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Reputation, relationships and information key in cattle marketing

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Following informative sessions by KSU Extension specialists Dr. Dale Blasi and Dr. Justin Waggoner, attendees of the "Going to Grass" seminar hosted by the Central Kansas Extension District were treated to the straight talk and dry humor of Corbett Wall of the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service. Based in Missouri, Wall is the officer in charge and supervisor of Missouri's Federal-State Market News program and pens the Weekly National Feeder and Stocker Cattle Summary. It's all about boots on the ground for Wall as he travels to various cattle auctions each week to gain context for his reports.

"We're going to talk about marketing cattle – not for blue ribbons, but for greenbacks," he began. "What to market, how to market and when to market your cattle."

Using an inverted pyramid as an illustration, Wall discussed the stages for cattle marketing. "You can raise your own calves, sell weaned or unweaned calves or yearlings. Backgrounded calves, backgrounded yearlings or finished cattle." He believes the easiest thing to market is backgrounded yearlings, and that attempting to market finished cattle is risky business. "Once you shut the gate on those cattle in a commercial feedlot and start pouring feed into them, your options are over," he said. "You're at the mercy of the packer." He emphasized that his point was not to disparage packers, but that the fed cattle market isn't really set up for individuals. "Right now a farmer-feeder can get top dollar for his cattle because they need them," he ex-



Corbett Wall capped off the "Going to Grass" seminar hosted recently by the Central Kansas Extension District. The seminar was held at Kansas State University's Salina campus and also included informative sessions by Dr. Dale Blasi and Dr. Justin Waggoner.

plained. "But most of the time they don't need them and you just take a number and get in line. The best thing you can do in a deal like that is get with some of these bigger cattle outfits that pool cattle and market them for you for a fee."

On the other hand, backgrounded yearlings are a much easier sell. "Especially summer yearlings coming off the Flint Hills, you can flag a car down off the Kansas Turnpike and sell them," he quipped. "It's that easy and for you folks here in Kansas, it's a really good deal for you guys."

As for the how to market them, Wall views all the options as viable. "You can sell cattle at your local sale barn, at a regional-sized sale barn, sell them on a video or the internet or finally a direct sale or private treaty sale. None of these are bad. You can get just as much money at your local sale barn as you can any of the others. It just depends on how you decide you want to achieve that."

Less important than the sale venue in Wall's eyes is the process that leads up to selling the cattle, and he listed some key components.

The first was to develop your reputation. "I always think it's kind of funny when we go into an auction and they say, 'reputation cattle.' Well, there's two kinds of reputations. Devel-

op a reputation that you want to plan your future toward. And it doesn't take very long to ruin your reputation, either. Produce cattle for your future. Produce your own reputation."

Bringing cattle to delivery in fair weighing condition is important. "If you get the reputation of being known for filling your cattle the night before delivery, you own that. That's your reputation. And it will take a lot longer to get rid of it than it will to just set up a good reputation to start with." He continued that if calves are advertised as being weaned, they need to be at least 45 days weaned, and not just across the fence. "When those buyers buy those cattle, they're going to write your name down on that load of cattle and if they get to where they're going and they walk the fence bawling, they're going to remember that the next time you market cattle there."

The opposite is also true, he continued. "If you market some cattle that are hard-weaned, know what a feed bunk is, had all their shots and everything, and they take those cattle and they go right to work for them, they're going to remember that, too."

Relationships are the next important key in Wall's book. "You need to be best friends with your marketing agent, not just call the guy at

the sale barn and say, 'Hey, I want to bring some in next week. That's not good enough,'" he stated. Wall believes it's important for the marketing agent to actually see the operation and the way the cattle are raised so he can pass that information on to his customers. "The worst thing you can do is just decide, well, it's kind of a nice day today, not too muddy. I think I'll load some cattle up and haul them into the sale," he said. With orders of his own to fill, the agent needs to know how many loads and what kinds of cattle he will be receiving. "He needs to know what your cattle will do, what they're going to look like before they get there and he needs to be able to pass that word on," he continued. Relationships with other producers are also important in Wall's view. "See how they're marketing their cattle," he said "If they're marketing their cattle direct, then see how they're getting along with that buyer and how they like to do business."

Uniformity is huge when marketing cattle, so when marketing home-raised calves, he advised keeping the calving window as small as possible to keep the calves close to the same size. Sorting at home for similar quality and condition is important. "Your buyers that will take those fleshier calves don't want

the other calves, and vice versa," he said. While not everyone is big enough to do it, those that are should market their cattle in load lots. He described how a buyer's life revolves around fifty- to sixty-thousand-pound loads, and he believes selling cattle in load lots is easily worth \$3-5 a hundred-weight.

Information is another important factor in cattle marketing, from developments in feed and health products to market news. "There's no excuse for not knowing what your cattle are worth," he said, directing producers to the USDA market news site that provides reports on livestock and grain. There are also new interactive reports that allow producers to plug in their own information to generate data, as well as ones that provide historical data and information on feed products, fed cattle, etc.

As producers look to turn cattle out on grass, Wall thinks they should consider selling their fancy home-raised calves at today's higher prices, then buy plainer ones to turn out. "Because whenever you get ready to sell those cattle coming off the grass at the end of the summer, they don't care what they look like. They could have humps or tiger stripes all over them and they will sell just fine. Because feed lots

are just salivating when it comes to July. They want those cattle coming off Flint Hills pastures so bad, they don't care what they look like, because they know they're going to gain their heads off when they go in the feed lot."

As for when to market, current information is critical, as the ability to be flexible as conditions and the market dictates. "Don't sell your cattle the second week of October because that's when Dad sold them every year," he elaborated. "Sell your fancy calves in the spring and order some plain cattle out of the southeast if you think you can get them straightened up."

