again. So we need some permanent fixes on that."

Other areas where NCBA has seen success is the passing of the Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia as well as keeping Meatless Mondays out of the school lunch program. "As a checkoff contractor we have this great book of evidence about the nutritional benefits of beef," he explained. "We can show that the zinc in beef helps with cognitive learning. The checkoff can't go into this government agency and say you should keep beef on the menu, because that's trying to influence government policy. We can go in and say beef is nutritious. So we were able to stop that."

As the Farm Bill has taken shape, George says that NCBA has worked hard to make sure in contains funding for EQIP programs

with everything over that and government research. It was their involvement in another aspect of the farm bill that George said evoked the ire of the Humane Society of the United States and helped set the stage for the lawsuit they recently helped fund for OCM (Organization for Competitive Markets) alleging misuse of checkoff funds and seeking to permanently remove NCBA as a contractor for the beef checkoff.

> HSUS was seeking to include their agreement with the United Egg Board concerning the sizes of cages for chickens included in the Farm Bill. Colin Woodall. vice president of government affairs for NCBA in Washington D.C., expressed concern over the amendment, saying that if government is allowed to prescribe how animals are housed and cared for, things will get out of control. NCBA opposed that amendment and got it stopped. George referred to a Brownfield Ag News interview with Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of HSUS, in which he said the reason they were upset with NCBA was their opposition to the United Egg Board issue and that Pacelle hoped the cattle industry would "stay in their own lane."

> 'The interviewer asked him if he had other issues and he cited the pork industry with gestation stalls, the dairy industry with tail docking and the cattle industry with confined feeding operations. Folks, this group is out to destroy us," George expounded.

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Man-power and old machines get the job done at threshing time



Chase Kesl, Topeka, looks on as Matt Easton, Olsburg, and Mike Hohner, Topeka, pitch oat bundles into the 22-inch Case threshing machine being tended by Ross Olson, Council Grove. Steve Duer leans against the grain trailer, owned by Ralph Anderson, Council Grove. Nearly 25 bushels of oats were threshed as a very good crowd of people watched.

"I guess things could be worse...we could be diggin' post holes!"

Prairie Ponderings By Donna Sullivan

I've been out and about quite a bit the last few weeks. It's always enlightening to be around others in the ag industry, from producers themselves to Extension personnel, company representatives and organizational officers. At every event I attend I am always struck by the dedication these people demonstrate to keeping agriculture a viable part of our society. Whether it's educating producers, hosting farm tours, lobbying on behalf of agriculture or reaching out to the consumer, there is a host of

people who are involved in protecting and preserving this industry. Their passion is contagious and the energy they expend is inspiring. They are not a group of handwringers that spend their time lamenting the sad state of affairs we sometimes find ourselves in. Rather, they stand watch, keeping an eye out for threats to the industry, then sound the alarm and rally the troops when one is detected. Without them, many of us would be too busy keeping our own boats afloat to notice someone had pulled the plug and drained out all the water.

Debbie Lyons-Blythe, American Farm Mom of the Year and outspoken champion for agriculture, spoke at the Flint Hills Beef Fest and something she said made me think that telling our story is a great start, but we need to go a step further. The spark that ignited her passion for advocating for agriculture was a family member who was eating at her home and expressed concern over consuming meat and milk from the grocery store because of the antibiotics and hormones that she thought it contained. Debbie was quick to educate her on the safety of food bought at the grocery story and corrected some of the misinformation she had been given. It was a relief to that young woman to hear the truth, and to learn that the affordable food she was able to buy at her local grocery store was perfectly safe to feed her family.

Would that conversa-

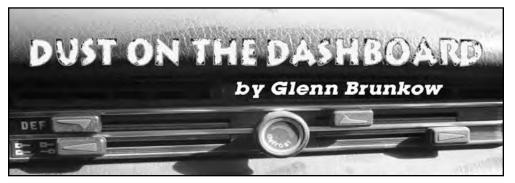
tion have had the same effect if it had come from a stranger? I suspect not. Part of what gave Debbie's message credibility was the relationship she had with the young woman. Which makes me think that as we strive to tell the story of agriculture, we also need to be building relationships as often as possible to give our story credibility.

As a society we are often connected with hundreds or thousands of acquaintances around the world through social media, but we sometimes have no idea what is going on with our very own neighbors. We have less personal contact with the people around us than previous generations had, and in my opinion, that has helped drive some of the suspicion and distrust that we see toward modern agriculture. So few people actually "know" a 'farmer."

Last Tuesday evening I try will be shaped.

was at the Dickinson County Farm Bureau annual meeting. During the meal, photos were projected on a screen and many of them were of "Farmer Friends" that went into local classrooms and talked about agriculture. Their Young Farmers program is extremely active in the community and as they tell their story, they are building relationships. I suspect there are many groups around the state doing the same thing, and I commend them all.

A sense of community is part of what has always made living in rural areas so appealing. We just need to draw more people into our "community" – not necessarily geographically, but ideologically. We will do that by building relationships, whether through social media or personal contact. That is where trust will be built and public perception of our industry will be shaped



This past week my family and I (and anyone who crossed our paths) had a unique experience. We were chosen for the TV show, America's Heartland. We are going to be in one of their "Dawn to Dusk" episodes. It seems they pick out an unsuspecting farm or ranch family and follow them from dawn to dusk (actually, like our usual day it started a little before dawn and ended a little after dusk).

