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Rodger Wasson and Erica Bowser-Poppelreiter discussed research into the way consumers receive the message sent by the agriculture community during their presentation entitled "USFRA: Moving the Movement Forward" during the Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting held in early December.



Discussion was encouraged as the presenters talked about effectively communicating the message of agriculture.

Be transparent, make it personal is message of U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance

By **Donna Sullivan, Editor**

In the ongoing effort for farmers and ranchers to "tell their stories," their words may be falling on deaf ears, according to Rodger Wasson, owner and president of Wasson & Associates. He and Erica Bowser-Poppelreiter of Ketchum North American Corporate Practice, a leading public relations firm, presented a workshop on behalf of U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance (USFRA) at the Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting in early December.

Comprised of many state and national agriculture organizations, including Kansas Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation, USFRA strives to bring everyone involved in agriculture to the table to help lead the discussion with consumers about food production.

"USFRA was created to be able to realize that things are different, what we're doing isn't working and we need to change our approach," Wasson emphasized. "The bottom line is things are getting tougher and people trust us less. They think of us just like

other big business, which is not very good."

Cautioning against over-used catch phrases and "ag speak," Wasson said that food producers need to engage in a dialogue with consumers and lead the conversation. "It's a long-term campaign, not just an advertising program," he said. "It's a long-term effort in the way we are talking about agriculture and finding ways to get into the popular culture."

Consumers are most interested in the long-term effects of the food they feed their families. "Safe, abundant and affordable doesn't resonate with consumers," Bowser-Poppelreiter agreed. "Affordable – at what expense to quality? Abundance – we have an obesity issue in our country and we're wasteful with our food," she said, explaining how what consumers hear is not the message producers believe they are sending. "The old arguments that we talked about in the industry really aren't resonating with consumers."

Wasson and Poppelreiter shared research on how the public receives the message of agriculture-related videos using the same dial method that measures the response to political advertising. A video discussing the willingness of producers to be transparent to consumers received the highest ratings, while others with more typical ag messages didn't fare as well.

"What are they concerned with?" Bowser-Poppelreiter queried. "Pretty much every tool available to us from hormones to antibiotics, biotechnology and fertilizer. They are pretty familiar with those products and are very uncomfortable with them. We need to figure out how to talk to them about these things that make them uncomfortable in a way that we can share our stories and they understand how we use these tools judiciously and effectively and with great precision."

Their research indicates that showcasing their farms and giving people the experience of the farm or ranch

provides them with the level of transparency they desire. "Labels aren't the consumer's idea of transparency," she continued. "Transparency in their mind is being able to find an expert to talk with and answer their questions."

Wasson pointed to the many practices that have improved on the farm over the years, and says that consumers would find that knowledge reassuring. "Continuous improvement resonates well with consumers," he said. "Use the language of food rather than ag speak – not what the product is, but what it does. Make it personal."

"Our tendency in agriculture is to immediately get defensive," he said. "What are you doing today that you're doing better than last year? What are some of the key continuous improvement practices that you are doing on your operation? Acknowledge their concerns – we need to do a better job of explaining what we do and why we do it."

Wasson and Bowser-

Poppelreiter encourage producers to go to the USFRA website, www.fooddialogues.com and make use of the many tools available to help tell their story more effectively. They can also join the Farmer and Rancher Mo-

bilization Team to be part of the conversations between consumers and food producers.

"We need to set the bar higher for ourselves and we can't condone the bad actors in the industry," Wasson reiterated.

Our Values, Our Commitment

From the USFRA website

We are the farmers and ranchers of America. Americans and their children eat and drink what we grow and raise.

Our life's work feeds and nourishes our families, our neighbors, our communities, and our country.

We embrace this great responsibility as stewards of our food, our land and our animals.

We commit to working together, regardless of type, size or philosophy of our farms and ranches, to continue improving our food supply.

We commit to doing everything in our power to protect and improve human health and the enjoyment of our food.

We commit to making the environment – the land, air and water that belongs to all of us – healthier and sustainable for all generations.

We commit to keeping our animals healthy and well cared for.

We commit to the business of farming and the health of our economy, knowing that what makes our businesses stronger is producing the highest quality products.

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PERC announces the Propane Farm Incentive Program

The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) announces the release of the Propane Farm Incentive Program, a nationwide research and demonstration initiative in which farmers can receive more than \$4,000 toward the purchase of new propane-fueled irrigation engines.

Farmers who participate in the program will receive a \$400 incentive per liter of engine displacement, up to 10.3 liters or \$4,120, toward the purchase of a new propane-fueled irrigation engine. Qualifying equipment must be new, original propane-fueled engines and equipment that have obtained the proper U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or California Air Resources Board Certification.

The program aims to support propane-fueled agricultural equipment as it emerges out of the research and development pipeline. Feedback and performance data from the program's participants will be used to inform future product development.

"This program gets at the core of the significant investments PERC has made in the agricultural industry," said Mark Leitman, director of business development and marketing at PERC. "By offering incentives to farmers in exchange for performance data, we're establishing a mutually beneficial relationship that will assist in developing new technology to support the industry."

Research has shown that propane-fueled stationary irrigation engines can help producers improve their bottom line in several ways. Propane-fueled irrigation engines cost up to 14 percent less to purchase and operate

than diesel irrigation engines, and propane reduces deposits on engine components and decreases overall maintenance costs. Additionally, new generation propane-fueled engines produce fewer emissions than gasoline- and diesel-powered systems.

By working with OEMs, PERC has helped commercialize new equipment and propane-fueled irrigation engines that are fuel-efficient and cleaner burning than traditional models.

"While it's clear that propane offers a multitude of benefits for farmers, we're really seeking to improve and build upon our existing technology," Leitman said. "With the feedback and performance data collected through the Propane Farm Incentive Program, we're able to better develop equipment to meet the needs of those who use it the most: farmers."

Currently, nearly 40 percent of farms in the U.S. use propane to run pumps and engines, heat buildings, and dry and process crops. As gasoline and diesel prices continue to rise in recent years, propane has remained an efficient and affordable fuel alternative on the farm. Nearly 90 percent of U.S. propane supplies are produced in the United States, giving farmers the security of using an abundant, domestic energy source.

Farmers can participate in the Propane Farm Incentive Program through equipment dealers nationwide or by submitting an easy online application <http://agpropane.com/incentive/>.

For more information about the Propane Farm Incentive Program or to see a list of eligible equipment, please visit www.agpropane.com.



By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Though critical to farmers, ranchers and consumers, the farm bill has not been at the top of the list of issues on Capitol Hill. Instead, lawmakers are debating how to avoid what's known as the fiscal cliff. In case you haven't heard, this fiscal cliff is a series of tax increases and spending cuts set to take effect Jan. 1.

Many farmers are hoping lawmakers will see passage of a five-year farm bill—with its \$20 billion-plus in savings—as one way to keep from going over the economic precipice.

In any case, agriculture will be looking at a one-year extension of the farm bill, according to Mary Kay Thatcher, American Farm Bureau Federation senior director of Congressional

Relations.

"We have 38 programs in the 2008 farm bill that expired in October," Thatcher says. "There is no funding and no plan for continuation at this stage."

And while disaster assistance for livestock producers may be one of the biggest concerns for Kansas producers, every one of these 38 programs have proponents clamoring to make sure their interests will be in the extension, or next farm bill.

The other key issue yet to be resolved is how to pay for it. Livestock disaster assistance alone is estimated to cost between \$600 and \$700 million.

That money doesn't fall out of the sky.

Where do we find it?

Do we take it from direct payments, the conservation

reserve program, food stamps, nutrition — where does it come from?

In spite of the dwindling funds available for agriculture, Thatcher believes Congress is well aware of the crisis impacting livestock producers. She is hopeful this will translate into some form of livestock disaster assistance.

And while most people in farm country are betting there will be a one-year extension of the farm bill, hammering out the details may be even more difficult because of the polarized Congress. An example of this is the struggle on how much to cut from the food stamp program.

Participation in the food stamp program has increased nearly 70 percent since 2008. Republicans would like to cut this program by nearly \$16 billion while the Democrats don't want to cut a nickel from the \$770 billion. Only one in three children pays for his/her school lunch, Thatcher says. And only one

in 16 pays for his/her school breakfast.

Now that direct payments have been cut dramatically during the last couple years, crop insurance is the next farm program to be targeted.

"Crop insurance already has a big bull's-eye on it," Thatcher notes. "It's the same idea behind why people rob banks. It's where the money is — it's easy picking."

Farmers must continue to voice their opinions to members of Congress about the importance of crop insurance. Thatcher says the number of producers who contacted their congressional delegation on farming issues dropped off during the past summer. She says this is a trend that must be reversed.

"While your Kansas congressional delegation is well aware of the stakes involved in the next farm bill, your own neighbors, friends and those people in your urban and suburban areas are not up to speed," Thatcher says. "Take time to tell them what's happening in agriculture."

Some of these Kansans could be the guy who sits behind you in the pew at church. They may be from rural America but that doesn't mean they understand 78 percent of the farm bill goes toward nutritional programs.

"We've got to start (telling our story) somewhere," Thatcher says. "Five years ago, less than one half of farmers or ranchers knew that less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the HSUS money goes to animal shelters."

Others believe if some farmers are doing well, all farmers are prosperous, Thatcher continues. That's not necessarily the case.

Kansans all know livestock producers are paying dearly for the feed for their stock. The drought has caused ponds to dry up and pastures haven't provided adequate grass for three years in some regions of the state.

There's a story to tell

about agriculture and no one tells it better than engaged, knowledgeable farmers and ranchers, Thatcher says. Today, everyone must step up and speak out.

John Schlageck is a lead-

ing commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

The weeks leading up to this Christmas have been far from calm and peaceful for our country. First there were the constant talks of the fiscal cliff we are about to plunge over, which would possibly thrust our struggling economy into another recession. Then to put everything else that we worry about into perspective, there was the horrific school shooting in Connecticut. We were all left reeling as reports of twenty children killed began to come in. We pictured the faces of our own children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends, and couldn't wait to get home and hug them close or at least hear their precious voices on the phone.

We wondered, how could this have happened? What kind of monster does something like this? Some of the families have done interviews on television, bravely sharing their heartbreak with the rest of the world. We sat glued to the screen as photos of the children were shown and President Obama read each of their names. Our hearts broke.

It is human nature to want to analyze the problem, search for clues as to what caused it and do all that we can to be sure it never happens again. The death toll wasn't even in before stricter gun laws were being discussed. It will become yet another polarizing issue of our society. Hopefully it can be thoughtfully examined rather than emotionally charged and necessary changes can be made without gutting our second amendment rights. As others have pointed out, Timothy McVeigh didn't need a gun for the Oklahoma City bombing and Al Qaida used box cutters and an airplane to take down the World Trade Center. Those bent on evil will find a way to carry it out.

As I think of the gifts bought for those children that will go unopened on Christmas morning, and the families whose lives will never be the same, it's a little hard to imagine celebrating a "normal" Christmas with my own family. I long to shelter them from the evil that is so pervasive in our society, but in my heart know that is an impossibility.