Wall believes there will be a large number of bred heifers this fall, which will keep them from getting as high as once anticipated. He believes the cattle market should remain good for at least three years and that operations with their own core herd should consider keeping some heifers back. He sees the PEDv virus that has taken such a toll on the pork industry in recent months, annihilating herd numbers, will drive the cattle market higher. "Those pigs that ought to be ready to slaughter late this summer aren't going to be there," he pointed out. "There's a lot of guys that think an 850-pound steer could bring a buck-ninety coming off of grass this summer."



Farmland — art is life

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

As the lights dimmed and the images flickered on the screen, the movie audience stepped into the lives of young farmers and ranchers as they took on the tasks of running their families' operations. No wannabe Bogarts or Bacalls, just honest-to-goodness people who work the land.

The opening scene wasn't on a sprawling lot somewhere outside of Holly-

wood. Instead James Moll filmed *Farmland* on farms and ranches from California to Pennsylvania.

Props included live cattle, hogs, chickens and vegetables, and acres of corn as far as the eye could see. Nothing staged, just everyday events on typical working farms and ranches across the country.

The private screening of *Farmland* in Kansas City April 1 was a joint effort between the Kansas Farm

Food Connection, Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City and U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance.

After the film aired, one moviegoer commented on its authenticity.

The film is real, she said. These people brought the audience into their lives and showed them how farmers and ranchers work at a job like everyone else, although it may not be your typical eight to five. In this case, the farmers and ranchers work 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Another viewer said *Farmland* addressed many of the issues consumers and the general public wants to know — the film hit on everything.

It included stories about genetically modified food,

organic, natural and traditional farming, no-till farming, a one-woman, first-generation vegetable farmer, multi-generational farms, use of hormones in cattle and hogs and chicken in large-scale facilities.

The farmers and ranchers wanted viewers to know they offer any kind of food the public is looking for, Lynne Hinrichsen, a former urbanite from Detroit who now works in Topeka, said after the showing. They're giving customers a choice.

"I came away understanding these young producers are similar to the people who make cars where I grew up," Hinrichsen said. "While auto workers make slightly different products with different designs, ultimately the vehicles they make are used for transportation. Farmers and ranchers provide us with our food. They're all people."

Osage County farmer/stockman Raylen Phelon called *Farmland* an inspirational movie that tells the truth about agriculture with no hype.

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

There are some things, in my humble estimation, that you should just be able to count on no matter what. However, that belief suffered a severe blow a couple of weeks ago when my youngest sister was here with her daughters during their spring break.

I was breaking eggs into a bowl to make breakfast and she was standing there talking to me. Nice, idle chitchat. Nothing earthshaking.

Until she said...

"After breakfast I need to go for a run."

I dropped the carton of eggs — breaking a few — let out a gasp (my hus-

band claims it was a scream), and felt the room start spinning around me. Was this what it feels like to faint... or die?

"What???" I finally managed to ask (again, my husband claims, screamed).

"Yes," she said sheepishly. "I'm training for the Boulder Bolder."

You have the advantage of seeing that in writing. I only got to hear it spoken.

"The bolder bolder, what the heck is that?" (See above description for my alleged tone of voice). I immediately went into trauma-induced critical mode. "What a stupid name for something..."

"It's the Boulder — as in Colorado — Bolder, as in brave," she explained, thoroughly enjoying the state of total discombobulation she had thrown me into.

What's the big deal, you're wondering, right?

Well, let me tell you what's the big deal. This is the same woman who was still barely good enough to play t-ball when she went to high school, who carried a softball mitt around in her car trunk for years just so she could LOOK athletic, and who less than a year ago accidentally hit her husband in the jaw with a golf club when he was trying to teach her the proper way to swing. Dropped



It is April and in the Flint Hills that means it is time for the fires to begin. I often joke that during this period of time it looks like we are under attack, with flames and smoke as far as you can see. I even thought about calling this week's edition *Smoke on the Horizon* instead of *Dust on the Dashboard*. I also have to admit that I enjoy burning pasture as much as the next person.

Last summer's rain has made burning possible this spring and many are taking advantage of it. That is a good thing because of the encroachment of red cedars and other brushy invaders over the past few years. Nothing is better than to watch a cedar tree go up in flames when you are burning pasture. Prescribed burning is one of the most important tools we have in the Flint Hills and the best way to keep our tallgrass prairie from becoming a forest.

In my humble opinion the best way of managing brush and maintaining a healthy stand of native grass is to burn your pasture on a regular interval. I much prefer burning to chemical control when it comes to the brush in my pasture, although often it is necessary to combine both methods. However, fire can be a dangerous thing and is often misunderstood by those outside of agriculture.

I think many people truly believe that our burning of pasture is something we do for fun, "recreational burning." Sure, I think there is probably some "recreational burning" that occurs and some of it concerns me. We need to make sure that we have a clear purpose for burning and, more importantly, a well-thought-out plan before we ever strike a match. I fear that we are on the verge of either losing this important tool for pasture management or having it highly regulated.

Kansas State University has a great prescribed burning website with a whole lot of useful information; I hope everyone will take advantage of it in the beginning stage of their preparation for burning. The next thing is to know the regulations for your county. Do you need a burn permit, and always know the proper way to call a prescribed burn into your local authorities. I know calling the burn in is a hassle, but we all have cell phones and it does make

everyone's life a lot easier in case of an emergency. Giving our firefighters a heads-up is the courteous thing to do. Also, don't forget to call back in when the fire is out.

The day of the fire, make sure you look at the long range weather forecast and anticipate what is going to happen that night and for the next couple of days. Will the wind shift, will it pick up and what problems might that cause? If the conditions are not right, please don't burn. Especially be mindful of roads and smoke; each year it seems several wrecks are due to smoke in the road. Make sure you have enough help and equipment. I don't suppose one can ever have too much water, but it is something to strive for.

Then make sure everyone knows and understands the plan. Know what everyone's jobs are and who is in control. Firebreaks are important and they are not optional. I know that back-burning is tedious and it is much more fun to light the head fire, but I also know it is much more fun to light the head fire knowing that firebreak exists. I can tell you from experience that there is nothing more sickening than losing a fire.