It was a great experience and taught us many lessons; the best lesson being that we should always live our lives like we are wearing a microphone and everyone will hear what we say. I guarantee it will change what you say in your daily conversations. I found myself closely weighing everything I said. I did not want to say anything that would be negative or might hurt anyone in any way. If I acted like I had a microphone to the world on all the time, I would never have to pull my foot out of my mouth or ever feel bad about something I said.

The second revelation I had during this all day filming was how often I scratch my nose. This occurred to me as I drove my pickup down the road. The film crew had installed a camera on the grill guard to film me driving. Halfway through scratching my nose I realized what that might look like from the wrong angle. The rest of the day, no matter how bad my nose itched I was not going to give in to temptation.

Finally, if someone tells you to act like "I am not here" it makes it twice as hard to act like they are not there. Especially when that person is carrying a camera or a boom microphone. No matter how hard you try not to look at them, it is impossible. On a related note, you can also tell animals that, but they are even harder to convince of the fact that the aforementioned person is not really there. Animals tend to stop and stare.

Okay, all kidding aside, I have been asked, why would you allow a camera crew full access to your farm to film you all day? Was I worried about what they might find? In short, yes, it made me a little nervous but not because of what I thought they would film. I was nervous that I would look and sound

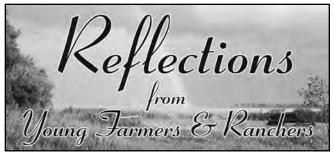
funny on TV (or look like I was picking my nose) but I never for a moment worried about how our farm would come across.

Jennifer and I welcomed the chance to share what we do on a daily basis to produce the food everyone consumes. We know that we do things the right way and welcome the chance to show that to our customers. I don't mean to sound too sure of myself, but I would guess that most of you feel the same way. The vast majority of the farmers and ranchers I know do things the right way, for the right reason and would be great ambassadors for agriculture. We just happened to be chosen, but I know many, many other producers who would have just as good or better.

Was it uncomfortable? Well, maybe a little, but in the end it will be well worth the trouble. Most consumers are so far removed from the food they eat; they need to see what we do. The public needs to see that we have the same hectic schedule they do and we manage a time-consuming business with crops and livestock that need constant attention. We have ball games, meetings and church activities on our calendar; we just have to tend to our chores either before or after the activities.

This was made clear to Jennifer and I when we had the opportunity to read ag books to grade school children in Nashville, Tennessee several years ago. They asked us if we had television, if our kids got to play sports and if we wore overalls all the time. The disconnectedness with urban consumers is what allows groups like PETA and HSUS to spread misinformation and that is why it is important for all of us in agriculture to open our farms.

It is an experience like no other to be followed by a camera crew. It was reassuring to know that people are interested in what we do. However, it was also a little nervewracking and I think I need a break from the cameras (maybe a year or two), but given the same opportunity we will open our farm up to the public again. After all, we are proud producers of the food we all need and we want to show the whole world.



By Lori Pultz Haresnape, Lebanon

I recently participated in an intervention. Actually, I was the victim of the intervention.

Hello, my name is Lori, and I am addicted to projects — sometimes even those a professional should handle.

It started a long time ago. I can't really put a finger on when exactly. It started with little things, like feeling the need to move furniture often, maybe changing the color of a room, or creating a binder full of recipes. It gradually got more drastic.

Like, "I wanna try installing flooring myself." I convinced Theron (and myself) that it would not only improve the look of our kitchen and bathroom, but we would save money doing it ourselves. We had help laying the subfloor, a little guidance on measuring and cutting the vinyl tiles, and I set to work on laying the tiles myself until the job was done. I was pleased... initially. The longer I looked at and walked over it though, the worse it started looking. I vowed to never lay tile again. I stuck with Continued on page 6



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George addresses Flint Hills Beef Fest

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As for the allegation that NCBA misuses checkoff funds in policy-influencing activities, George says, "Folks, I've got to tell you, that's not true. We understand full well the work we are doing for the consumer. We understand full well the work we are doing for the producer. Those are two separate works. We have very stringent guidelines to make sure that does not happen the money does not cross borders.

"There are a lot of organizations that are eligible for contractors for checkoff dollars," he continued. "Some organizations have chosen not to do that work. Others have. We are one that has chosen to do it and we work very diligently at it. Years ago our CEO said, 'We don't want to be the only contractor for the checkoff, but we want to be to be the best contractor cover video and we all talk a there is."

'We're concerned and really disappointed for two reasons. Number one, we're disappointed that any ag organization would partner with an opponent that wants to put you out of business. And the second reason we are disappointed is because it's going to take some checkoff resources that we desperately need to address consumer concerns and it's going to divert it to the justice system."

He cautioned producers not to provide ammunition to those wishing to harm agriculture. "We have a great responsibility to take care of our animals, take care of the land, take care of the water and do it in a responsible manner," stressed. "We're advocating that everywhere we go. It only takes one bad actor in the group to get us all in

hit for it in the public's eye. Don't do it, please. Be responsible about the use of your antibiotics, watch your withholding times. We all know these things."

Seeking to conclude his remarks with good news for producers, he repeated his position that the industry is poised to see tremendous benefits, citing export opportunities and good domestic demand. "So if you can survive this drought and figure out a way to hang on to your mama cows and if this weather will change, which is the big 'if' out there, then folks, we are poised to have a great opportunity. We can build herds and we can be profitable. And we need to be profitable because if we're not profitable, we're not sustainable. I don't care how much environmental work you do, at the end of the day, if you're not making money, you're not sustain-





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Loretta Shepard, Helena, Okla.: "So good."