I cannot shelter them. All I can do is daily lay them at the feet of the one whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. And I can pray for those families whose children are now forever in His arms. May they find comfort in that knowledge and experience God's peace that passes all understanding this Christmas.



I can't believe it is already Christmas. Why does it seem that during the Christmas season time passes at about twice the rate it should? This year we hustled just to get our Christmas shopping done on time. Each year I start the season with great ideas of what I will do. Then, poof, it is Christmas and all of my grand plans are passed by. This year was no exception.

Each year I am also asked by my family for a Christmas wish list. I guess being hard to buy a Christmas gift for is part of getting older, or maybe it is part of being a parent. Either way, I even struggle to put together a gift list of ideas that are in the appropriate price range. Well, here is my list; maybe you can see why my family has such a hard time finding something for me.

Number one on my list this year was rain. Okay, I will take snow also, I am not picky, and I just want precipitation of some kind. But I am not just talking about a run of the mill inch of rain; I want a lingering two or three day storm followed by three more storm systems just like it. I want my ponds full and I will not complain until I am armpit-deep in mud and even then it will take me a while to grumble.

Next on my list is cold weather. I know that sounds crazy. Why in the world would I want cold weather? This is Kansas and we need cold weather to make things function the right way. I must admit the warm winters are nice but it is just not normal. Along with that, if it is frozen it will be easier to feed in the mud after all the rain I have asked for. See, I know what I am doing.

Third on my Christmas list is time. I never seem to have enough of it. This week, for example, the first snowstorm of the week was coming in and I was not ready. I did not have enough time to get hay hauled, cows moved and firewood cut. I am not asking for much, just an extra two or three hours each day, okay, maybe

five extra hours. Then maybe I will get close getting everything done.

Now you see my family's dilemma. My list is short and simple. I really, really wish they could find them for me but they tell me it is impossible. However, the last item on my list is within everyone's reach and I hope each of you will consider getting it for me. In light of what happened last week, it is needed now more than ever.

The final item on my wish list is for each of us to develop relationships with everyone we come across each day. I have seen much debate on what caused the tragedies that filled our news over the past week. I think we are missing the most obvious problem. We live in a society where it is increasingly easy to drop out and isolate yourself. We have stopped taking time to know our neighbors.

We text when we could make a phone call and we send e-mails when we need to take time to talk to that person face-to-face. We have no time to meet our neighbors and avoid those who we do not understand. It is too easy to get lost in the maze of the internet. It is easier now than ever before to fall through the cracks and become lost. That is the real tragedy.

Each day we need to show those around us that we care. We need to take the time to develop relationships with the people who come into our lives. If each of us reaches out to the people around us I truly believe no one would go through life unnoticed. That would make our world a safer place for all.

So please take heed of my final item on my wish list; it is something we can all do and something we can all afford. I truly believe that if we all reach out to those around us, next year will be safer and more peaceful, and isn't that what we all really want? As far as the first three things on my list, if you know how to attain those wishes, please pass it on to my family.



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Crystal Miles, Lawrence, Wins Final G&G Recipe Contest For The Year

Winner Crystal Miles, Lawrence:
GREEN EGGS & HAM MUFFINS

- 12 thin slices ham
- 8 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- Dash kosher salt
- Dash ground black pepper
- 1 cup fresh spinach, chopped
- 3/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- Paprika

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with nonstick coating twice. Place sliced ham into bottom and sides with a crisscross pattern to form the crust. Mix eggs, milk, salt and pepper. In each muffin cup place equally divided spinach and cheese (1 tablespoon). Pour eggs over the top evenly into muffin cups. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake 15 minutes. Remove and let stand 5 minutes. Loosen egg cups with a thin knife and remove from muffin tines. Serve immediately and refrigerate any leftovers.

Marian Pfrang, Goff: "This can be made into loaves, rolls or cinnamon rolls; whichever you make, be sure to let it rise until doubled."

BLENDER POTATO BREAD
2 cups warm water
2 tablespoons yeast
1 cup warm water
1 cup oil (I use canola)
1 cup sugar
1 cup instant mashed potatoes (I use Betty Crocker Flakes)
1 tablespoon salt
4 eggs
5 pounds flour (approximately)
In a big bowl combine 2 cups warm water with the yeast. In a blender combine 1 cup warm water, oil, sugar, instant mashed potatoes, salt and eggs. When well blended add to the dissolved yeast in the big bowl. Gradually add flour until dough is soft.

Knead the dough then place in a greased bowl and let rise until doubled. Bake in a 350-degree oven until bread is done.

Carol Ricketts, Clay Center:
PUMPKIN CAKE ROLL
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup pumpkin
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup chopped nuts
Filling:
1 cup powdered sugar
4 tablespoons butter
8 ounces cream cheese
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Beat eggs for 5 minutes. Gradually add sugar, pumpkin and lemon juice. Set this

mixture aside. Mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt together. Fold into pumpkin mixture and spread into greased and floured 15-by-10-inch pan. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Turn out onto a damp towel. Roll, cool, unfold, and fill with filling (all ingredients combined) and roll again. Store roll in refrigerator. Serve with whipped topping.

Kay Spoo, Frankfort: "The holiday season always brings to my mind the candies that my mom made when I was much younger and even into my adulthood. Although my mom has been gone for 18 years it still brings a smile to my face when I think about her Chocolate Covered Cherries, especially as when she got older, she became more frugal and only used ¼ cherry in each ball. The whole family was merciless in teasing mom about being a scrooge!"

MOM'S CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
2 pound bag powdered sugar
Your favorite flavoring
Maraschino cherries, drained
Chocolate almond bark, melted
Mix together cream cheese and powdered sugar until well blended. Add enough of your favorite flavoring to make dough "workable." Make a walnut-sized ball. Wrap around cherry.

Chill for 1 hour. Dip cherry ball into melted almond bark until covered. Place on waxed paper. These are best if let to set a couple days.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

QUICK ROAST
1 envelope onion soup mix
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can of water
4- to 5-pound frozen roast
Mix onion soup mix and cream of mushroom soup. Rinse can with water and add. Pour over the frozen roast. Wrap tightly in foil and put in a baking dish. Bake at 250 degrees for 5 hours.

NOTE: I use a little salt and some pepper to season more. It will be tender, juicy and have its own gravy.

Dorothy Wulfkuhle, Topeka:

DOUGHNUTS
2 packages dry yeast
1 cup lukewarm water
1 cup lukewarm milk
1/2 cup margarine
2/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
2 eggs, well beaten
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
3 cups flour
4 cups mixing flour
Pour lukewarm water over yeast and let stand about 10 minutes. Scald milk and let cool to lukewarm. Cream together margarine, sugar, salt; add eggs, lemon juice and nutmeg. Add lukewarm milk to soften yeast and blend this liquid

with 3 cups flour; beat smooth then add butter mixture and enough more flour to make a soft dough. Knead smooth, but keep as soft as can be handled without sticking. Let dough rise in a warm place until doubled. Punch down and let rise again. Roll out about 1/2-inch thick and cut with donut cutter. Let rise again until doubled. Fry in hot lard or oil at 350 degrees or until brown. When placing in hot fat place the side that is down on the table up in the hot fat. Be sure not to use too much flour in mixing. Just enough so you can handle it. Makes about 40.

Marlene Walker, Minneapolis: "The following recipe came from our minister's wife, years ago, and we like it year-round."

TEXAS CAVIAR
1 can shoepeg corn, drained
1 can black beans, rinsed & drained
1 green pepper, chopped
1 jalapeno, chopped
1 bunch green onions
4 medium tomatoes
Chopped cilantro, to taste
1/3 cup Wishbone Sweet 'n' Spicy dressing
1/3 cup Italian dressing
Serve with your favorite chips.

Gale Rathbun, Webber:
PINEAPPLE WALNUT STIR-FRY
20-ounce can chunk pineapple in syrup

2 cups cooked cubed chicken
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Vegetable oil
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 pound fresh broccoli, cut up
3 tablespoons soy sauce
Drain pineapple, reserving syrup. Pour 1/2 cup boiling water over walnuts and let stand 2 minutes. Drain. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in wok or heavy skillet. Stir-fry walnuts until brown. Remove and drain. Add oil as needed and stir-fry chicken, garlic, onion and ginger until chicken turns white. Remove from skillet. Add broccoli and stir-fry until crisp. Return nuts and chicken mixture to skillet. Add pineapple. Combine reserved syrup, soy sauce and cornstarch in a separate bowl. Stir into pineapple mixture. Cook until sauce boils and thickens. Serve with cooked rice. 4-6 servings.

Dorothy Pacha, Marysville:

ORANGE JULIUS
6-ounce can orange juice concentrate, undiluted & thawed
1 cup milk
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Calendar of EVENTS

January 1st: Outpatient Clinic closed for New Year's Day.

January 2: No 55PLUS Lunch Bunch program this month due to the New Year's holiday. We will see you on Wednesday, February 6th.

January 3: Breastfeeding Class, 6:30-8:00 PM, Contact - Michelle Luppen, (785) 268-0025.

January 17: La Leche League 6:30-8:00 PM, Contact - Michelle Luppen, (785) 268-0025.

January 24: Meadowlark Hospice Bereavement Support Group, 4:30-5:30 PM.

January 24: Loss of Child Grief Support Group, 7:00-8:00 PM.

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Lydia Miller, Westphalia: "This recipe ranks among the classics in Better Homes & Gardens recipes."

TURKEY & STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

1 pound asparagus spears
1/3 cup bottled poppy seed salad dressing
1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel
1 tablespoon orange juice
8 cups fresh baby spinach, torn fresh spinach or assorted greens
2 cups fresh sliced strawberries and/or whole blueberries
3/4 to 1 pound cooked turkey or chicken, cut in 1/2-inch cubes
1/4 cup pecan halves, toasted
Snap off and discard woody bases from asparagus. If desired, scrape off scales. Cut in 1-inch pieces. Cook covered in a small amount of boiling lightly salted water for 3 to 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and rinse with cold water. Cool and drain. For dressing, in a small bowl mix bottled dressing, orange peel and juice; set aside. In a salad bowl mix asparagus, spinach, berries, turkey. Top with pecans and drizzle with dressing. Makes 4-6 main dish servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: HUMMINGBIRD PANCAKES

1 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 cup mashed very ripe bananas
1/2 cup drained canned crushed pineapple in juice
1/3 cup sugar
1 large egg
3 tablespoons oil
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Stir first 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Whisk buttermilk and next 5 ingredients in another bowl. Gradually stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in pecans. For tender pancakes don't overmix batter. Pour about 1/4 cup batter for each pancake onto hot buttered griddle. Cook 3-4 minutes until tops are covered with bubbles and edges look dry and cooked. Turn and cook 3-4 minutes until done. Griddle should be heated to 350 degrees.

Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis: JALAPENO POPPER SPREAD

(2) 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1/4 cup canned chopped green chiles
1/4 cup canned jalapeno peppers
1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup Panko Japanese bread crumbs
Sweet peppers & corn chips

In a large bowl beat the cream cheese, mayonnaise, Monterey Jack cheese, green chiles and jalapenos until well blended. Spread into an ungreased 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese then top with bread crumbs. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: MAPLE PECAN PIE

4 eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons butter, melted
1 cup maple syrup

1 1/2 cups pecan halves
9-inch unbaked pie crust

Combine first 5 ingredients in a large bowl, stir well with a wire whisk until blended. Sprinkle pecan halves into pie crust; pour syrup mixture over pecans. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Lower oven to 350 degrees and bake 25 more minutes or until center is set. Cover with foil after 25 minutes to prevent excessive browning. Cool completely on a wire rack.

Dorothy Pacha, Marysville: FRITTERS

2 cups Bisquick
2/3 cup milk
1 egg
2 cups fruit or cooked vegetables, drained
Hot oil
Hot syrup or powdered sugar
Mix Bisquick, milk and egg until well blended (batter will be lumpy). Stir in fruit or vegetables. Drop by small teaspoon into deep, hot fat (360 to 375 degrees). Turn and fry until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot with syrup or powdered sugar. Makes about 2 dozen.

Marian Pfrang, Goff: "Can be made in small pans if planning to give away. Made best in an electric mixer."

CRANBERRY BREAD

1 egg
1 cup orange juice
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup shortening, melted
3 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel
1 cup chopped cranberries
1/2 cup walnuts (optional)

Place egg, orange juice, sugar and shortening in a bowl and beat 30 seconds. Stop and scrape bowl. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and orange peel. Add to the egg mixture and mix well. Fold in the cranberries and walnuts. Spread batter into a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 to 60 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on a wire rack.

Gale Rathbun, Webber: CONFETTI CASSEROLE

1 pound lean ground beef
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon brown sugar
3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
8-ounce can tomato sauce
10-ounce package frozen mixed vegetables, thawed & drained
1/4 cup crushed corn chips such as Fritos
Brown and drain beef. Add onion and cook until tender. Add seasonings, sugar and cream cheese; stir until melted. Add tomato sauce and vegetables. Pour all into 2-quart lightly greased casserole and sprinkle with corn chips. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for about 35-40 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 minutes longer. Serves 5-6.

Carol Ricketts, Clay Center: "This is a very old recipe. I made it for our saddle club meeting some 40 years ago, when we still lived in town."

APPLESAUCE

BAR COOKIES

1/2 cup shortening

1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup applesauce
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup nuts

Cream sugar and shortening; add egg and applesauce. Sift soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves with flour. Mix with egg and sugar mixture. Add nuts and raisins. Bake on cookie sheet. Bake 15 to 18 minutes in a 325-degree oven. When cool cut into squares.

NOTE: Butter cream icing may be put on if desired.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia: SOUTH OF THE BORDER MIX

6 tablespoons margarine or butter
1.25-ounce package taco seasoning mix, dry
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
8 cups Ralston Foods Crispy Hexagons, Corn or Rice Biscuits, or combination of the three
1 cup peanuts
1 cup pretzels
1 cup bite-size cheese crackers
2 tablespoons American cheese food powder, optional

In a large microwave-safe bowl, melt margarine on high. Stir in taco seasoning, Worcestershire sauce and pepper sauce. Gradually add cereals, peanuts, pretzels and cheese crackers; stir to coat evenly. Microwave on high 5 to 6 minutes*, stirring thor-

oughly with rubber spatula every 2 minutes and scraping sides and bottom of bowl. Spread on absorbent paper to cool. If desired, sprinkle American cheese food powder over warm mix. Store in air-tight container. Makes 11 cups.

Conventional Oven: In preheated 250-degree oven, melt margarine in open roasting pan. Stir in taco seasoning, Worcestershire sauce and pepper sauce. Gradually add cereals, peanuts, pretzels and cheese crackers; stir to coat evenly. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. If desired, sprinkle American cheese food powder over warm mix. Spread on absorbent paper to cool. Store in air-tight container.

*Due to differences in microwave ovens, cooking time is approximate.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: TWICE BAKED POTATO CASSEROLE

6 potatoes baked, cubed & divided
Salt & pepper to taste
1 lb. bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled & divided
3 cups sour cream, divided
8-ounce package shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
8-ounce package shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
2 green onions, chopped

Place half of potatoes in a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top with half each of bacon, sour cream, and cheeses; repeat layers. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with onions before serving.



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Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CHEESECAKE CRANBERRY BARS
2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups cooking oats (not quick)
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 cup butter
12 ounces white chocolate chips
8 ounces cream cheese
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
14-ounce can whole berry cranberry sauce
2 tablespoons cornstarch
In a bowl combine flour, oats and brown sugar; cut in butter until coarse crumbs form. Stir in chocolate chips, reserve 2 1/2 cups of crumb mixture for the topping. With floured fingers press remaining mixture into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan; set aside. Beat cream cheese in large bowl until creamy. Add sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice and vanilla, mix until smooth. Pour cream cheese mixture over crust. Combine cranberry sauce and cornstarch; spoon over cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture over top. Bake at 375 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until golden. Let cool and cut into bars.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: SWEET POTATO POUND CAKE
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 stick unsalted butter
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup leftover mashed sweet potatoes
2 large eggs
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Nonstick baking spray with flour
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In bowl, sift flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda and salt. In large bowl using mixer, cream butter, sugars, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Blend in sweet potatoes, then eggs, one at a time. With mixer on low add flour mixture in thirds, blend just enough to combine. Spoon batter into a greased 9-inch loaf pan. Sprinkle pecans atop batter. Bake until cake tests clean, when toothpick is inserted into center, 65-75

minutes. Transfer pan to a wire rack to cool, about 15 minutes. Release cake from pan to cool completely.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: MAPLE BREAD PUDDING
8 cups French bread, cubed
1 cup raisins
1/4 cup chopped pecans
4 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups milk
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
Whipped topping
Spread bread cubes and raisins in a greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish; sprinkle with pecans. Beat eggs in a bowl, add sugar, milk, syrup and nutmeg. Pour egg mixture evenly over bread mixture, bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. To serve, spoon pudding into bowls, and top each with a dollop of whipped topping.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CRANBERRY UPSIDE DOWN CAKE
2/3 cup sugar
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
Cake:
1 1/4 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2/3 cup milk
1/4 cup shortening
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch square pan. Sprinkle 1/3 cup of sugar in pan. Arrange cranberries over sugar, sprinkle with 1/3 cup sugar. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove foil and cool. In bowl, combine all cake ingredients, blend at low speed until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Pour batter evenly over cranberries. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. For easy removal run knife around edge of pan. Invert onto serving plate leaving pan over cake for 2 minutes, remove pan.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: SWEET POTATO ROLLS
1/2 cup warm water

2 tablespoons sugar, divided
1 package yeast
1/2 cup mashed cooked sweet potato
3 tablespoons butter, softened
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
2 cups whole wheat flour
1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1-2 tablespoons butter, melted
In large bowl, combine the water, 1 tablespoon sugar and the yeast. Let stand 5 minutes to dissolve yeast. Stir in remaining sugar, the sweet potato, 3 tablespoons butter, salt and eggs. Gradually stir in whole wheat flour and as much of the all-purpose flour as you can. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough of the remaining flour to make a moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic about 6-8 minutes total. Shape dough into a ball. Place in a greased bowl, turn once. Cover, let rise in a warm place until double, about 1 hour. Punch dough down. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Cover and let rest 10 minutes. Meanwhile lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Shape dough into 16 balls, place in prepared pan. Cover let rise in a warm place until nearly double in size about 45 minutes. Bake in a 375-oven about 20 minutes or until golden. Brush with melted butter, remove from pan. Serve warm.

Gale Rathbun, Webber: M & M (MEAT DISH)
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
2 tablespoons butter
1 pound lean ground beef
1 slice bread, torn into small pieces
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 soup can water
Salt & pepper to taste
Saute mushrooms in melted butter. Set aside. Mix beef, eggs, bread crumbs, onion and seasonings; form into 1-inch meatballs and brown on all sides. Combine soup and water; pour over meatballs and add sauted mushrooms. Simmer on low until heated through, about 30 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes, cooked rice or noodles.

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2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup powdered sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons Argo Corn Starch

Combine 1/2 cup water, salt and gelatin in large bowl of a stand mixer. Stir and set aside. Combine remaining 1/2 cup water, sugar and corn syrup in a large saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Using a candy thermometer, cook until mixture reaches 240 degrees or soft ball stage. Gradually pour the hot syrup over the gelatin mixture with the mixer on low. Turn the mixer on its highest speed and beat for 8

minutes. Add vanilla and beat an additional 2 minutes. The mixing bowl will get very full. The marshmallows will become very thick, white and shiny. Spread mixture onto greased baking sheet with sides. For thicker marshmallows, use a 9-by-13-inch pan.

Let marshmallows cool at least 4 hours or overnight. Combine powdered sugar and corn starch in a shallow pan. Cut the marshmallows into bite-size pieces with a sharp knife or scissors, dropping one at a time into the powdered sugar. Toss to coat well. Store marshmallows in an air-tight container in a cool place. Best used within 1 month.

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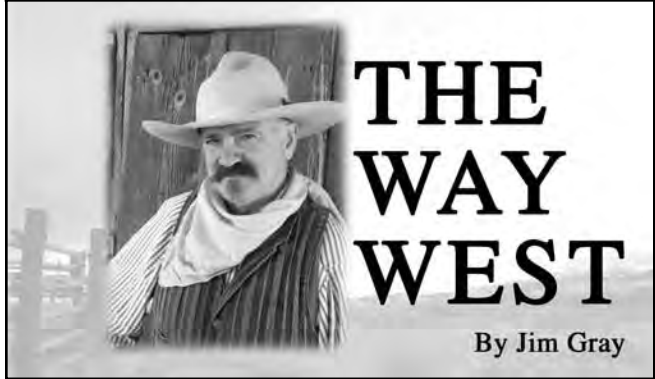
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War Against Demon Rum

Kansas became the first state in America to prohibit the sale of liquor through constitutional amendment. The amendment, passed in the 1880 fall election, allowed a loophole to keep frontier saloons operating. Even so, opposition to "Demon Rum" grew steadily in the years to come. By 1885, the "Wild West" days were beginning to wane on the Kansas frontier.

From its founding, Caldwell had made its living from the rowdy cowboy. Saloons were an important part of life in Caldwell. But times were changing. A local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union had formed in December of 1884. Several saloons temporarily closed as a precautionary response.

Frontier businessmen

were encouraged when John Alexander Martin was sworn as the tenth governor of Kansas on January 12, 1885. Governor Martin presented himself as a moderate politician before the state legislature January 13, 1885. In that speech Martin asked for legislation to provide certain adjustments to the enforcement of the law in order to make prohibition less obnoxious and hopefully more effective. In spite of the governor's restrained position, the temperance movement continued its relentless attack upon the manufacture and use of alcohol.