I know I am preaching to the choir about all of this but it is good to get a refresher course each year. We also need to be aware of the necessary precautions now more than ever. More houses are being built in the middle of areas historically burned, making safety even more of a concern and communication more important than ever. Make sure to talk to your neighbors and let them know what you are doing why, and be courteous. Prescribed burning is an important tool and one that we cannot afford to lose, but one that we will lose if we do not communicate the reasons why we use it and if we are not vigilant in how we use it.

Fire is critical for our pasture, and let's admit it, there are very few things in life as satisfying as watching a fire burn across your pasture. Nothing warms my heart as much as the sight of a big old cedar tree going up in flames or to walk through a newly burned area and admire the skeleton of a smoldering tree (as long as it is not too close to the edge). Pasture-burning season is something I look forward to each year and I hope it stays that way.

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him right to his knees. But more importantly, we share the same DNA. Together, we've spent our lives dedicated to the same cause - only running if our house is on fire or a hungry bear is chasing us. Now she's changing all that and running in a marathon in the mountains of Colorado. On purpose. Come on! What's next? There's really no such thing as gravity? Elvis is still alive? Disco isn't really dead?

At some point someone handed me a paper bag to breathe into and the world began to right itself somewhat. I'm doing my level best to forgive my sister for this ultimate betrayal. But I have to admit, there's an evil little part of me that's sort of rooting for that whole hungry bear scenario as she's blissfully running along her mountain path. Not a big bear, just a little one to make her heart skip a beat or two.

Because like I always say, if you can't be athletic, at least be vindictive.

Insight

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"The farmers and ranchers in this movie were just like me when I started out 30 years ago," Phelon says. "They're down-to-earth people who shared their hopes, fears and dreams."

Phelon said the film lets consumers know farmers and ranchers care about the land, the animals, the grain, fruits and vegetables they produce.

"These young farm and ranch families knew what they were talking about and audiences will see this once they see their story," he said.

In addition to the authenticity of Farmland, movie-goers walked out of

the theater with a sense of pride about the men, women and children who provide food for people of this state, country and world to eat.

Several viewers expressed the same feelings that coursed through my veins as Farmland unfolded before my eyes and ears:

"These are my people, my roots; this is who I am and where I came from."

If you would like to have the movie shown in your town, go to www.farmlandfilm.com.

John Schlageck is a leading 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.

USMEF focuses on growing more markets while producers grow more beef

Putting meat from the U.S. on plates around the world is the goal of U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

"We're trying to add value to what we produce here in the United States," said Mark Jagels of USMEF. "Where we're currently exporting approximately 13 percent of the cattle that we raise to over 120 countries, it's vitally important that we're in those countries and making sure we have a presence to export U.S. red meat."

The year 2013 saw record-high U.S. beef exports, and trade added more than \$240 value to each animal sold. Jagels said that's a testament to a favorable

reputation. The group is pleased with progress in markets like Japan, South America and the Middle East, but the continued overseas work is vital. The USMEF remains especially focused on opening trade with China.

"We have to be cognizant that we need to continue to work on market access and market development in these other countries," said Jagels. "We have to continue to open markets as we see what our domestic consumption is doing, and if we're going to throw more cattle into the mix, we've got to find a market for it."

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PEANUT BUTTER EASTER EGGS

- 3/4 cup cream peanut butter
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons shortening

In a large bowl beat peanut butter, butter and vanilla until creamy. Gradually beat in powdered sugar and graham cracker crumbs. Shape mixture into 16 eggs; place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate 30 minutes. In the microwave melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip eggs in chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Return eggs to baking sheets. Refrigerate 30 minutes. If desired, decorate with icing; let stand until set. Store in air-tight containers in refrigerator.

Meri Kay Rhodes, Tampa: "My boys like these cookies! Similar to Monster Cookies, but a smaller recipe."

- CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE OUTRAGEOUS**
- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/3 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup M&M's

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Beat sugars and butter together. Add peanut butter, egg and vanilla. Mix until creamy. Add flour, soda, salt then oatmeal, chocolate chips and M&M's. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia:

GARLIC ROSEMARY TURKEY

- 1 whole turkey, 10 to 12 pounds
- 6 to 8 garlic cloves
- 2 large lemons, halved
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 1 teaspoon rubbed sage
- Low-fat gravy, optional

Cut six to eight slits in turkey. Insert garlic cloves between skin and meat. Squeeze two lemon halves inside turkey and leave them inside. Squeeze remaining lemon over outside of turkey. Spray turkey with nonstick cooking spray; sprinkle with rosemary and sage. Place on a rack in roasting pan. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 1 hour. Cover & bake 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours or longer or until a meat thermometer reads 185 degrees. Yield: 12 servings.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

PARTY PUNCH

- 1 quart pineapple juice (chilled)
- 1 quart orange juice (chilled)
- 1 quart apple juice (chilled)
- 2 quarts gingerale (chilled)
- 2 quarts pineapple sherbet

Pour chilled juices and gingerale in punch bowl. Top with pineapple sherbet. Serves 25.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

APPLE DUMPLING CAKE

- 3 pounds peeled cored & sliced apples (tart apples work the best)
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup oil
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Place apples in baking dish. In a medium bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in eggs and oil. Dollop on top of apples. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake in oven 40-55 minutes or until topping is puffed and golden brown.

Kellee Rogers, Lawrence: **STRAWBERRY ORANGE SMOOTHIE**

- 2 cups orange juice
- 16-ounce package frozen whole strawberries
- 3.4-ounce package vanilla flavor instant pudding

Blend ingredients in blender until smooth. Makes 4 servings. Serve immediately.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **LEMON BARS**

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 14-ounce can condensed milk

2 egg yolks
 1 tablespoon zest and 1/2 cup juice from 2 lemons
 1 1/2 cups whipped topping
 1 cup fresh raspberries

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Mix graham crumbs, butter and sugar and blend; press onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes. Beat cream cheese with mixer until creamy. Gradually beat in milk. Add egg yolks, mix well. Blend in lemon zest and juice, pour over crust. Bake 20-22 minutes or until center is set. Cool completely. Refrigerate 2 hours. Use foil handles to remove dessert from pan before cutting into bars. Serve topped with whipped topping and raspberries.