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1/2 bunch green onions Slice white and purple onions into separate rings. put in a crock container. Bring sugar, water and vinegar to a boil. Pour boiling mixture over onions. Mix lightly, cover and let set over night in refrigerator. Drain well. To serve, chop green onions, drain liquid off the onions; add celery seed, chopped green onions and dressing over drained onions. Serve cold.

Debbie Rogers, Independence, Mo.:

BREAKFAST

TACOS 1 large tomato, chopped

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6 flour tortillas (6-inch size), warmed

3/4 cup Mexican finely shredded four cheese

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilan-

Combine tomato, onions and jalapeno peppers. Whisk whole eggs and egg whites until blended. Pour into large nonstick skillet. Cook until done, stirring occasionally. Spoon eggs onto tortillas, top with cheese, tomato mixture and cilantro. Fold in half.

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.:

OREO TRIPLE LAYER CHOCOLATE PIE

32 Oreo cookies, divided 1/4 cup butter, melted (2) 3.9-ounce packages chocolate instant pudding

2 cups cold milk 8-ounce tub whipped topping, divided

Finely crush 24 cookies, mix with butter. Press onto bottom and up side of 9-inch pie plate. Beat pudding mixes and milk with whisk 2 minutes. Spoon 1 1/2 cups pudding into crust. Stir half of the whipped topping into

remaining pudding; spread over pudding layer in crust. Chop remaining cookies, stir into remaining whipped topping. Spread over pie. Refrigerate 4 hours.

Hint: To serve dip bottom of pie plate in hot water for 30 seconds for easy cutting and serving.

> **Doris Shivers, Abilene: COUNTRY**

SALISBURY STEAK 1 1/2 pounds extra lean ground beef

6-ounce package Stove Top stuffing mix for chicken 1 1/2 cups water, divided 3/4 cup chopped onions 8-ounce package fresh mush-

rooms, sliced 1/2 cup original barbecue sauce

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix meat, stuffing mix, 1 1/4 cups of the water and onions until well blended. Shape into six 1/2-inchthick oval patties. Place on 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Bake 25 minutes or until cooked through (160 degrees). Meanwhile, spray large nonstick skillet with

cooking spray. Add mush-

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rooms and cook on mediumhigh heat 5 minutes or until lightly browned, stirring occasionally. Add barbecue sauce and remaining 1/4 cup water. Reduce heat to low; simmer 1 to 2 minutes, or until sauce is heated through. Serve over the patties. Round out the meal with cooked green beans and carrots.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: FRUIT SLAW

10-ounce bag coleslaw mix 1-ounce can pineapple tidbits, drained

- 1 mango, peeled, pitted & diced
- 3 tablespoons minced green onion
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise 1 tablespoon white vinegar 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a large bowl, combine coleslaw mix, pineapple tidbits, mango and onions. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add to coleslaw mixture, tossing gently to coat. Serve immediately or cover and chill up to 2 days.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: EL RANCHO DISH

8 eggs

1 cup milk

- 16-ounce container cottage cheese
- 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 corn tortillas (6-inch), cut into 1-inch each pieces
- 4-ounce can chopped green chiles, undrained
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

2 green onions, chopped

Whisk eggs and milk in bowl until blended. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into (2) 9inch pie plates sprayed with cooking spray. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake uncovered 50 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. You can use a 9-by-13-inch pan and increase the baking time to 55 minutes.

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(NAPSA) — If you're looking for a better way to start the day, try some peanut but-

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Here are four easy breakfast ideas:

- 1. Swirl peanut butter into oatmeal.
- 2. Add smooth-style peanut butter into a breakfast smoothie for an easy portable meal.
- 3. Toast whole grain frozen waffles and top with peanut butter instead of syrup for a low-sugar start to the day.
- Spread peanut butter on whole grain bread and top with slices of banana.

According to National Peanut Board research, 90 percent of American households contain one or more jars of peanut butter.

For a new twist, try one of the slightly indulgent gourmet chocolate peanut butters, such as those from Peanut Butter & Co. or Sunland Peanut Butter. Flavored peanut butter is a great way to perk up a dull breakfast routine.

Peanut Butter Banana Power Muffin Serves 12

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 large egg 3 medium bananas
- 1/2 cup peanut butter, smooth 2 tablespoons peanut oil,
- salad or cooking
- 1/2 cup prune puree
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour 2 tablespoons peanut flour, defatted (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt, table 1/2 cup multigrain cereal
- 1/2 cup unsalted dry roasted peanuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat muffin tins with nonstick cooking spray or use muffin tin liners. In a large bowl, mix honey, egg, mashed bananas, peanut butter, peanut oil and prune puree. In a separate bowl, mix whole wheat flour, peanut flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and multigrain cereal. Mix wet and dry ingredients. Mix until almost completely combined. Fold in peanuts. Using an ice cream scoop, divide the batter between 12 muffin tins. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Adding peanut butter to your morning meal can help provide the energy necessary to live, work and play well.

Home and Away Appreciating home

By Lou Ann Thomas

"Home is where one starts from," wrote T.S. Eliot.

Since returning to my childhood home I agree. Everything here has a memory attached to it. The trees lining the driveway stood witness as I spent hours a day riding my blue Huffy bicycle up and down the gravel path. Even after leaving for several decades I gratefully find them still standing sentinel along that gravel driveway.

The whistle of trains in the distance, which I remember hearing as a kid, now bring back nights spent laying in bed and wondering from what far-off place that train was coming, and to

what exotic location it might be headed. There were times as a teenager when I dreamed of getting on a train, or plane, or any kind of transportation and exploring those places. There was a time I couldn't wait to get off this farm and to see more of the world. There's a natural urge in many of us to leave

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Some may believe growing up on a farm limits you, but growing up on this farm seemed to have the opposite effect on me. The wide open spaces across those fields and valleys that were my daily landscapes, and that I viewed from hilltops and tractor seats, helped create and nurture a big imagination. From there, and that awe-inspiring perspective, I believed anything was possible. I still believe that.