The Kansas legislature listened to rising voices across the state and strengthened the prohibitory law with a clause to allow any private citizen to bring permanent in-

junction against saloons without recourse to local officials. Any attorney could act in lieu of the county attorney.

Strengthened by official support, prohibitionists in Caldwell formed the Law and Order League to pressure the whiskey sellers. The league was the Temperance movement's version of vigilantism. As described in a temperance publication ... "There can be no better way for the people to bring their power to bear than by organizing themselves into Law and Order Leagues, for the purpose of manifesting to the officers the fact that there is a public sentiment demanding that the laws shall be enforced; and, if need be, taking such action as will bring law-breakers to punishment, thereby restoring peace and order through enforced and vindicated law.

"The people make the laws, but they have too much delegated their authority to enforce their own laws to officers who feel at all times the strong pressure of the lawless class against a proper administration of law, and too little pressure from the law-abiding and patriotic citizens in favor of a faithful performance of

their duties."


With the support of the Law and Order League, Sumner County lawmen arrested Frank Noyes and Dave Sharp for illegally selling whiskey. They spent thirty days in jail and were released. Just after their release, someone burned the home of prohibitionist Enos Blair, editor of the Caldwell Free Press. In the coming days other prohibitionists were threatened. Tensions continued to build until

the thread of civility was stretched to the breaking point in late 1885.

When another whiskey peddler was arrested Sumner County officers were challenged by a mob of armed men bent on gaining the release of their friend. The beleaguered lawmen held up in the baggage room of the railroad depot until the mob dispersed. But the calm was only temporary and when caught unaware the lawmen were overrun and

the prisoner released. Sumner County Sheriff Frank Henderson answered with an army of officers who arrested eighteen of Caldwell's toughest crowd. Hostility against the temperance movement in Caldwell intensified.

Threatening letters were sent to advocates of prohibition. Principled men found their lives in danger, but rather than timidly crawl away, prohibitionists sent their own message to the whiskey



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peddlers. On December 8, 1885, men claiming to be county lawmen knocked at Frank Noyes' door. His body was found hanging from a crossbeam in the stockyards the following morning.

In the pelting sleet of winter's first snow a note addressed "To House Burners" was taken from Noyes' shirt pocket. Others including Noyes' partner, Dave Sharp, were advised to "take warning." The note was signed "Vigilance Committee." Just who made up the ranks of the vigilance committee was in question. Prohibitionists claimed it was not in their character to participate in such a vile remedy to the problem. Others thought the whiskey crowd had turned on itself.

"Citizens kept their shotguns and rifles close at hand," while a volunteer police force patrolled the streets at night. With no saloons in Caldwell the New Year of 1886 was quietly noted and if any "spirits" were consumed the secret has not been divulged by those hoping to abstain from Demon Rum on The Way West.

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

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December 29 — Tractors, sprayer, skid loaders & attachments, trucks, trailers, livestock, hay equipment, equipment & misc. at Effingham. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.

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January 1, 2013 — Harley Gerdes 28th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

January 8, 2013 — Home on approx. 2 acres, boat, cake decorating items, household at Manhattan for Brad & Tammy Sinn. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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January 19, 2013 — Household goods, antiques & misc. at Leonardville for Harlan & Fern Hageman. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

January 19, 2013 — Construction & pool equipment at Manhattan for former Gerald Brickei Construction. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

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bed, hoist, roll tarp, 66K miles w/tag axle, looks good; 1995 Ford F-250, 7.3 diesel, 5-spd., 2WD, X-cab, 5th wheel, 134,257 mi. nice; 1979 KW Cab Over K100 Road Tractor, high rise sleeper, 3406 motor, 13-spd. trans., good.

TRAILERS

1994 Sooner GN All Aluminum 7' x 24' stock trailer, great; 1996 CR GN 6.8x20 steel stock trailer, none nicer; GN HD 8x24 w/5' dove tail & flip-over ramps, tandem dually, good; Titan GN 8x24 w/5' dove tail & flip-over ramps, new lights & floor, (2) 10,000-lb. tandem axles; GN 2-horse Slant w/dressing room & tack, old but good; 20' GN Car Trailer w/flip-up ramps; Tandem Axle Trailer for skid loader; 2008 Kerr 82" x 28", chain box, fold-up ramps, 7K axle, good; 7x14 BH stock or horse trailer, Titan, good, needs paint.

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Christmas Letter From Baxter

We started out the year in Pasadena riding in the Rose Parade as part of RFD-TV's 100 Palominos entry. I came home with flowers in my hair! It was one of five speaking programs I did (out of 65 in 2012) that were in California. The National Western Stock Show in Denver has been a big part of our lives for years. I see a lot of friends walking the barns and signing books and often do a program somewhere in town. We lived in Colorado for many years before moving to Arizona.

January-February also included two events I never miss, the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko and the National Cattlemen's Association annual meeting, in Nashville this year. I spent time with my TV and radio sponsors. They include B&W Trailer Hitches, Sweetlix, IMI Global, the Beef Checkoff, RFD-TV and U.S. Farm Report. I'm a good boy and try to make myself useful.

March brought in the "Southern Alberta Cowboy Tour," which was me. We hit all the big cities; Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal... no, pardon me, Pincher Creek, Stavelly

and Youngstown. They've got more character in one community hall than all the legislators in Washington, D.C. and Ottawa combined!

I had the pleasure of being part of the Horseman's Reunion in Paso Robles. I got to hang out with Martin Black, Larry Mahan, Craig Cameron, Chris Cox, Pat Parelli, Bryan Neubert and Bill Ink, etc. Pretty exciting. Of course, being true horsemen, they paid me in horse. With a little more work I think I'll be able to get on him without earin' him down!

Summer flew by, Cindy Lou and I spent a few days in one of my favorite places, Acadiana, Louisiana. We got to see some friends who had hosted my son and I when we went down to help after the hurricanes. We also made the Florida Cattlemen's meeting at Marcos Island then went home with one of the ranchers. I saw more rain in one day than I had seen all spring here at home!

In June we pulled some calves off early and took 'em to town due to the drought. Then came the fires!

Since I met Cindy Lou

at the Arizona Cattlemen's Association back in the Dark Ages, we try to make the summer meeting. It's sure 'nuf cowboy and we feel right at home.

Priefert Company has taken us into their "endorsee" category. We flew to Mt. Pleasant, Texas to meet the boss and see the shop. A great group; my kinda people! While we were there we got to see our son who is goin' to school in the area.

"On the Road Again," Lewistown, Mont., Tulsa, Okla. (saw my daughter, son-in-law, and year-old grandchild!), Dallas, Portland, ME, College Station (the big Horse Initiative), the Ozark Farm Festival, Cincinnati, Washington State U, the Bell Ranch, Sterling, Co., Loomis, Calif., shipped more calves and deer season (a nice 4-point).

In the last four weeks before Christmas I spoke to the Cattlemen's Associations in South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Iowa... salt of the earth!

I know that we as a nation are still tryin' to drag ourselves out of the mess we have made of our country. In my travels this year I have seen many thousands of people with their shoulder to the wheel holding us all together. They are the ones that still believe in Kennedy's words, "Ask not what your (government) can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Thanks for bein' there for us all. Merry Christmas, God Bless y'all, and pray for "Next year better!"

Mark calendars for Feb. 15 Ag Stewardship Conference

Farm operators and landowners face a myriad of decisions, set against the backdrop of drought, an uncertain farm bill picture and other challenges. Those topics and others are on the agenda at the "Ag Stewardship Conference - People Helping People" planned for Friday, Feb. 15 in Overbrook.

The one-day conference, to be held at Grace Community Church, 310 E. 8th Street (Highway 56) in Overbrook, is open to all farmers, ranchers and landown-

ers. It is coordinated by K-State Research and Extension, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and Conservation Districts in Douglas, Franklin, Osage and Shawnee counties.

Topics to be addressed include Kansas leasing, fencing and eminent domain laws, estate and tax planning, and marketing, as well as drought-related decisions and the most recent update on the 2012 Farm Bill. Speakers include K-State Research and Extension specialists; an attorney who specializes in estate and tax planning for farm families; and a representative of Kansas Farm Bureau.

The conference is sponsored by the coordinating organizations, as well as Frontier Farm Credit and WIBW AM 580 Radio.

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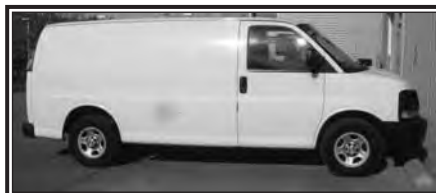
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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

Bah humbug to a white Christmas

It was late at night, snow falling and visibility worsening, when I nosed my work truck down a snowpacked road in a bad section of Denver. I didn't like the looks of it, narrow and lined with vehicles, many parked irregularly on account of the storm's accumulation, and sloping downward at a fairly steep pitch. But my destination was somewhere in the middle of that block, so I aligned the front tires with twin ruts left behind by the last vehicle's passage and followed them down.

A third of the way into the block I felt the rear

end slipping. Nudging the wheel a smidgen to compensate created a reverse effect, reminding me of Newton's Third Law of Motion that was beaten into my head during my formative years. Action equals reaction, and react it did. In very short order the truck was spinning down the hill, each arc bringing it perilously closer to the parked cars, the little houses all lit up with cheery lights glowing in their windows and the residents warm and snug within those walls, each flashing by like an old newsreel. The truck spun and gyred and picked up

speed until it cleared the block and sailed me into a snowbank. It was Christmas, and I was buried in a drift.

The event, and similar ones too numerous to mention, have led me to believe that people who want white Christmases are people who don't work on Christmas. That accounts for the majority of American citizens but leaves the rest of us feeling discriminated against. This week, with the advent of the season's first winter storm, friends and neighbors have been salivating over the possibility of measurable snowfall and, best of

all, an iconic white Christmas.

"I want three feet of snow," one gushed. Another trumped it by wishing for more.

"You don't have to drive in it, do you?" I asked.

"Of course not," they said. "It's Christmas!"

Sociologists have yet to determine the various classifications of snow-lovers versus snow-haters, but after decades of semi-professional data collection (I watch, I listen), I'm ready to offer my own observation. While it is by no means thorough, it does offer insights into why for some people a white Christmas is a blessing and for others it's a curse.

For the former, statistics overwhelmingly point to that segment of the population who either do not have to drive in snow or derive benefit therefrom; retirees, housewives, students, hunters and farmers make up the bulk of this misguided demographic. When their motives are lumped together they point to greed and selfishness, neither of which are endearing traits. Clearly, some psychological treatment is warranted.

Ranchers seem to pre-

fer rain over snow for obvious reasons, and fall somewhere in between.

On the other extreme, employees who have to get to work regardless of road conditions are less than enthusiastic over winter storms. My wife, for instance, has to be at work by midnight on Wednesdays, which happens to be when the storm is expected to reach its peak severity. She works 16 hours on Christmas day when a second storm is forecast. As most of her driving is rural and, at that time of night, only lightly maintained, this poses serious chal-

lenges if not dangers.