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EASTER CANDY BARK

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Easter Sprinkles

Melt the white chocolate almond bark according to

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the directions on the package. Stir drops of pink gel food coloring into the white chocolate almond bark until your desired color has been reached. Pour the melted almond bark in a greased 8 x 8 pan or cookie sheet. Sprinkle your Easter candy into the melted almond bark. We used Easter candy corn; some other choices may be jelly beans. Shake the Easter sprinkles onto the melted almond bark. Refrigerate until hard. Break into pieces and enjoy!



MARSHMALLOW LAMB

Large Marshmallows
White Chocolate Almond Bark
Shredded Coconut
Jelly Beans
Pretzel Sticks

Melt the chocolate almond bark according to the directions on the package. Place small piles of shredded coconut onto waxed paper. Completely dip the marshmallow into the melt-

ed almond bark. Place the dipped marshmallow on top of the shredded coconut on the waxed paper. Let set for a few minutes. Roll the dipped marshmallow in the shredded coconut to coat. Press a jelly bean into the marshmallow for the lamb's head. Allow time for the chocolate to set. Break the pretzel sticks in half and insert into the bottom of the marshmallow for legs.

EASTER BASKET COOKIES

Vanilla Double Cream Stuffed Cookies
Shoestring Licorice Rope
White Almond Bark
Nilla Wafers
Green Frosting
Chocolate Covered Sunflower Seeds

Cut the vanilla double dream stuffed cookies in half. Carefully melt the almond bark and dip the bottom half of the cut vanilla double dream stuffed cookie and place the cookie onto a vanilla wafer. Let set. Cut lengths of shoestring licorice and insert the tips of the licorice into the cream portion of the cookies. Pipe the green frosting onto the top of the cookie to

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5 Easy Ham Glazes

To glaze or not to glaze? Definitely glaze with any of these five foolproof options!

Here's a quick tip: Cutting a diamond pattern into the top of the ham will ensure that the glaze gets down into it, making the meat extra flavorful.

For all of the following recipes instruction are the same:

In small bowl, mix all ingredients with whisk until well blended. Brush glaze over ham during last 45 minutes of baking.

Easy Blueberry-Chipotle Glaze

1/3 cup blueberry preserves
2 tablespoons finely chopped chipotle chiles in adobo sauce (from 7-ounce can)
2 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar

TIP: To make the glaze less spicy, use 1 tablespoon of chipotle chiles. This recipe can be easily doubled for a larger ham. The glaze would also be fantastic used on pork chops or a pork roast.

Easy Brown Sugar-Mustard Glaze

1/2 cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon pineapple juice

Easy Cola Glaze

1 cup packed dark brown sugar
3/4 cup cola carbonated beverage

Easy Orange-Soy Glaze

Juice of 1 large orange (about 1/2 cup)

1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Easy Pineapple-Ginger Glaze

3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup pineapple juice
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NOTE: For additional flavor, arrange fresh pineapple slices studded with cloves on the surface of the ham before baking and glazing.

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Kansas 4-H Foundation president announces retirement

Gordon Hibbard, president and chief executive officer of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, announced plans to retire from his position with the statewide non-profit organization. In a statement, Hibbard indicated that he intends to stay on in his current role through the end of 2014 to help with transitional issues. "While I'm very grateful to the Foundation's trustees and staff for their support, it is time for me to step aside," Hibbard said. "I want to pursue other interests and allow someone else the opportunity to provide leadership for the Foundation's future."



The Kansas 4-H Foundation provides private support and services benefiting the state's 4-H program. The Foundation's projects include Rock Spring 4-H Center - the nation's largest privately owned and operated 4-H camp and conference facility - as well as support for awards, scholarships, publications and financial services. The Foundation also owns the Clovia Scholarship House, a cooperative living facility at Kansas State University. "It has been an honor to serve the youth of Kansas during my 15 years with the Kansas 4-H Foundation," Hibbard said, adding, "I am humbled by the support that so many Kansans, especially our trustees, professionals and supporters, have provided our efforts." The Kansas 4-H Foundation is the nation's largest state 4-H foundation. It recently completed a \$12.8 million capital campaign benefiting the 4-H program, facilities at Rock Springs 4-H Center and the Clovia scholarship house. The campaign exceeded the foundation's original goal by more than \$2.8 million.

"The Foundation—and indeed, Kansas 4-H—benefitted immensely from Gordon's vision and leadership," Lee Borck, chairman of the Foundation's board of trustees said. "He accentuated the 'to make the best better' in the 4-H motto while leading the Foundation during his tenure, particularly in the recent successful Growing Kansas Leaders Campaign that generated \$12.8 million for Kansas 4-H and exceeded the \$10 million goal. We are grateful for the strong position he will leave the Kansas 4-H Foundation in upon his departure."

According to Borck, the Kansas 4-H Foundation's Board of Trustees will be discussing the process for selecting Hibbard's successor during its annual meeting and strategic planning effort in late April. Hibbard plans to remain in the Manhattan area. Prior to his work with the Kansas 4-H Foundation, he worked 21 years with the Kansas Farm Bureau, including four years as the farm organization's administrative vice president.