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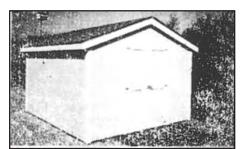
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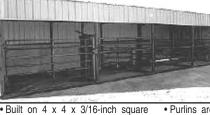
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The Farm Heritage Celebration has grown over the past five years and will feature tours of an 1890s stone house and farmstead, a variety of living history demonstrations, vintage agricultural displays from the 1890s through the late 1950sand much more.

Currently, the festival coordinators are seeking anyone who is interested in displaying antique (1938 and older) or classic (1939 to 1957) tractors or other agricultural implements to add to the tractor display. Anyone with tractors to display should call David Romine at (620) 778-1443.

Another display will feature vintage farm trucks. Anyone with a farm truck older than 1959 is invited to participate in the display. There will be no judging or prizes. Contact Jeff Price at (620) 820-3793 to get involved.

As in past years, the event will feature working horses as well. Spectators watch as draft horses work the land and harvest crops like the good ol' days. This year's celebration theme is a tribute to both Horses and Horsepower.

"This is a well-rounded event that features a variety

of activities from the first half of the century," said Kari West, City of Parsons public information officer. "It truly is a step back into time, and is extremely educational while providing a forum for reminiscing. We invite everyone to come out to enjoy a little slice of the

To participate in any of these displays, if you have a vintage trade to exhibit, or for more information. please call Kari West at (620) 421-7030 or email kwest @parsonsks.com.

Tolen Creek Park is located just east of Stockyards Travel Plaza's south entrance on Cattle Drive. It is south of the US 59/400 interchange in Parsons.

Reflections

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painting the walls in my house numerous times.

Then we bought a house in the country. It needed a lot of work. I was in Heaven. I created a binder It held within it one folder for each room in the house. I made lists of projects for each room and stuck in paint chips and pictures from magazines of things I liked. I made the ever-gratifying checkmark as a job was completed. All of the projects were finished except one: our back porch. We left it paneled, with flooring that was cracking and peeling up. Two years after moving in, we had someone come put up drywall and install new windows. I did a little more painting and was feeling pretty good - except for that old flooring.

I broke my vow; I was

pretty sure I could pull off the flooring thing again. I went to a home improvement store and picked up supplies, asking lots of questions of the sales people. I bought better tiles. Our hired men helped us cut and lay the subflooring. They did a very nice job. Then I had to start sanding the self-leveling cement we'd put in the seams. It wasn't going so well. I was getting discouraged - and maybe a little whiny.

That's when it happened the big intervention. Except, it wasn't nice and supportive like the ones you see on TV. It was more of an attack being fired at me from my husband. He reminded me of the fact that things never quite work out like I think they will when I take on jobs like this (yes, there have been more than I have shared with you) and de-

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clared that we will never take on something like this again. I was mad. I wanted to defend myself. I wanted to tell him off. But he was right. So I stayed silent. I silently vowed that I WOULD finish this job and it would look good.

The next day I found coarser sand paper and put some major elbow grease into it. Once it was all smooth, I covered my floor in adhesive primer and went to work, cutting and laving those tiles all by myself. And let me tell you, that porch is beautiful. Theron agrees.

"Now are you mad that I did this?" Of course he wasn't. And I was very pleased with myself at his response. I've still got quite a list of projects I need to get busy working on. But I'll tell you this: I will NEVER lay flooring again. I think.

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Lush green soybean field may not be good sign; specialist says nutrients are in leaf, not pod

that in spite of prolonged drought and hot temperatures their soybean plants appear amazingly green for this time of year.

"Green soybean plants may not be a good sign," says a University of Missouri Extension soybean specialist, "even though the plants appear to be thriving, compared to the brown and dead corn stalks in adjoining fields.

"They may have adequate moisture," says Bill Wiebold, of the MU plant science division. "More likely, the green results from high nitrogen levels in leaves that have not converted into protein stored in seed pods." The plant requires a steady flow of water moving up the plant system from roots to leaves to pods, Wiebold explained in a teleconference.

"When there is no water, the system stops working. That has happened in many soybean fields," he added The bright green color may actually mean there will be fewer soybean seeds in the pods.

Without pods, there is no place for the plant to store the amino acid created by photosynthesis, Wiebold said. Usually, by this time of year, the protein is stored in the seeds. Then, the plants begin to

"There may not be a very large fruit load on those green plants," said Wiebold.

Late rains may allow pod fill to resume. However, prolonged drought may have caused soybean blossoms to abort. The result may be no pods for the

"The soybean plant seems to never stop producing new branches,"

an open space the soybean creates a new branch to fill the void." The node at the base of each new branch contains three new buds for new branches or new blossoms to appear.

That drive to reproduce makes it very difficult to predict potential yield in a soybean field. That is unlike the corn plant, which makes one attempt at reproduction and quits.

"The corn plant has what we call a determinate development," Wiebold said.

"The soybean plant, by

It just keeps trying." Rainfall will determine if there is still yield potential," he continued.

"It is very rare for a drought to start as early as it did this year," Wiebold said. "We just have not experienced anything quite like this before.

"The uncertainty on yield makes it more difficult to decide whether to harvest soybean plants for livestock forage; or, to wait and see if pods develop and seed grows before harvest," Wielbold concluded.