Nor is she alone. Night shift workers at the mine, several industries and nursing homes all profess deep, abiding loathing for winter storms. When asked about white Christmases they just groan.

Interestingly enough, most of the latter group suggest that upon retirement they plan to change their opinions about white Christmases. While Freud would have much to say about such an attitudinal transference, for now their mindset is unequivocally opposed to snow. A white Christmas? Bah, humbug.



Ben Jensen showed the Champion Charolais Steer 2012 Kansas State Fair.

KLA members honored for 50 years or more of dedication

Four Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) members were recognized November 28 for reaching 50 years of membership. This year's honorees, recognized during the KLA Convention in Wichita, epitomize the diversity and commitment of the organization's membership.

Those who joined KLA in 1962 are Charles "Cy" Moyer, Phillipsburg; Estella Pagel, Holton; Marjory James, Dighton; and Joyce Carlson, Lincolnville.

Attaining 60 years of membership this year is Richard Roemer, Grainfield. Ed Hawthorne, Eureka, and Harold Frasier, Sharon Springs, have reached the 70-year mark.

"These members demonstrate the long-standing support that continues to make KLA a strong, effective



Three of the KLA members honored at the recent convention were, from left: Joyce Carlson, Lincolnville; Estella Pagel, Holton; and Charles "Cy" Moyer, Phillipsburg.

voice for the Kansas livestock industry," said KLA president-elect Mark Harms, a rancher from Lincolnville.

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Building wealth by building soil health: No-till on the Plains Winter Conference coming in January

No-till on the Plains Winter Conference is back at the Bicentennial Center in Salina for its 17th consecutive year. "We are Stewards of the Earth: Building Wealth by Building Soil Health" is the theme for the Tuesday-Wednesday, January 29-30, 2013 continuous no-till meeting.

The conference will feature NRCS conservation agronomist Ray Archuleta, whose enthusiasm for building soil health is contagious. The depth of his knowledge of the system will inspire and equip producers with information to cope with the weather extremes of today. Ray's presentation will prepare attendees to maximize their experience at the Winter Conference. His dynamic keynote presentation on Day 1 is not to be missed!

The Day 2 keynote will be delivered by Professor David R. Montgomery, author of *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations*, which makes the case that we are using up Earth's soil. Montgomery will trace the role of soil use and abuse in the history of societies and explore how soil has shaped us and we

have shaped soil. Soil erosion should be seen as a threat to our planet as serious as climate change, contends Montgomery.

As always, No-till on the Plains has amassed a slate of excellent session presenters including producer speakers Rick Bieber, S.D.; David Brandt, Ohio; Robin & Kelly Griffith, Ks.; Kenneth Miller, N.D.; Mark Watson, Neb.; Brian Hildebrand, Canada; as well as several producer panels who will share not only how they got started but what keeps them leading the pack with successful continuous no-till. The producer speakers will also share how they dealt with and fared with the drought during the past year.

Rounding out the speaking lineup will be these featured experts: Dr. David Clay of SDSU will discuss how well-managed soil captures carbon; Brazilian consultant/researcher Dr. Ademir Calegari will share his vast knowledge of cover crops usage; "No-till Bill" Crabtree, who was a driving force for establishing no-till in Australia, will share his no-till experiences in an extremely dry environment

similar to far western Kansas; Barry Fisher, Indistate agronomist, will share why his state has made soil health a priority; no-till producer Dan Gillespie of Nebraska NRCS will present the eye-opening rainfall simulator demonstration; Dr. Richard Haney, soil scientist, of the Grassland Soil and Water Research Lab in Temple, Texas will explain new soil testing procedures for soil health; UNL's Paul Jasa will address the importance of conserving and managing soil water in no-till; Doug Kluck of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and Kansas State Climatologist Mary Knapp will present on the challenges of climate extremes and the past, present and future of drought; agronomist Bill Kuenstler with the Central National Technology Support Center in Texas will share information on the evolution of cover crops; Dale Leikam of Manhattan will discuss crop nutrition programs as well as newer fertilizer technologies, products, and additives; Doug

Peterson, livestock producer and grassland conservationist for Missouri NRCS, will provide some great information on the principals of good soil health for cropland and rangeland; Dr. Ray Ward, a popular speaker with experience, knowledge and the ability to tie it all together for producers, will address the importance of what makes a soil productive; and professional motivational speaker Steve Siemens will inspire attendees with a closing keynote address on the pursuit of excellence as well as conference sessions on strategic thinking, leadership, and positivism.

Conference tradeshow exhibitors will share the latest in the industry with attendees. Industry Morning Marketplace exhibitor presentations begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and the conference fires up with sparkplug Ray Archuleta at 12:45 p.m. Sessions wrap up that evening with time for networking with attendees and exhibitors.

On Wednesday the conference begins at 8:00 a.m.

with author David Montgomery, lunch is provided, and the conference will conclude at 5:30 p.m. Attendees will receive a conference proceedings manual and over ten CCA credits are available.

No-till on the Plains also offers another full day of education on Thursday, January 31 at the Bicentennial Center.

The Agriculture's Innovative Minds (AIM) Symposium will examine the theme "The Use of Biological Primers to Advance Soil Health" and feature research scientists Dr. Jill Clapperton and Dr. Ademir Calegari, along with research entomologist Dr. Jonathan Lundgren and other invited guests who will address the syner-

gies and interaction of biological primers (cover crops) between plant species, soil microbes, nutrients, and the insect world. Attendees will gain perspective on the water and nutrient use and efficiency within the system. Valuable insight will be gained on timing of termination of these primers in their systems. Attendees certainly will not want to miss this dynamic opportunity to learn directly from those on the cutting edge of this technology.

For more information or to register for the Winter Conference or the AIM Symposium, contact the office at (888) 330-5142 or visit the new No-till on the Plains website at www.notill.org.

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SAKW to hold 62nd annual meeting in Topeka

"Environmental Enhancements Through Watershed Improvements" is the theme for the 62nd annual meeting of the State Association of Kansas Watersheds (SAKW). This year's meeting is to be held in the Holiday Inn Holidome in Topeka on January 24-25, 2013. Barb Oltjen, president of the State Association of Kansas Watersheds, from Robinson, will preside over the meeting that will bring together representatives of the 85 watershed districts in Kansas, many state and federal agencies, organizations, and individuals.

"The annual meeting will kick off by having Karen Flournoy, director of Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division, EPA Region 7, give the key note address titled "EPA, More Than Regulatory Compliance".

Besides the keynote address, a presentation entitled "Dam Watch Presentation" is a high light of the Thursday morning session. Dam Watch describes a dam-monitoring software application to enable dam owners and dam safety professionals to proactively monitor, in real-time, their valuable infrastructure so they can better prevent and protect against hazardous, costly, and potentially catastrophic events. Dam Watch collects and processes real-time data at regular intervals from weather and hydrologic sources, meters and gauges, and other sensing devices. Data comparisons are then performed against internal dam databases to alert, when appropriate, essential personnel via any electronic medium (cell phones, pagers, email, fax, etc.) when dams are experiencing a dangerous or critical event. Dam Watch can also be utilized as a hands-on training and scenario tool for emergency preparedness because of the application's archiving and event simulation capabilities.

In the afternoon, Tom Stiles of KDHE will speak on a "A Healthy Watershed Initiative" that supports long term monitoring of impacts and benefits of watershed projects. The final session for the afternoon will be a legislative update by state representative Tom Moxley and state senator Forrest Knox.

The evening session of the first days activities will be the annual Legislative Banquet where watershed districts can dine and converse with legislators as they begin their challenging task of creating policy to guide Kansas through the next fiscal year.

Day two of the annual meeting will begin by hearing from Chuck Easterling, Easterling Consultants, LLC of Albuquerque, N.M. on the topic of "Environmental Challenges, A New Perspective." Other topics covered during the second day will be: Watershed Benefits for Mitigation Credits, A DWR Report on Floodplain Management, and a report on a newly formed organization, Kansas Watersheds for Clean Water (KWCW).

Information on annual meeting registration, motel reservations, resolutions listings, and the meeting agenda can be found on the SAKW website at www.sakw.org. Additional questions about the annual meeting can be directed to Herbert R. Graves Jr., SAKW executive director, Phone: 785-922-6664, Fax: 785-922-6080 or by e-mail at sakwwatersheds@sbcglobal.net.

Kansas Graziers Association Winter Conference set for January 19

The Kansas Graziers Association (KGA) Winter Conference will be held Saturday, January 19, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Salina. "Back to the Basics of Grazing Management" is the theme for this year's conference.

"With so many new people interested in grazing management or wanting information on how to manage drought-stressed pastures, we thought a full day of state experts on a number of critical topics was the best idea," stated KGA secretary Mary Howell.

Speakers will include David Kraft, and Dwayne Rice, Kansas-based USDA NRCS rangeland management specialists. Kraft will address drought management, and Rice will compare conventional grazing to MIG (management intensive grazing) and mob grazing. Gary Kilgore, retired KSU grass and forages specialist, will discuss soil health and fertility in grazing systems, and Dale Strickler, rancher/educator, will cover plant physiology, forage options, and extending the grazing season. Rancher Ted Alexander will also lead a rancher/farmer panel on drought planning and general questions on grazing.

Registration fees are \$50 for the first person per ranch, and \$35 for a second person. Student registration is \$25. The Courtyard Marriott is located at 3020 Riffel Drive, Salina, Ks., at the Schilling Road exit from I-135.

Check the KRC website at www.kansasruralcenter.org for registration forms and information, or contact Mary Howell at marshallofair@gmail.com or 785-562-8726 or call the KRC office at 785-873-3431.

Co-sponsors include the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, Kansas Rural

Center, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, and Kansas Farmers Union.

The Kansas Graziers Association is sponsoring a social at the conference headquarters starting at 7 p.m. Friday night, January 18 for those coming to Salina the night before. Everyone is welcome.