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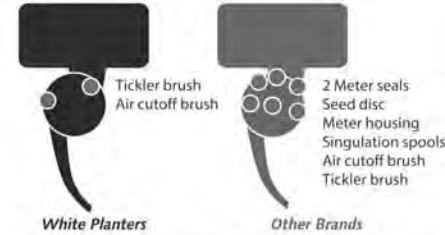
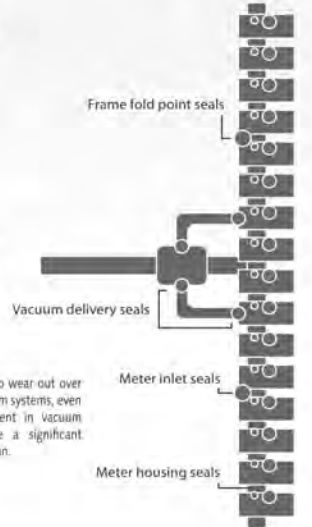
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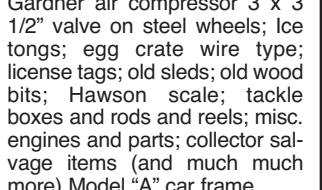
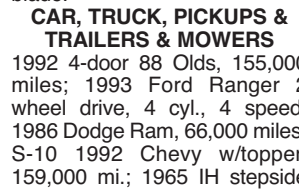
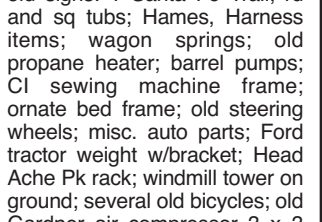
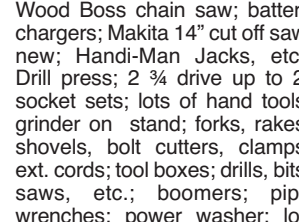
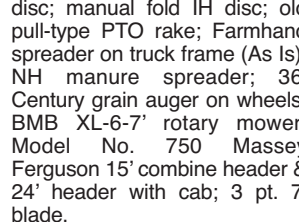
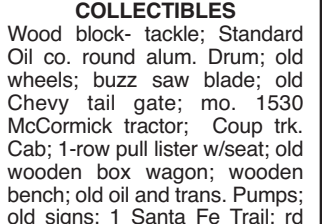
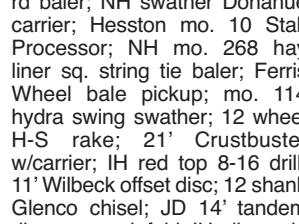
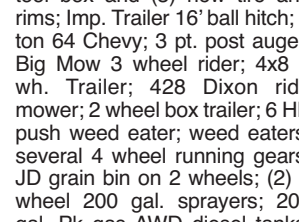
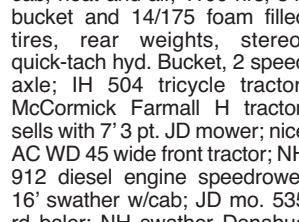
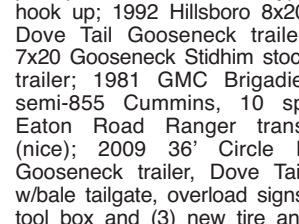
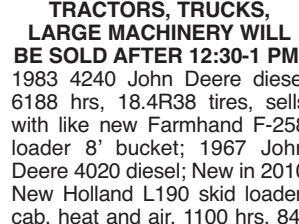
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Wheat Quality Tour participants will assess wheat crop

The registration date for the annual Hard Winter Wheat Quality Tour is coming up soon. The tour, sponsored by the Wheat Quality Council, assesses the condition and yield potential of the hard winter wheat crop across the state of Kansas.

This year's tour dates will be April 28 to May 1. The tour serves as an educational and networking opportunity for those who attend. Participants gain a firsthand understanding of what it takes for farmers to grow, manage, harvest and market the crop.

"I think many people are overestimating this crop in many ways," said Ben Hancock of the Wheat Quality Council. "We're not getting any rain. We need a couple inches in central and western Kansas."

These tours are a tremendous learning experience for any new people in the industry. They are also a great mentoring opportunity since each car on the tour has a tour veteran that can help teach any newcomers. This training and mentoring opportunity is an extremely good value for the amount of funda-

mental wheat industry knowledge that a person can acquire in just three short days.

Many foreign buyers of Kansas wheat will participate, giving those folks a chance to see the high quality of the Kansas crop.

More than 600 crop evaluations will be made in wheat fields throughout the state, and yield estimates made using a formula developed by the National Agriculture Statistics Service.

The current wheat crop has been struck with effects of winterkill and the

drought. The extent of damage will be assessed during the wheat quality tour.

"People are going to see wind damage like they haven't seen in a long time," Hancock said. "They better come look."

Encourage others from your organization or fraternal organizations to join you. A better educated wheat industry is beneficial to all of us.

Registration for the Hard Winter Wheat Quality Tour are being accepted until April 11. To register for the tour, visit wheatqualitycouncil.org.

Cutoff date extended to April 18 for Forestry Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative

State Conservationist Eric B. Banks for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the extension of the cutoff date to April 18, 2014, for the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI).

Even though CCPI is no longer a program under the 2014 Farm Bill, NRCS will honor existing CCPI agreements through fiscal year 2014. The CCPI provides financial and technical assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to owners and operators of agricultural land and nonindustrial private forestlands.

This year, the program is funded for shelterbelt renovation and forested riparian buffers. "For farmers and ranchers that need to restore a shelterbelt or want to plant ripar-

ian forest buffers, CCPI can provide financial assistance to help with the project," said Banks.

In Kansas, socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate for conservation practices related to CCPI.

For more information on CCPI projects and other natural resources conservation programs, please contact your local

NRCS office or conservation district office. The office is located at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the internet at offices.usda.gov). More information is also available on the Kansas Website at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter @NRCS_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Ben Thompson, Mysterious Dave Mather, and Bill Tilghman only begin the long list. Three brothers, Ed, Bat, and Jim Masterson, were new arrivals to the buffalo range in 1872. During the winter of 1872-73 the Mastersons killed and butchered up to twenty buffalo per day. When their wagons were filled they turned toward Dodge City to market the meat and enjoy a few days of leisure.

Bat was present at the famous Battle of Adobe Walls in the Texas panhandle when buffalo hunters successfully repelled an attack from a combined force of Comanche, Kiowa, and Cheyenne warriors. Bat was twenty years old at the time. By 1877 Bat invested in a Dodge City saloon, advancing a new career as a "sporting man."