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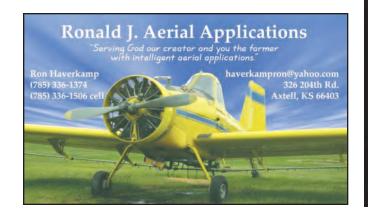
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Annual cereal grains make fall forage to replace drought-stricken pastures

Beef herd owners short on pastures for their cows can provide fall grazing by planting cereal grains, says a University of Missouri plant scien-

"Drought has dried up pastures and I'm getting a lot of calls about what to do," says Rob Kallenbach, MU Extension forage specialist.

"Cereal oats, rye or wheat can supply needed pasture this fall if the seed is planted and rains return," Kallenbach says. "If it doesn't rain, we won't have any fall pasture. Nothing grows in the middle of drought."

Not many people plant oats, Kallenbach admits. But oats make a lot of sense for this fall. They can make heavy fall growth — up to two tons of forage per acre before frost.

"The thing about oats is they will not make it through the winter. That can be good or bad. For crop farmers, oats fit into a crop rotation," Kallenbach says. Oats can be seeded into harvested soybean fields or corn fields cut for silage. The big advantage is they will be gone in time to plant a spring crop. They won't become a weed to be controlled.

An advantage of planting an annual cereal grass this fall will be that any forage will be worth a lot of money, Kallenbach says. Hay will be highpriced after a drought vear.

Fall grazing can reduce winter feed costs for cow herd owners.

A second grazing option is cereal rye, which provides both fall grazing and another month of grazing next spring. Rye can provide livestock feed before traditional perennial pasture grasses green up next spring.

Rye won't make as much fall grazing as quickly as oats, Kallenbach says. It can provide about 1.5 tons per acre, however.

"That can help reduce winter feed bills," Kallenbach says. "The downside for crop farmers is that rye must be killed before corn or soybeans can be planted next spring.

"The most widely used cereal for winter grazing is wheat. Lots of cattle are grazed on winter wheat, especially in Kansas."

An advantage of wheat is that it can be grazed in both fall and spring, but still make a grain crop. However, cattle must be pulled off wheat fields before the crop begins to joint. That is when the cereal grass prepares to make seed heads.

Managed right, wheat can provide tons of forage and a full grain crop. Wheat fits into a rotation of grazing, wheat-grain harvest and a late-planted sovbean crop.

That means cattle must have other pastures to go to by mid-March.

Few people pull cattle off rye to allow it to make grain. Unlike wheat, there is not much market for rye grain, Kallenbach The drought prosays. vides renewed interest in oats. We don't have any recommended varieties of oats. Kallenbach says. Seed dealers can clean and sell feed oats for planting.

Cereal grains for forage fit easiest on crop ground. While cereals can be drilled into dead or dormant pastures, some cautions are in order, Kallenbach says

Cereal forage will work in about any pasture grass or legume, except old stands of tall fescue.

Fescue, in particular Kentucky 31 infected with endophyte fungus, may appear dead, but most likely it is not. Annual grass seed planted into a fescue pasture will likely be overwhelmed by rapid regrowth of fescue once rain returns. Cereal seed won't germinate until it rains. That rain will give fescue a jump-start.

"An endophyte-infected fescue pasture has probably been there for 40 years, through several bad droughts," Kallenbach says. "Fescue survives. You can hardly kill it. The annual grasses can't compete."

However, fescue can be sprayed with an herbicide and then replaced with an annual grass. But that is a year-long process called spray-smother-spray used to seed new, nontoxic fescue varieties.

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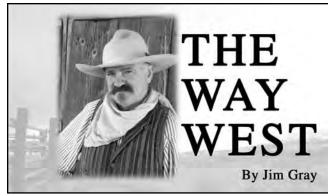
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Neighbor against neighbor

Settling the west was an enormous undertaking in so many ways. One of the problems that plagued frontier towns was that of establishing the county seat of newly settled counties. In many instances a commanding municipality quite naturally took its place as the seat of government for a county, but that was not always the case. A great number of towns had little to guarantee their success. Competition was at times fierce, bringing an air of warfare to the isolated communities. The violence of the County Seat Wars could bring men to do things they would not have thought possible, in the name of their own particular prairie village.

Hugoton, sixty-five miles southwest of Garden City, was just a year old as town founders moved to establish the town as county seat of newly formed Stevens County. Nearby, Samuel Newett Wood, founder of Woodsdale, had other ideas.

Wood was a political force in Kansas, having come to the state in 1854 as part of Charles Robinson's Free State movement. He was an active journalist, having edited a long string of papers from Lawrence, Cottonwood Falls, and Council Grove. He served a term in the Kansas Senate and during the Civil War was Captain of Company I. Second Regiment, Kansas Volunteer Infantry. He also served under Major General John C. Freemont in Missouri and Arkansas, and as many that fought in the war, was thereafter known as "Colonel" Sam Wood. Following the war Wood returned to journalism, editing papers at Cottonwood Falls, Emporia and Topeka. He even found time to be appointed judge of the Ninth District of Kansas.

By 1886, Colonel Sam Wood turned his attention to town building. He traveled to Stevens County and established the town of Woodsdale. Isaac Price, an attorney from Meade Center, Kansas, joined Wood in his effort to build the new town with specific intentions of making Woodsdale the county seat of Stevens County.

Working with Colonel Wood, Price charged that at least half of the "citizens" enumerated in the census performed earlier in the year were invalid names. Stevens County was therefore not a legitimate county under the guidelines of the state of Kansas. The delaying action would forestall the coming election until Woodsdale had grown sufficiently to pose a threat to Hugoton for the designation of county seat.