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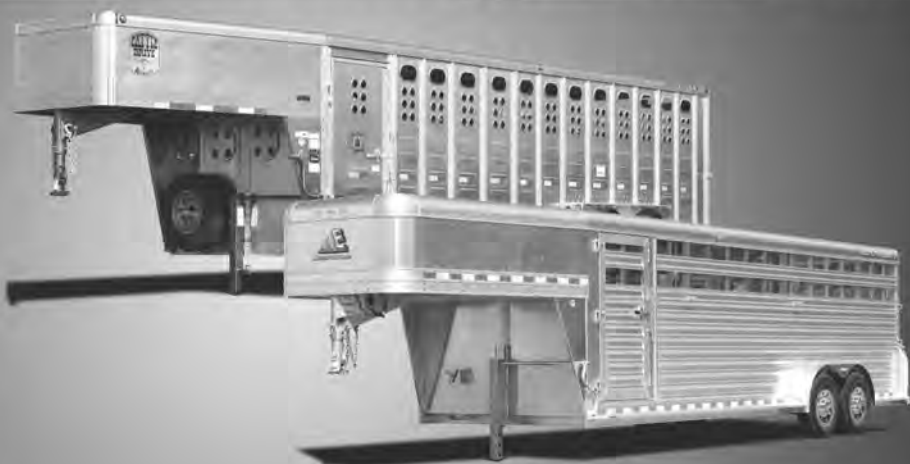
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Receipts for the week totaled 5,850 cattle and 130 hogs. Not enough hogs to test the market.					
STEERS					
300-400	\$180.00-\$214.00	13 blk	Hope	908@142.00	
400-500	\$173.00-\$189.50	14 blk	Marquette	762@139.50	
500-600	\$165.00-\$170.00	HEIFERS			
600-700	\$155.00-\$164.00	4 blk	Ellsworth	349@171.00	
700-800	\$140.00-\$154.25	1 blk	Walton	275@170.00	
800-900	\$140.00-\$149.75	15 mix	Cheney	383@170.00	
900-1000	\$136.00-\$142.00	15 blk	Ellsworth	444@164.00	
HEIFERS					
300-400	\$160.00-\$171.00	12 mix	Cheney	429@162.00	
400-500	\$149.00-\$164.00	1 blk	Walton	345@160.00	
500-600	\$136.00-\$153.50	3 blk	Miltonvale	377@159.00	
600-700	\$136.00-\$145.25	2 bwf	McPherson	438@157.50	
700-800	\$134.00-\$144.00	9 blk	Plainville	364@156.00	
800-900	\$130.00-\$139.00	6 blk	Eureka	439@155.00	
900-1000	No Test	17 blk	Ellsworth	536@153.50	
STEERS					
4 blk	Walton	345@214.00	17 mix	Cheney	502@152.00
5 blk	Ellsworth	371@212.50	5 blk	Eureka	515@151.50
2 blk	Miltonvale	360@212.00	24 blk	Gypsum	564@149.50
3 blk	Eureka	450@189.50	7 blk	Beloit	497@149.00
19 blk	Ellsworth	455@188.50	66 blk	Gypsum	639@145.25
3 mix	Walton	420@187.00	12 blk	Tescott	616@144.00
7 mix	Salina	439@186.00	69 blk	Gypsum	708@144.00
16 blk	Ellsworth	556@170.00	18 mix	Tescott	749@142.50
5 blk	Eureka	535@168.00	8 blk	Miltonvale	725@142.00
21 bwf	Minneapolis	572@166.50	10 blk	Marion	725@142.00
6 mix	Salina	604@164.00	25 blk	Tescott	768@141.10
7 blk	McPherson	595@163.00	11 mix	Chase	686@141.00
9 mix	Miltonvale	608@162.50	10 blk	Tescott	812@139.00
4 blk	Assaria	603@160.00	63 blk	Barnard	808@138.85
6 blk	Marquette	631@160.00	51 mix	Durham	766@138.25
8 blk	McPherson	678@155.25	18 blk	Tescott	877@137.75
11 mix	Ada	690@155.00	14 blk	Salina	848@137.50
22 mix	Ada	766@154.25	7 blk	Colwich	816@136.75
36 blk	Hoisington	752@153.10	8 blk	Gypsum	947@134.50
25 blk	Bushton	769@152.85	CALVES		
92 blk	Marion	757@152.75	5 mix	Assaria	271@585.00
9 mix	Minneapolis	709@152.00	5 mix	Lincoln	280@550.00
73 blk	Assaria	741@152.00	1 blk	New Cambria	250@535.00
10 mix	Chase	711@150.50	1 blk	Assaria	230@520.00
10 blk	Ada	859@149.75	1 bwf	Assaria	295@510.00
65 mix	Great Bend	823@148.50	3 blk	Lincoln	300@480.00
17 blk	Hoisington	831@147.75	1 blk	Lincolnvill	195@435.00
44 mix	Gypsum	823@147.60	2 hols	Salina	125@150.00
19 blk	Tescott	831@147.50	COWS		
29 blk	Chase	829@147.25	1 blk	Little River	1365@80.00
68 mix	Assaria	819@147.00	1 bwf	Sterling	1640@79.50
60 blk	Enterprise	883@146.85	1 blk	Lyons	1385@78.50
62 blk	Halstead	858@146.75	1 red	Sterling	1580@75.50
59 blk	Hope	882@146.60	1 blk	Smolan	1920@75.50
62 blk	Gypsum	866@146.25	3 blk	Minneapolis	1358@75.50
			1 blk	Lyons	1490@75.50
			7 blk	Minneapolis	1444@75.00

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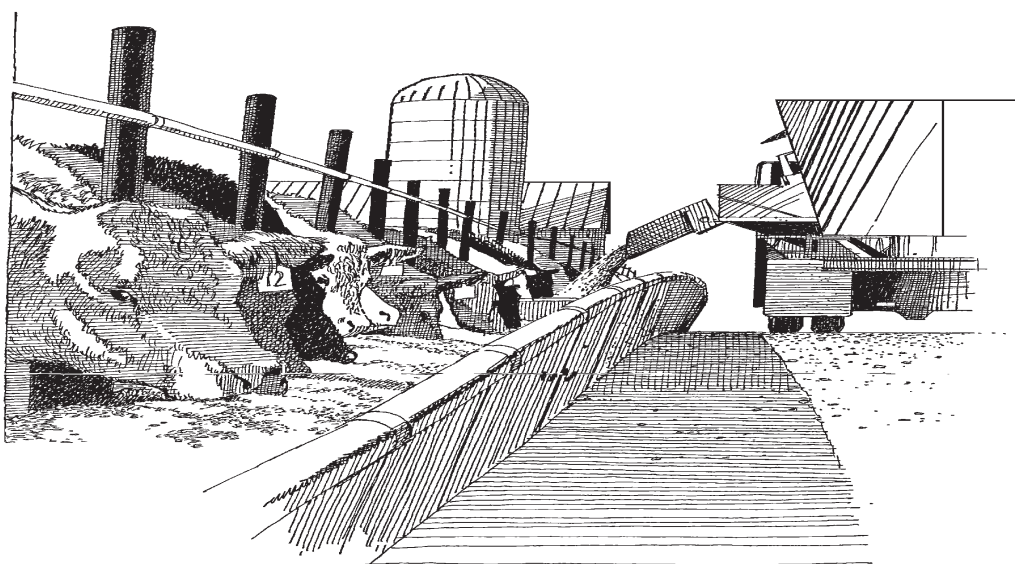
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1 blk	Lindsborg	1390@74.50	10 mix	Clyde	1184@1,625.00
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1 blk	Minneapolis	1940@98.00	17 blk	Lincoln	1159@1,610.00
1 blk	Assaria	2020@96.50	10 blk	Wilsey	1180@1,585.00
1 blk	Minneapolis	1885@95.00	23 blk	Wilsey	1205@1,585.00
1 blk	Ellsworth	2030@94.00	8 blk	Lincolnvill	1148@1,575.00
1 blk	Minneapolis	1570@94.00	BRED COWS		
1 blk	Salina	2165@94.00	7 bwf	Cassody	\$1,610.00
SOWS					
1 wht	Abilene	585@52.00	30 blk	Cassody Young	\$1,660.00
1 wht	Abilene	675@52.00	25 blk	Cassody Young	\$1,585.00
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4 wht	Abilene	269@51.50	10 blk	Cassody Young	\$1,650.00
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2 hamp	Lindsborg	508@47.50	14 mix	Quinter	\$1,525.00
7 wht	Abilene	264@47.50	8 red	Ellis	\$1,500.00
TUESDAY COW SALE					
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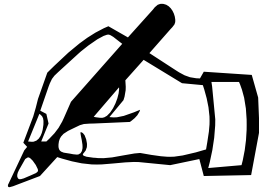
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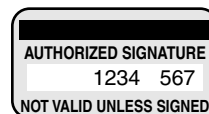
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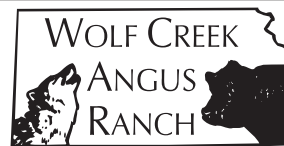
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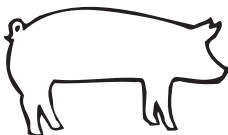
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Price and yield volatility add risk to fixed-rate farm leases

Over the years, most cropland has been rented on a fixed rate per acre, but recently there has been a lot of volatility in both crop prices and crop yields. University of Missouri Extension agricultural economist Ron Plain says this makes a lot of producers concerned about fixed-rate agreements.

“A lot of landlords are looking to get more money given the higher crop prices, and tenants are uneasy about locking themselves into a high fixed rate because of the yield risk,” Plain said. “So there has been growing interest in a variable rate in which the payment is not a portion of the crop but a cash payment that will vary depending on crop prices and yields.”

According to Plain, a common method is to look at historical averages of price, rent and yield, and use current prices and yields to whether to take

the cash rent up or down compared to the historical average.

There are several other variations that can be used to determine a cash rent rate.

“One that varies just for price is where a tenant pays the landlord the value of X bushels of crop,” Plain said. “In the case of beans, for example, say eight bushels per acre is what the tenant is going to pay. You multiply that times harvest price, and that’s how many dollars per acre the operator pays.”

When a tenant is worried about a drought year, sometimes there is an agreement to pay a percentage of the production times a fixed price per acre, Plain said.

“One of the drawbacks to these flexible arrangements is that until the harvest comes in and you see harvest-time prices, neither the landlord nor the tenant knows what the rent will be

for the year,” he said.

Plain says it is good advice to put all rental arrangements and lease agreements in writing. These discussions usually happen once a year and memories can fade over time. A written agreement also will ensure that should something happen to you, your family members will know the terms of the agreement.

According to USDA numbers, pasture and cropland rental rates have been going up quite fast in recent years. Plain cautions producers to remember that nothing can go up forever.

“If you look at how high we’ve pushed some cash rents, there are probably going to be some situations in which these cash rents are going to have to back down a bit,” Plain said. “If it rains more in 2013 and we have a better crop, we are going to see crop prices back down.”

January 1st is closing date for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) Program

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director for the Kansas USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the deadlines for FSA to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for this year crops have been established by the Kansas state FSA committee. The application closing date of January 1, 2013 applies to the following crops: apples, and pears.

Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), and forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the NAP program must visit their local FSA office to complete an Application for Coverage (CCC-471) and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable sales closing date for the specific crop. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county with a \$1875 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed with the local FSA office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer. Once the Notice of Loss has been approved and production evidence collected, the producer must file an Application for Payment. This is done at the local FSA Office as well and must be filed prior to the immediately subsequent crop year acreage report date for the specific crop. Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete information. This includes timely certifying the unit’s planted acreage and production with FSA. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are the earlier of July 15th or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops. Production reporting deadlines are no later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop. It’s always important to check with the local FSA office to determine what the acreage and or production reporting deadlines are for each specific crop.

When required, producers shall provide to FSA verifiable or reliable production evidence for the crop by practice, type and variety, and it must be provided in a manner that can be easily understood. Producers shall maintain their production evidence for three years after the crop year it is initially certified.