A sporting designation indicated an interest in the various forms of entertainment that could be found in frontier towns. Bat had a natural calling as a gambling man. He was also a

good man to have around when things got rowdy. His reputation as an enforcer led to a position as Ford County Under Sheriff in 1877. Older brother Ed Masterson became Dodge City Marshal the same year. Bat became Ford County Sheriff in 1878. Younger brother Jim would eventually join the police force.

However, in early 1878

Jim was still on the buffalo range. When he returned to Dodge City in late February the Dodge City Globe reported that Jim had been absent nearly four months. A few weeks earlier Bat and Ed were involved in an exciting man-hunt after train robbers. One of the captured outlaws was the notorious Dirty Dave Rudebaugh. For the most part Bat's duties as sheriff kept him busy in the county while Ed tended to affairs within city limits.

Dodge City had graduated from a buffalo town to a cow town by the mid 1870s. Texas cattle were coming up the Western Cattle Trail in great droves with lots of young cowboys just itching to "wet their whistle" in the famous Dodge City. Soldiers from nearby Fort Dodge only added to the commotion. Marshal Ed Masterson

had his hands full as the 1878 winter turned to spring. The soldiers left their mark one particular night in March.

According to the newspaper "Our police force were kept jumping till three o'clock yesterday morning (March 25), corralling disturbed outlaws of the peace. The result was a full calaboose of soldiers for Police court yesterday." There were "prize fights" to be broken up in the streets, and vagrants to examine as to their motivation for existence on the Dodge City streets. One of the marshal's prisoners tried to burn the jail down by setting his blankets on fire. Marshal Masterson reckoned that at least thirty men were lounging around town without visible means of support.

The Dodge City Times reported on the marshal's

plan to organize "a tramp brigade for the purpose of clearing the streets and alleys of the filth and rubbish that has been accumulating for a year or so." Whether Ed had a chance to implement the tramp brigade is not known. On April 9, 1878, Marshal Masterson and a deputy disarmed a drunken cowboy who was carrying a firearm contrary to the "No

Gun Ordinance." The marshal and his deputy then stepped out of the saloon into the evening air. But the offending cowboy pulled a "hideout" pistol and stalked the officers out the door. Ed turned to grab his assailant just as the gun went off. According to the newspaper, "the discharge set the Marshal's clothes on fire."

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Some versions of the shooting say that Bat arrived in time to return fire in his brother's defense. The cowboy crumpled with a bullet in his abdomen. Another cowboy caught a bullet through the lung. Shots also broke his arm in two places.

Marshal Masterson coolly walked across the railroad tracks to George Hoover's saloon, announced, "George, I'm shot," and sank to the floor. He was carried to Bat's room where he died approximately one half-hour later. Ed Masterson was eulogized as one who had lived life well and was loved by all who had known the boy who had become a man while keeping the peace on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier*, publishes *Kansas Cowboy*, *Old West history from a Kansas perspective*, and is Executive Director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058

Beef Cattle and Forage Crops Field Day set for May 1

Topics ranging from dried distillers grains to fescue to alfalfa and more will be covered at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle and Forage Crops Field Day on Thursday, May 1 at the Mound Valley Community Center, located at 505 Hickory Street.

The field day, sponsored by K-State's Southeast Agricultural Research Center, begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9 a.m.

In addition to presentations by K-State Research and Extension specialists, the field day offers displays by companies and organizations linked to the southeast Kansas beef cattle industry. Complimentary coffee, donuts and lunch will be served, thanks to numerous sponsors.

"This is an exciting time to be in the beef cattle business. We will be addressing topics that will enable producers to increase their efficiency of production and take advantage of record cattle prices to increase the profitability of their enterprise," said Lyle Lomas, K-State animal scientist and head of the SEARC.

Presentations include:
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• Nutrition for Development of Replacement Heifers – Jaymelynn Farney, Southeast Area Extension beef specialist; and

• Providing Distillers Grains to Grazing Stocker Cattle in Self-Fed Supplements – Dale Blasi, K-State beef cattle Extension specialist.

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Homeground & Other Geographies

by Tom Parker

I went out looking for one thing and found another, which is usually the way of it. At one time I would have considered this an act of serendipity, but the older I get the more I view it as being receptive to the world around me coupled with an innate sense of wonder how it so often seems that our steps are directed by an outside source or agency, our little acts of discovery no more than a summons.

Even so, at first I wasn't sure what I was seeing other than a magnificent old barn I'd seen a thousand times, now changed but not so drastically that it was evident. It appeared smaller somehow, squatter, the doorway truncated or shortened so that access could be made only by crawling. The immediate area surrounding the barn was littered with rusty sheets of galvanized tin as if an explosion had blown them pinwheeling across the sky. Otherwise, it was the same barn at the head of the same valley on the south side of the railroad tracks, but not.

From my vantage on the elevated tracks I studied the not-familiar barn and the dirt road leading to it and the dark copse of cedars off to the side. I wondered what that darkness might harbor. Dogs are always my first concern when exploring, a personal phobia harkening back to my youth and reinforced through several encounters with wild dog packs in the outlands of rural Kansas. Wishing I'd brought my binoculars, I scanned the grounds and the valley meandering off toward the south and the two-track slanting up the left ridge toward a signal tower of some kind and the open gate which offered an irresistible invitation. The place appeared deserted. A slight breeze whispered through the sumacs along the fence-line, accompanied by the staccato calls of red-winged blackbirds and the pure flute-like notes of meadowlarks. The light was hazy and smoky and the sun lowering in the west.

Sliding down the steep grassy banks, I dropped

down to the road and passed beneath the trestle and made my way toward the barn. I remembered that shortly after we moved here a friend took us to a high ridge to the west where we looked down onto the valley where it opened into the wider course of the river shining in the distance like hammered steel, the barn a massive rectangular structure placed

athwart the mouth of the narrower valley like some woodsided fortification. Even from the distance it was impressive, easily the biggest barn I'd ever laid eyes on, low-sided and top-heavy and crowned with a pair of sharp cupolas. It was reputed to having once been considered the largest such structure in the state, though how much of that was wishful thinking or unsubstantiated truth was hard to tell. Certainly back in the day the Cottrell barn on the far side of Irving eclipsed it in sheer mass, but it was long gone, brought down by neglect and what witnesses described as a microburst.