Wood then took to the familiar political stump in which he could skillfully argue his position. Settlers gathered at Woodsdale, August 21, 1886, where the Colonel accused Hugoton town founders of fraud in prematurely forming Stevens County before they had a legal right.

Hugoton citizens gathered two days later. Recognizing Wood as a lethal threat to Hugoton, authorities issued a warrant for Wood's arrest. Horsemen set out to overtake Wood and Price who were on their way

to Topeka with affidavits to prove their case of fraud. The posse captured Wood and Price at a sod house just south of the Cimarron River.

At Hugoton, Justice of the Peace Orrin J. Cook charged Colonel Wood with oral criminal libel for his inflammatory discourse performed on August 21. Bail was set at one thousand dollars, an amount that Wood was not prepared to meet. Although not charged, Isaac Price was also kept under wraps, thwarting any attempt to organize a defense.

The Hugoton men were hoping to keep Wood and Price out of action until the election of September 9, 1886. Having no jail, a party of Hugoton men took Wood and Price on a "hunting and fishing expedition" into "No Man's Land," a tract of land south of the Kansas state line with no public jurisdic-

Hoping that a rescue party would follow, Wood left a note in camp that was discovered by riders from Woodsdale. On August 31, 1886, a Woodsdale posse surrounded the Hugoton kidnappers. They were taken captive without a shot being fired. Everyone was escorted to Garden City where the Hugoton men were jailed on charges of kidnapping.

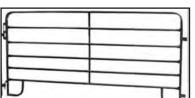
In spite of all the chaos surrounding the election for the county seat nothing of

note occurred on Election Day. Hugoton became the county seat on a majority vote. For now, Hugoton had won the war, but Colonel Sam Wood was not about to give in easily.

Wood continued to wrangle with Hugoton through his newspaper at Woodsdale. Trouble continued to boil between the two towns as neighbor turned against neighbor in the name of progress on The Way West.

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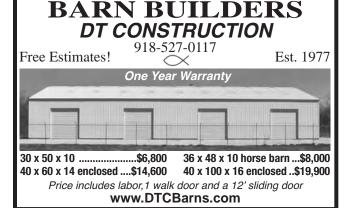
MacKenzie Flory, Baldwin City, has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Robin Ruff, junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The 20-year-old daughter of Jason and Wendy Flory studies animal science and marketing at Johnson County Community College. She is a member of the NJAA and Kansas Junior Angus Association, where she has served as a director, secretary and currently serves as vice president.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Flory participated in the quiz bowl, poster and All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off contests, and was a voting delegate in 2011. She has also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) and Raising the Bar conferences. She has submitted data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

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The government showed up to test them. They insisted on using their clanging banging government-issue head catch, instead of what the cattle were used to. Thus a riot ensued in which all twenty crashed through four fences and three farms and crossed the Flint River. Two of the half-breeds were never found!

Six months went by. The neighbor restocked with Red Angus cows and a bull.

"How 'bout a tranquiliz-

"Okay, but don't you be

Jerry continued to cruise the county in his spare time Don't want no horses stirrin' up our cattle."

er dart gun?" asked Jerry.

trompin' around our pasture chasin' dem cattle. You can shoot from a fence and we'll carry her over in a bucket loader."

searching for his prodigal heifers and, sure enough, one afternoon he saw one amidst the neighboring Red Angus! She must have found her way back and blended right in. Jerry called his neighbors, two older brothers who ran a tight ship and were proud of their operation. He explained about locating his heifer and asked if he could saddle up and cut her out. "Nope," said the brothers, "No horses.

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Jerry went to his local vet who outfitted him with a tranquilizer gun. He loaded the dart and gave Jerry the .22 caliber blank cartridge, and verbal instructions. The blank pushes the dart out of the barrel and a plunger injects the tranquilizer upon impact. For the next three weeks he did "drive-bys" morning and night in search of a clean shot at the heifer. He carried the weapon in his

One evening after teaching his sixth grade class, he drove by the pasture. There she lay under a tree chewing her cud! He pulled off the road, slipped on his coveralls, cradled the rifle in his arms and, army-style, did a low crawl like a sniper through the swamp grass and mud. Reaching the fence he observed, once again, how well the brothers built their fences; galvanized woven panels with a strand of barb wire both top

and bottom. He never figured they would have put a hot wire on the inside. That was overkill. Retaining his prone position, he stealthily pushed the barrel of his tranquilizer gun through the fence. Well, he was wrong about them seeing no need to add hot wire.

Being well-grounded he made contact; gun barrel to hot wire. A jolt shot through his body so hard his porch light came on! Even with his soles on fire and his body buzzing like a chain saw, he was determined. He slithered in the mud, limped and took his best shot. Unfortunately, the wadding in the blank had been exposed to the humid air so long, when he pulled the trigger, it puffed, popped out about eight feet and nosed-dived into a hubcap sized cow-pie. The dart poofed daintily and injected 2cc of Rompun intrapoopily.

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Old-time corn picking, shelling and horse-powered ear corn grinding demonstrations are planned Saturday afternoon. Also on the Park schedule is a quilt show, open to anyone and any type of quilt, vintage or new. The Park will be showing the new barn quilt block to be displayed on the main museum building, as well. Ag Heritage Park tractors will participate in the Old Settler's Day parade downtown at 11:00 a.m.