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

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Cattle Feeding and Marketing in Drought Conditions class January 15 in Auburn

All cow/calf and feeder cattle producers should plan to attend the “Cattle Feeding and Marketing in Drought Conditions” workshop to be held January 15, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Auburn Civic Center, 1020 N. Washington in Auburn. Shawnee County Extension and Landmark National Bank will be organizing and hosting this workshop.

Area cattle producers have many challenges with their livestock operations in 2012 with the severe drought and need help and advice in these times. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. with a light meal to be followed by presentations from Dr. Glynn Tonsor, KSU assistant professor, livestock marketing specialist and Dr. Jaymelynn Farney, KSU southeast area livestock specialist. Tonsor’s topics will include, cow/calf and feeder risk management, contracting and marketing, LRP insurance, and the market outlook. Farney will present about drought and feed shortages, balancing available feed, nitrates and aflatoxin, water problems, and care of cattle with current conditions. The evening will end with questions that the audience has of the two presenters.

This evening will be free to the public to attend, but they do request you to RSVP by January 10 to have enough food and handouts. Those who are interested in attending this event or are wanting more information need to contact either Leroy Russell with Shawnee County Extension at 785-232-0062 or Debra Tucker with Landmark National Bank at 785-256-7202 DTucker@banklandmark.com.

The full agenda along with many other upcoming workshops are located on the Shawnee County Extension website www.shawnee.ksu.edu.

USDA issues final rule for animal disease traceability

WASHINGTON —The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced a final rule establishing general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate.

“With the final rule announced today, the United States now has a flexible, effective animal disease traceability system for livestock moving interstate, without undue burdens for ranchers and U.S. livestock businesses,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “The final rule meets the diverse needs of the countryside where states and tribes can develop systems for tracking animals that work best for them and their producers, while addressing any gaps in our overall disease response efforts. Over the past several years, USDA has listened carefully to America’s farmers and ranchers, working collaboratively to establish a system of tools and safeguards that will help us target when and where animal diseases occur, and help us respond quickly.”

Under the final rule, unless specifically exempted, livestock moved interstate would have to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation, such as owner-shipper statements or brand certificates.

After considering the public comments received, the final rule has several differences from the proposed rule issued in August 2011. These include:

- Accepting the use of brands, tattoos and brand registration as official identification when accepted by the shipping and receiving States or Tribes
- Permanently maintaining the use of backtags as an alternative to official ear tags for cattle and bison moved directly to slaughter
- Accepting movement documentation other than an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) for all ages and classes of cattle when accepted by the shipping and receiving States or Tribes
- Clarifying that all livestock moved interstate to a custom slaughter facility are exempt from the regulations
- Exempting chicks moved interstate from a hatchery from the official identification requirements
- Beef cattle under 18 months of age, unless they are moved interstate for shows, exhibitions, rodeos, or recreational events, are exempt from the official identification requirement in this rule. These specific traceability requirements for this group will be addressed in separate rulemaking, allowing APHIS to work closely with industry to ensure the effective implementation of the identification requirements.

For more specific details about the regulation and how it will affect producers, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability.

Animal disease traceability, or knowing where diseased and at-risk animals are, where they’ve been, and when, is very important to ensure a rapid response when animal disease events take place. An efficient and accurate animal disease traceability system helps reduce the number of animals involved in an investigation, reduces the time needed to respond, and decreases the cost to producers and the government.

This notice is expected to be published in the December 28 Federal Register.

Farm tractor sales up in spite of drought

(AP) - A new industry snapshot suggests this year’s drought has had little effect on sales of farm machinery around the country.

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers said recently that sales of farm tractors were up 10.5 percent in November from the same month a year ago. Retailers reported selling 10,352 tractors nationwide.

Sales of combines were down 1.3 percent with 517 sold in November.

So far this year, sales of farm tractors have been up 10 percent over the first 11 months of last year with slightly more than 167,000 tractors sold. Sales of combines dipped a fraction of a percent, with nearly 8,900 sold.

Extension to hold calving school scheduled for Ottawa

The Frontier District Extension plans to host an educational meeting calving school Wednesday, January 16th, from 7:00-9:30 p.m., at Celebration Hall on the fairgrounds in Ottawa. Calving season is one of the most important times on the beef production calendar. Management decisions made prior to and during this period can influence success at calving and ultimately profitability of an operation.

K-State Extension veterinarian Larry Hollis will lead the discussion on calving difficulties. The main topics to be covered will be basics of normal calving, signs of labor, stages of parturition, determining when to assist in the birthing process, facilities and equipment that may be needed, and preparing and pulling the calf. In addition, Dr. Jaymelynn Farney, KSU livestock specialist, will talk about management of thin cows going into the calving season. According to R.G. Mortimer, DVM, Department of Clinical Sciences, Colorado State University, the most common reason for calf losses in the beef cattle industry is still calving difficulty. Looking only at the effects of calving difficulty on the calf, we find the following four relationships.

First, the more difficult the calving the greater the risk for infectious disease. Typically, this is reflected by higher incidences and death loss associated with either diarrhea or respiratory disease. Second, the more difficult the calving problem, the harder it is for the calf to maintain it’s body temperature following calving. The third relationship with degree of calving difficulty is the decrease in absorption of protective antibodies with more difficult deliveries.

The fourth relationship with calving difficulty that has been firmly established is the increased infertility losses in the dam. To these losses must be added the increased maternal deaths, treatment costs and diminished productivity of the dam.

Successful management of calving difficulty is achieved when we optimize calf survivability and dam reproductive performance. Thus, the goal of providing assistance is to minimize stress on the calf and dam. This meeting will describe some useful guidelines and obstetrical techniques that can help you reduce the losses due to dystocia.

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Crop insurance juicy target in ‘fiscal cliff’ deal

(AP) – Rural lawmakers worry that \$9 billion in annual federal crop insurance subsidies are an easy target for spending cuts in a “fiscal cliff” deal so they’re shopping around for a late compromise on a farm bill to protect them.

The chairmen of the House and Senate Agriculture committees already were set to make a sizable contribution to deficit reduction through a new farm bill. There were \$2.3 billion in annual cuts to other farm programs and food stamps in a Senate-passed version and \$3.5 billion in annual cuts in a measure awaiting House action.

But they hit an impasse

this past week while trying to merge the bills into a single package. It’s the same problem confronting President Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who so far are unable to come up with an alternative to the broad wave of automatic tax increases and spending cuts that begin to hit in the new year.

The farm-state leaders hope that if they can agree on a farm bill, the White House and Boehner might include it as a deficit-reducing component of a broader fiscal cliff deal.

While cutting food stamps and other farm programs, both the Senate and House agriculture bills pre-

serve crop insurance subsidies that cover a big portion of farmers’ losses due to bad weather. Those subsidies buoyed a strong agricultural economy even through last summer’s scorching drought. Committee leaders from both parties say farmers consistently tell them crop insurance is the program they depend on most.

But both bills also create an insurance program that would give farmers additional protection against any kind of revenue losses, such as from a drop in commodity prices. The Senate bill’s version would cost almost \$3 billion annually, with the House bill a little under \$1 billion.

The concern about the fate of crop insurance stems from previous efforts by the Obama White House to tar-

get the program for cuts. Obama proposed cutting the subsidies by \$760 million a year in his budget proposal last February. Conservatives long have eyed the program as a pot of money that could be used for other things.

Without giving details or numbers, Obama administration officials have made it clear in fiscal cliff negotiations that they see farm programs like crop insurance as a source for savings.

“Reforming farm subsidies, very important to do, lots of room to do sensible reforms in that context. And they can raise substantial amounts of money,” Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said on CBS “Face the Nation.”

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack warned the

congressional committees this past week that, if they don’t strike a deal soon, the White House and Republicans working to avert the fiscal cliff may cut farm programs that lawmakers want to protect.

“Don’t let somebody else craft the farm legislation who may not fully understand all of the implications,” he said.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who leads the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, agreed.

“It’s one of the many reasons we need to get a five-year farm bill done so peo-

ple who don’t support crop insurance don’t come back at it and try to cut it,” said Stabenow, D-Mich.

Farmers buy crop insurance to protect against weather-related losses such as drought or flooding. Farmers pay a percentage of the premium cost and the federal government covers the rest. Companies selling the insurance also get direct subsidies from the government.

Both the House and Senate made room for the new insurance program by eliminating a different type of subsidy called direct payments, in which farmers col-

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Cattle sales Tuesday, 11:00 AM.

For week of December 18, 2012:

STEERS					
1	425	195.50	13	518	148.25
1	445	182.50	5	555	145.00
19	587	172.00	19	604	141.25
5	607	162.50	6	653	140.00
5	614	161.50	19	698	139.25
16	631	158.50	1	790	137.50
4	673	154.00	3	830	134.00
10	666	150.50	6	918	126.00
6	715	146.50			
21	721	144.00			
7	777	143.75			
4	845	138.00			

Top Butcher Cow was \$81.50 @ 1,510 lbs

Top Butcher Bull was \$101.00 @ 1,640 lbs.

Bred Cows: \$900-\$1,650

Pairs: \$1,325-\$1,625

HEIFERS					
5	424	158.50			
3	443	154.50			
4	460	149.50			
6	509	149.00			

NO SALE: Dec. 25th due to Christmas

NO SALE: Jan. 1 due to New Years Day!

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3 hfrs @267#	\$166.00	5 hfrs @993#	\$127.00
2 hfrs @290#	\$163.00	2 hfrs @1053#	\$127.50
6 hfrs @395#	\$160.00	15 hfrs @1025#	\$122.25
2 hfrs @335#	\$159.00	2 strs @310#	\$188.00
6 hfrs @428#	\$158.00	2 strs @345#	\$187.00
4 hfrs @440#	\$153.00	4 strs @403#	\$186.00
2 hfrs @375#	\$150.00	3 strs @535#	\$165.00
5 hfrs @465#	\$147.00	2 strs @555#	\$160.00
36 hfrs @564#	\$141.00	2 strs @525#	\$159.00
4 hfrs @571#	\$137.25	4 strs @526#	\$156.00
4 hfrs @548#	\$136.50	28 strs @664#	\$148.00
2 hfrs @575#	\$134.50	4 strs @665#	\$147.00
22 hfrs @598#	\$134.25	9 strs @693#	\$146.25
27 hfrs @644#	\$137.75	11 strs @634#	\$145.75
5 hfrs @621#	\$135.00	3 strs @645#	\$143.50
12 hfrs @625#	\$134.50	62 strs @714#	\$147.85
4 hfrs @606#	\$134.25	133 strs @785#	\$147.00
5 hfrs @662#	\$130.50	5 strs @787#	\$146.00
39 hfrs @717#	\$137.00	11 strs @726#	\$145.00
8 hfrs @725#	\$136.00	22 strs @790#	\$144.50
4 hfrs @704#	\$134.75	11 strs @780#	\$144.00
23 hfrs @769#	\$134.00	5 strs @816#	\$144.25
5 hfrs @783#	\$133.50	9 strs @841#	\$143.75
11 hfrs @827#	\$133.50	11 strs @837#	\$142.00
12 hfrs @843#	\$133.35	8 strs @888#	\$137.00
6 hfrs @873#	\$132.75		

COWS: \$76.00-\$83.00
\$69.00-\$75.75

SHELLS: \$68.00 & down
BULLS: \$95.00-\$101.00

No Sale next week
due to the Holiday.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow. Demand moderate for dairy and grinding alfalfa, stock cow hay, grass hay and alfalfa pellets. With a winter storm and the Christmas holiday approaching, some are stockpiling hay in preparation, accounting for the increase in the southwest Kansas ground alfalfa movement. Very little new trade has been reported but this too, could increase with the stormy weather. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange: www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas
Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares 400.00. Dairy, Supreme 260.00-280.00, some up to 300.00; Premium 250.00-270.00; Heifer or Bunk hay 240.00-250.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 220.00-240.00, Utility-Fair 215.00-225.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots

and dairies, 250.00-280.00. The week of 12/10-15, 9,177T of grinding alfalfa and 2,850T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, large bales 60.00-70.00. Corn stalks 60.00-70.00, or 70.00-85.00 delivered, ground and delivered 95.00-125.00. PM6 small squares 250.00, large square 225.00. CRP, Fair, large bales 90.00-100.00, Good 110.00-130.00. Sudan/Cane, Good, 140.00-150.00.