Now it seemed sunken in on itself. In many ways I felt the same about myself having spent the past two months printing hundreds

of photographs for an upcoming project and in general being chained to my computer with little time off for good behavior. That the winter had been excessively cold only added to my sense of isolation and captivity. But here I was, limping my way down a weedy road toward what would become a home away from home, a place of freedom where I could stretch my legs and set off with nothing to stop me for miles, each step, each foot-

fall more certain than the last.

The feeling was indescribable. I had been too long indoors, too restricted to the narrow confines of my home office, divorced from the natural world and birdsong and the smell of growing things. By the time I reached the barn I was ready to keep going until distance or a well-strung fence stopped me cold, but instead I halted to give it a more critical look.

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2013 Taxes: Tract 1 - \$1307.35 Tract 2 - \$111.62

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Ag Heritage Park announces 2014 Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show April 19

It had, I realized, collapsed, pancaking the lower floor without tilting or leaning the slightest degree. From all outward appearances it had simply sunk until its eaves rested on the ground. Peering through the half-doorway, the shattered timbers told the story of its demise.

Loss is the natural order of things. Nothing lasts forever, not people, not towns, and certainly not barns. But barns, like windmills and outhouses, are iconic representations of a vanishing America, and their passing cannot fail but make us feel lessened. A part of our past—perhaps the very best part, when the world was smaller and hard work and self-sufficiency had meaning—had, with the splintering of old wood hammered by straight-line winds, been brought to its knees.

There was nothing left to do but document its final days. Though my feet wanted to go, to climb the hill where I could see the rounded outline of a limestone cistern or to follow the valley to its inevitable conclusion, I set to work framing the barn against a foreground of timbers and wind-battered outbuildings, honored to be given the task. I'd set out to find fire and found ruin instead, and in the process had broken the chains binding me to my self-imposed exile, each natural process merely another form of renewal.

Ag Heritage Park is "cranking up" for the annual Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show, scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2014, at Ag Heritage Park, 103 S. Main, Alta Vista. The tractors will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a "Parade of Power" cruise through downtown scheduled at 9:30 a.m. There is no pre-registration required, and no registration fee for the day.

Ag Heritage Park is expecting a good number of tractors, including a 1938 Minneapolis-Moline UDLX Comfortractor. Tagged "The Gentleman's Tractor," the Minneapolis-Moline company streamlined a cab and set of fenders on an existing tractor chassis, offering both the utility of a tractor and the comfort of an automobile in one vehicle. The enclosed tractor was ahead of its time, suitable as a workhorse going up to 45 mph by day and for an evening on the town at night. In early 1938, Minneapolis-Moline produced 25 of the UDLX (short for Model & Deluxe) models, with an optional cab. Later in the year, 125 more were equipped with cabs as standard equipment. While the tractor was too pricey for most farmers, it was also introduced in the industrial world equipped with snow plows, and it is recorded that some rural

mail carriers even found them useful. This Comfortractor is owned by Stamm Tractors, and will be shown by the Clint Stamm Family, of Washington.

The schedule for the day, besides the tractor show, includes Ron Schultz and Friends Jamming, beginning at 11:00 a.m., featuring bluegrass and gospel music. Also scheduled is a barn quilt block "how-to" program, sponsored by the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Those attending the program will gain information on topics from choosing patterns, sizes and location, to priming, painting, and hanging your own

barn block. The Ag Heritage Park main museum building sports two barn quilt blocks painted by artist Susan Kesl.

Lunch, snacks and drinks will be available all day on the grounds. The Alta Vista Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a biscuit and gravy breakfast downtown from 7 - 10 a.m., as well as the annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in the city park. Local businesses will be open, including several collectible and antique shops, and cafés.

Ag Heritage Park will be open tractor show day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Besides viewing the trac-

tors in the show, visitors may "step back in time" and tour the 40 tractors on display in the park, ranging in age from 1918 to 1960. These tractors were collected by Ag Heritage Park founder, Everett Zimmerman, and put on public display back in 1999. The park features a large display of horse-drawn equipment, as well as other farm equipment dated from the 1800s through the mid-1960s. Also on the grounds are 1885 era one room school house, two room farm house, and a log cabin, along with other farm outbuildings. Two museum buildings include a com-

plete display of household items, miscellaneous farm memorabilia and machinery. Ag Heritage Park displays offer interest for young and old, and any age group. Admission to the park is a donation for park upkeep and maintenance.

For more information concerning the Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show on Saturday, April 19th, or to schedule individual visits or bus tours to Ag Heritage Park on future dates, please call Kirby Zimmerman, 620-767-2714, Hazel Zimmerman, 785-482-3865, or Connie Larson, 785-532-8393. Visit www.AgHeritagePark.com for updates.

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Kansas farmers urged to "Know Before You Grow" this planting season

It is corn planting season in Kansas and the Kansas Corn Commission is again reminding growers to "Know Before You Grow." Through the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) website growers can view information on the release of new seed varieties, policy stances, biotech traits and grower agreements. The site, "Know Before You Grow," is designed to help growers have a better understanding of the type of corn they're growing and the needs of their customers.

The Kansas Corn Commission funds NCGA's efforts to educate growers on trade policy and biotechnology. Recognizing the importance of the export markets, NCGA has actively educated growers with the Know Before You Grow website for several years.

Much of the state's corn is used in livestock feed for Kansas livestock and also for ethanol. Some, however, does go into export markets and many Kansas ethanol plants export dried distillers grains (DDGS). The NCGA Trade Policy

and Biotechnology Action team, chaired by Wisconsin grower Jim Zimmerman is leading the Know Before You Grow effort.