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

August 31 — Rush County real estate at LaCrosse for Buddy B. & Melissa Auctioneers: Curry. Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

September 1 — Tractors. grain handling, trucks, trailers, misc. machinery, lawn & recreation equip., trees, old coins, guns, household, new tools at Falls City, NE. Auctioneers: Fredericks Auc-

September 1 — Cars, tractors & equip., trailers & bed, misc., household items, jewelry, coins, paper money, guns & access. at Bonner Springs for Bud Schubert. Auctioneers: Moore Auction Service, Inc.

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September 1 — Boat, jet ski, RV, boat trailers at Wichita for Watercraft Auctions. Auctioneers: Rex Newcom.

September 1 — Personal property N. of Marysville for Mrs. (Garv) Opal Tobin. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

September 1 — Camper, lawn tractor/mower, appliances, tools, furniture, treadmill, model cars &

more at Topeka for Guy & Theresa Lundquist. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

September 2 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Marion Barron. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions,

September 2 — Vehicles, household, Keen Kutter & Simmons collection, Griswold items, collectibles, Stetson hat, marbles & more at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auc-

September 2 — Advertisfurniture, lectibles, glass at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction,

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

September 3 — Furniture, painting & supplies, yard & tools, collectibles, jewelry & coins at Newton for the Estate of Paul An-

droes. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

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

September 3 — Furniture. collectibles & pottery at Auctioneers: Salina. 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 Chap-

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

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

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

September 7 — Fall machinery auction at Clay

Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service. LLC.

September 8 — JD Gator, tractors, trucks, El Camino, trailers, generator/welder, shop equip., farm & cattle equip., Lawn equip. & misc. at Soldier for Ralph Diggs Estate. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.

September 8 — Shop & tool auction at Ellinwood for Strobl-Yarmer struction. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

September 8 — Dozer, tractors, ATV, trailers, equipment, shop tools, guns, toy tractors, antiques, household, collectibles at Overbrook for Bill & Elinor Baldwin. Auctioneers: Hamilton Auctions.

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 — Woodwork-

ing equipment & tools, books, manuals, furniture, appliances, railroad, household & misc. at Concordia for Estate of Owen E. Brewer. Auction-

eers: 5A Auction Service. September 8 — Household goods, antiques & miscellaneous at Clay Center for William & Nola Logan. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

September 8 — Tractors, farm equipment, vehicles, trailers, shop equipment, pedal tractors & toys, misc. at Conway Springs & online (www. stockra.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

September 8 — Antiques, collectibles, glass, tools, household & other at Ellsworth for Jean & Harold Sanders. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 8 — Antiques, household & farm items at Maple Hill for Alvin &

September 8 — House,



ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Paper weight collection; vintage hats; vintage linens; vintage dolls & clothes; child's tea sets; primitive kitchen utensils: costume jewelry; graniteware; Pyrex mixing bowls; wooden silverware trays; old tins, including Tiger tobacco; McCoy, Manmouth pottery; large collection of cookie cutters; crock bowls; wooden and granite cooking spoons, ladles & etc.; wooden dough bowls; primitive meat slicer; cast iron soap mold; 3 gallon crock butter churn; CI skillets; sad irons; Commemo-

rative stamps sets, 77-82;

wooden boxes, including TNT; old lunch box: old Kansas corn

seed sacks; ruby red coin glass;

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ironwood fish figures; scrapbooks, 40-60's; brace and bit collection; Pitney Bowes postal scale; 1897 medical degree; bee smoker; 6 duck metal chocolate mold.

FURNITURE, TOOLS & MISC. Camel back trunk, good condition; round oak table & 4 chairs; large glass front china hutch. very nice; oak coffee table; pattern back maple rocker, needlepoint seat; cedar chest; cedar wardrobe; rectangular oak table; wooden high chair; top section of oak lawyer's bookcase; Vox console organ, good; Invacare Panther LX4, 4-wheel scooter; Elliptical orbiter; commercial louvered exhaust fans: new wooden French doors, thermal pane glass; fire place insert doors; drop down attic stairway; metal shelving; misc. hand tools; garden tools; log chains; Craftsman band saw: DeWalt cordless drill: DeWalt cordless reciprocating saw: Agri-Fab commercial seeder; harrow.

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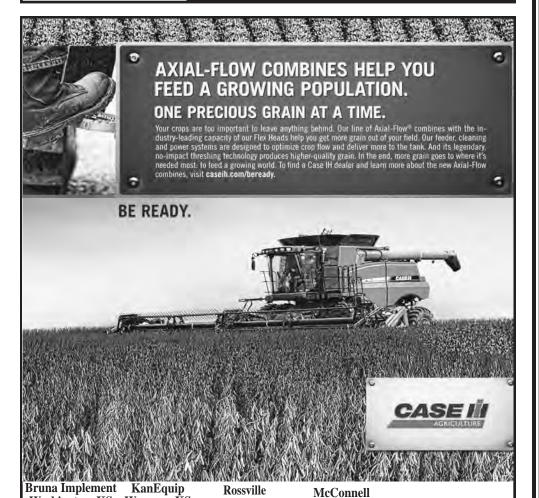
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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

hand carved roses; large assortment costume jewelry; Tudor plate Onida 8 place set flatware; Simon & George 8 place set flat ware; silver plate coffee set; other silver plate; spoon collection; Arcade 25 wall coffee grinder; table cloths, napkins, linens; pillow cases; paper roller; car tag collection (1913-1990); "Don't Spit On Sidewalk" bricks; lard pitcher pump; ress; aeer horns; 3 iron wheels; large as-