South Central Kansas
Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Dairy, Supreme, 260.00-280.00, a little up to 300.00. Premium 240.00-260.00; Heifer or Bunk hay 230.00-260.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 200.00-220.00, some 230.00-250.00 delivered. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots, 240.00-265.00. The week of 12/10-15, 3,121T of grinding alfalfa and 1,025T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 290.00-305.00, 17 pct pro-

tein 295.00-315.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 355.00. Straw, large bales 55.00-70.00, High-density bales 65.00-75.00. Corn stalks 60.00-70.00. Sudan, Good, large bales 145.00-150.00. Milo hay, high nitrates 100.00, low nitrates 120.00-150.00. Milo stalks 70.00-90.00. Soybean stalks 80.00-100.00. Soybean Hay, Good 200.00. Grass hay, Good, large bales 150.00-180.00, Fair, large bales 90.00-120.00.

Southeast Kansas
Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse or Goat, 300.00. Dairy, Supreme up to 300.00, stock cow 250.00-280.00. Bluestem: Good, small squares 140.00-160.00, mid and large squares 125.00-150.00, large rounds 100.00-135.00; Brome: Good, Small squares 140.00-150.00, mid and large squares 130.00-150.00, large rounds 110.00-150.00, some 90.00/bale. Grass Mulch CWF, large round 70.00. Straw, large bales 50.00-60.00. Soybean hay, good large bales

170.00-200.00. CRP, Fair, large bales 100.00. Milo hay, Good 100.00-130.00.

Northwest Kansas
Alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 300.00, Mid squares 250.00; Dairy, Premium 230.00-240.00, Supreme up to 300.00; Stock cow 200.00-220.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 210.00-230.00. Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 250.00-270.00. Corn hay, large bales 100.00-125.00. Corn stalks 55.00-70.00. Milo hay, Good, 150.00-175.00. CRP hay, large bales, Good, 125.00-150.00, Fair, 100.00. BMR Sudan, Good, 160.00-200.00, Regular Sudan, Good, 145.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas
Dairy, grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, 300.00, some 10.00-12.00/ small square bale; Dairy, Supreme 240.00-265.00, Clippings up to 300.00; Premium 230.00-250.00; Utili-

ty-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 200.00-220.00, some 230.00 delivered, alfalfa ground-on-the-truck 225.00, Ground and delivered 240.00-270.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 6.50/bale, an instance 10.00/bale, 120.00-160.00, Mid squares 130.00-150.00, a little 165.00, large rounds 50.00/bale, 110.00-150.00/T.

Brome: Good, small squares, 7.00/ bale, an instance 10.00/ bale, 110.00-150.00/T, an instance 180.00, Mid squares, 120.00-160.00, an instance 180.00, large round, 50.00/ bale, 110.00-150.00/T; Grass Mulch, large round 60.00, CWF large round 100.00. Straw, small squares 3.50/ bale or 4.50/bale delivered; large bales 60.00-65.00/T or 70.00-80.00 delivered. Soybean hay, Good large bales 130.00-170.00. Sudan, Good, large bales 150.00.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large

squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*CWF Certified Weed Free
*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

**TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

Source: Kansas Dept of Ag-USDA Market News Service, Dodge City, KS Steve Hessman, Rich Hruska, OIC (620) 227-8881 24 hour price information (620) 369-9311; www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt; www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketnews.

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STEER & BULL CALVES			
2 blk str	373 @ 192.00	21 bwf/blk str	693 @ 152.50
2 blk str	255 @ 187.00	134 mix str	754 @ 151.00
2 bwf str	428 @ 187.00	3 blk str	582 @ 150.00
3 blk str	332 @ 186.00	7 blk/red str	647 @ 150.00
4 bwf/blk str	408 @ 186.00	69 bwf/blk str	796 @ 147.75
5 bwf/blk str	447 @ 181.00	9 x-bred str	712 @ 146.50
2 blk str	373 @ 179.00	60 blk str	823 @ 145.25
2 blk str	483 @ 172.00	10 blk/red str	581 @ 145.00
3 blk str	370 @ 171.00	11 bwf/blk str	768 @ 145.00
5 blk str	501 @ 169.00	61 bwf/blk str	848 @ 145.00
3 bwf/blk str	525 @ 169.00	26 bwf/blk str	824 @ 144.25
5 blk bulls	522 @ 167.50	61 bwf/blk str	854 @ 144.00
5 blk str	513 @ 167.00	60 mix str	866 @ 144.00
7 x-bred bulls	350 @ 164.00	63 blk/char str	856 @ 143.50
2 wf str	460 @ 162.00	64 mix str	869 @ 143.35
2 blk str	470 @ 162.00	61 blk/char str	852 @ 143.00
2 bwf/blk bulls	443 @ 160.00	57 blk str	856 @ 143.00
2 char str	523 @ 151.00	16 mix str	825 @ 142.75
2 brang str	415 @ 150.00	11 mix str	715 @ 142.50
		20 blk/char str	897 @ 142.00
		122 mix str	885 @ 141.00
		12 blk str	935 @ 140.75
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS			
2 bwf str	653 @ 157.00		
5 blk str	616 @ 156.00		
5 blk/red str	612 @ 154.50		
10 blk str	662 @ 153.00		
HEIFER CALVES			
1 blk hfr	230 @ 166.00		
1 bwf hfr	335 @ 156.00		

COWS & HEIFERETTES			
1 blk hfr	355 @ 154.00		
2 blk hfrs	385 @ 154.00		
1 blk hfr	320 @ 151.50		
1 blk hfr	370 @ 151.00		
3 bwf/blk hfrs	397 @ 151.00		
6 blk hfrs	433 @ 150.00		
3 blk hfrs	487 @ 148.50		
4 mix hfrs	513 @ 140.00		
STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS			
16 blk hfrs	733 @ 144.00		
75 blk/sim hfrs	688 @ 143.00		
63 bwf/blk hfrs	766 @ 142.35		
2 blk hfrs	600 @ 142.00		
140 blk/char hfrs	707 @ 141.85		
68 blk/char hfrs	731 @ 141.75		
56 blk/char hfrs	670 @ 141.50		
8 blk/red hfrs	582 @ 140.50		
3 bwf/blk hfrs	642 @ 140.50		
8 blk/red hfrs	661 @ 140.00		
7 blk/red hfrs	586 @ 137.50		
6 blk/red hfrs	603 @ 137.50		
10 blk/char hfrs	753 @ 137.50		
2 blk hfrs	773 @ 137.00		
66 mix hfrs	801 @ 135.00		
2 blk hfrs	850 @ 131.00		
1 blk hfrt	870 @ 122.50		
1 blk hfrt	1040 @ 110.00		
4 blk hfrts	1211 @ 109.50		
6 blk hfrts	943 @ 105.00		
2 blk hfrts	1203 @ 103.00		
1 blk hfrt	1145 @ 102.50		
1 blk hfrt	1290 @ 102.00		
1 blk hfrt	1285 @ 95.00		
3 blk hfrts	912 @ 90.00		
1 wf hfrt	1250 @ 85.00		
1 bwf hfrt	1175 @ 82.50		
1 blk hfrt	1270 @ 80.25		
1 blk hfrt	1360 @ 80.00		
5 blk hfrts	1473 @ 79.00		
1 blk cow	1145 @ 78.75		
1 blk cow	1805 @ 78.50		
1 blk cow	1435 @ 78.00		
3 blk cows	1460 @ 77.25		
1 blk cow	1175 @ 77.00		
1 blk cow	1310 @ 76.25		
1 bwf cow	1575 @ 76.00		
1 blk cow	1095 @ 75.50		
2 blk cows	1155 @ 75.00		
1 blk cow	1345 @ 74.50		
3 blk cows	1518 @ 74.00		
1 char cow	1065 @ 73.50		
1 blk cow	1425 @ 73.25		
1 sim cow	1155 @ 72.50		
1 blk cow	1370 @ 72.00		
3 blk/bwf cows	1372 @ 71.75		
5 blk/bwf cows	1322 @ 71.00		
1 blk cow	1385 @ 70.50		
2 blk cows	1225 @ 70.00		
1 blk cow	1460 @ 69.75		
1 blk cow	1410 @ 69.00		
1 bwf cow	1150 @ 68.75		
2 x-bred cows	1108 @ 68.00		
1 red cow	1555 @ 67.50		
1 blk cow	1175 @ 67.25		
1 blk cow	1345 @ 66.50		
1 bwf cow	1025 @ 65.50		
1 red cow	1590 @ 65.00		
4 blk/bwf cows	1051 @ 64.25		
1 red cow	1420 @ 64.00		
BRED COWS			
5 blk cows	@ 1150.00		
1 blk cow	@ 1100.00		
2 blk/red cows	@ 1100.00		
1 blk cow	@ 1075.00		
16 blk/bwf cows	@ 1050.00		
2 blk cows	@ 1000.00		
1 blk cow	@ 975.00		
1 blk cow	@ 960.00		
4 blk cows	@ 950.00		
3 blk/bwf cows	@ 900.00		
1 sim cow	@ 900.00		
1 red cow	@ 850.00		
COW/CALF PAIRS			
2 char cows/cvs	@ 1350.00		
3 blk cows/cvs	@ 1350.00		
7 blk/red cows/cvs	@ 1135.00		
BULLS			
1 blk bull	2060 @ 96.75		
1 blk bull	2170 @ 95.00		
1 wf bull	1885 @ 92.25		
1 wf bull	2260 @ 91.50		
1 blk bull	1900 @ 87.50		
1 blk bull	2275 @ 82.50		

NO SALE DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1ST

SALE WILL RESUME JANUARY 8, 2013

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