sortment books. **GLASS** 300+ vases inc (Deco, Roseville 123-9, 322, Hull 9-10 ½, L2, 4-6 1/4, McCoy, portrait, figural, stretch glass, many other types); pressed glass punch bowl w/under tray & 24 cups; German punch bowl w/lid & cups; large assortment of cut & pressed glass inc; (ice bucket, bowls, vases, compotes, stems, nappies, wine decanter & glasses, baskets, creamer & sugars, cruets, covered butters); tea sets; cups & saucers; baskets; enameled pitcher; brides basket: case glass pitcher & bowls; Jeannette Jr. dinner set in box; 50's pitcher & glasses; Bohemian vases; Polar bear lamp; milk glass hen on nest; RS Prussia creamer & sugar; assortment stems; Mary Gregory pitcher & glasses; marigold carnival pitcher & ental tea sets; Capo-Di-Monte vases: compotes: Jack in Pulpit; man flask; large assortment of other quality glass.

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NOTE: The Sanders have collected for many years, since Jean's death Harold has moved to an apartment. This is a very large auction with many quality pieces. We are starting at 9:00 in the morning. The furniture will sell at 12:30 p.m. We will split and sell tools in the morning. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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September 9 — Guns, stamp collection, antiques & collectibles at Washington for the Cade & Smejkal Estates. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

September 9 — Guns, furniture, collectibles at Lawrence for Grissett Trust. **Auctioneers: Mark Elston** & Wayne Wischropp.

September 10 — Kiowa County land & minerals at Greensburg, Auctioneers: United Country Red Hills Realty & Auction, LLC.

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: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

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

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

September 20 — McDowell Creek land at Manhattan. Auctioneers: United Country, Ruckert Realty & Auction.

 ${\bf September~20-1925~Chevy}$ Coupe, enclosed car trailer, antique furniture, collectibles & more at Salina for SUPER AUCTION. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

September 21 — Farm dispersal at Madison. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Services, Inc.

September 22 — Antiques, collectibles, antique cars at Madison for Joseph E. Pedroja Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Services, Inc.

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

September 25 — Real estate, 4 tracts improved pasture in Howard Co., Mo., livestock sale facilitv. restaurant with furnishings & equipment, cattle equipment, farm machinery, trucks, trailers & misc. at Boonville, Mo. for Larry Bock. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

September 27 — 25 Premier Ranch Estates at Weatherford, Texas. Auctioneers: McLemore Auction Co., LLC & Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.

September 29 — Surplus for Riley County near Manhattan. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service. September 29 — Female sale at Westmoreland for

R&L Angus. October 4-6 — Large antique auction in Clay Center for Harold Keeler and Dorothy Keeler Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auc-

tions. October 13 — 22nd annual Gelbvieh female sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

October 18 — Antiques, household goods & misc. at Clay Center for Ramona James Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auction Service.

October 20 — Farm sale W. 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 auction 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

Agronomist provides tips for maximizing wheat yields in drought

By Bill Spiegel

With wheat planting coming around the corner, Phil Needham has some ideas on how farmers can make the most of the 2013 wheat crop, even in drought conditions.

Speaking at the Bayer CropScience ProfitMaximizer Wheat Summit in Wichita Aug. 1, Needham who owns Needham Ag Technologies, a crop consulting firm that emphasizes intensive management in wheat - says maximum wheat yields begin before the first seed is placed into the ground.

Choosing the best seed varieties for a farmer's given farm and management system is critical. Look carefully at university yield trials and select varieties based on several years of yield history. Needham recommends choosing at least three varieties to plant.

Top-quality should be cleaned over a 6/64 screen, preferably on a gravity table. University data shows that larger seed results in three- to five-bushel per acre yield increases over smaller seed. Having seed that is uniformly sized improves emergence uniformity, says Needham, who encourages farmers to have seed checked for germination and vigor at a certified seed laboratory.

Beating the fall infestations of insects requires insecticide and fungicide. which improves fall plant health at the pivotal germination and stand establishment phase. A seed treatment also helps ensure stand uniformity, which Needham says is a critical step in obtaining his goal of 500 to 600 heads per square yard at harvest. Typically, that means shooting for about 300 plants, each with one or two tillers.

Planting into a seedbed free from weeds and volunteer wheat is important. Not only can weeds rob moisture, but volunteer provides a haven for the bird cherry oat aphid, a vector for Barley Yellow Dwarf. Needham says BYD was a tremendous yield robber in Kansas fields in 2012. The tiny aphids can reproduce quickly, so producers need to scout field diligently. Thresholds of five aphids per square foot merit treatment with a fungicide application, although insecticide seed treatments can provide control for several weeks after planting. Knowing the number of kernels per pound is important, as seed size can vary greatly. Many farmers routinely

the seed be treated with use 14,000 seeds per pound as a rule of thumb. To obtain Needham's goal of 300 seeds per square yard would require planting 103 pounds of seed per acre. However, counts of 11,000 or 17,000 per pound would require 132 and 85 pounds of seed per acre, respectively - a dramatic difference in planting rates.

> Needham suggests farmers need to apply phosphorous fertilizer with the seed. Whether liquid or dry makes no difference, although liquid fertilizer in the seed slot needs to "stream" rather than drip. A fertilizer orifice that drips will skip several inches in each foot of row, making it more difficult for a young wheat plant to use that fertilizer early on.

> For farmers planting wheat into failed corn this fall, Needham says to be wary of adding additional nitrogen. Many of these corn fields have plenty of residual nitrogen, which will result in tall wheat plants and could cause lodging prior to harvest. Farmers may wish to limit or even eliminate additional nitrogen applications to keep these fields from lodging.



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