"In a globalized agricultural economy, it is important that farmers understand the delicate balance that must be struck between ensuring access to the technologies while also safeguarding export markets," Zimmerman said. "The balance is especially challenging in the case of China since the country already has an asynchronous approval system for biotech traits. This is only compounded as China has recently fallen behind even their normal asynchronous approval timelines... Both biotechnology and export markets play a key role in maintaining profitability. Making decisions based in solid information will be key to maintaining profitability moving forward." In examining the specific case of Syngenta's Agrisure Duracade corn with China, the team looked at the importance of products to combat intense rootworm pressure seen in some areas. While the need to


maintain export markets remains of great importance to NCGA, it also saw the potential difficulty farmers would face if a regulatory system that is not functioning overseas could bar farmers' access to necessary technologies indefinitely. In light of these circumstances, NCGA asked that Syngenta develop a controlled limited release of the trait that would keep corn grown using Agrisure Duracade seed out of export channels in a closely monitored fashion.

Information to be found on the Know Before You Grow website includes:

The National Corn Growers Association stands solidly true to its policy in maintaining all new events must have approval in the United States and Japan prior to release. Additionally, the trait provider must be actively pursuing approval in all other markets for U.S. corn.

In the 2012/2013 marketing year, exports to China represented 0.8 percent of the total U.S. corn supply. As specific issues have arisen from the release of Agrisure Duracade,


which currently is not approved in China or the European Union, NCGA reminds growers that corn used in ethanol production also often enters export streams as distillers dried grains. DDGS are a valuable feed ingredient gaining popularity in China and other export markets. Corn growers are urged to examine the traits approved in export markets prior to planting. With current gaps in trait approvals abroad, farmers should make well-informed planting decisions to avoid potentially difficult situations should elevators again decide not to accept corn with these traits at harvest. Growers should read their grower agreements before planting and communicate with their grain buyers. This is why NCGA works with technology providers to publicize regular updates on the approval status of these events. Regardless of export status, there is an ample market for U.S. biotech corn. To learn more, visit Know Before You Grow, ncga.com/for-farmers/know-before-you-grow.



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Legal Description: SW/4 of 33-14-24 W 6 PM Trego Co., KS. F.S.A. Info: 83.63 acres cult. (All planted wheat) 76.06 acres grass. **Land Location:** From Arnold, KS 1 mi. E on Hi-way 4, 10 mi. N to 180th Ave and X Rd., then E 1 mi., then 1/2 mi. S. **Possession:** Immediate with the purchaser receiving 100% of the 83.63 acres planted wheat for 2014 crop.

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Kansas soybean farmers encourage everyone to mark National Soyfoods Month

During April, National Soyfoods Month, Kansas soybean farmers encourage their neighbors to explore new ways to incorporate healthy soyfoods into their families' balanced diets alongside soy-fed beef, pork, poultry and dairy products.

"We encourage consumers to include soy in their diets," said Charlene Patton, a Topeka-based home economist who has worked as the Kansas Soybean Commission's consumer-media specialist for more than 15 years, educating consumers about

soy's nutritional benefits. "Our recommendation is to have at least 25 grams of soy protein per day for a heart-healthy diet."

She said that can be as easy as taking a trip to the grocery store.

"People don't realize they already incorporate soy into their daily diets through everyday products," she explained. "One of the great things now is that customers don't need to go to a health-food store to find soy products. No one has to change everything they eat or create all new recipes. Soy prod-

ucts are readily available in mainstream grocery stores."

In today's markets, soy can be found as a main ingredient in countless baked goods, breakfast cereals, pastas, meats and beverages, like soy milk. All offer consumers heart-healthy alternatives to their favorite foods without sacrificing flavor.

Besides being a main ingredient in many family-favorite foods, different varieties of soybeans make delicious additions to meals. Patton said many people often do not realize

they are eating soy.

"Food has to taste good or families won't eat it," she said. "Soy is a great-tasting alternative for those with dietary restrictions. For example, adding tofu to a strawberry milkshake instead of ice cream provides the same creamy texture people love while adding protein."

Find Patton's media schedule and more than 300 soyfoods recipes — in more than a dozen cate-

gories, including appetizers, snacks, beverages, breads, desserts, entrees and salads — at <http://KansasSoybeans.org/consumers> on the Web.

Other recipes, lunch-box ideas and help finding soyfoods in your local grocery store are available at <http://SoyfoodsMonth.org>.

"While National Soyfoods Month primarily is about consuming soybeans or soy-based foods, it also is a great opportunity to

remind people that animal agriculture is the largest 'processor' of soybeans. In fact, livestock and poultry consume 97 percent of the soybean meal produced in this country," Patton said. "That is why the soybean checkoff encourages consumer choices toward a balanced diet, funds research to improve both soyfoods and soybean meal, and supports programs in animal agriculture."

Stone fence renovation workshop planned in Dover for late April

The 14th semi annual Native Stone Scenic Byway Committee's stone fence renovation workshop is scheduled for April 26 & 27, 2014. They will be working on a "new construct" fence across the front of the Sage Inn in Dover.

Participants are asked to apply. Rocky Slaymaker, a professionally trained dry stone conservancy mason, will again be the lead teacher. The workshop gives Kansans the opportunity to learn how their forefathers built these sturdy fences.

The historic stone fences, which were authorized by the Kansas legislature in 1867, are highlights of the Kansas Native Stone Scenic Byway. Participants will learn the nine essential elements for successful stone fence building and repair. Participation fee is \$100 and the workshop registration is limited. There are a few scholarships available for young people of high school or college age. Contact Mari-ta Elliott, Kansas Native Stone Scenic Byway Committee, at (785) 817-3005, or e-mail her at samari0043@gmail.com. You may also download an application from the website of the Wabaunsee County Economic Development Office (wabaunsee.com), click on Native Stone Scenic Byway.

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USDA officially announces sign-up date for farmer and rancher disaster assistance programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that farmers and ranchers can sign up for disaster assistance programs, reestablished and strengthened by the 2014 Farm Bill, beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Quick implementation of the programs has been a top priority for USDA.

"These programs will provide long-awaited disaster relief for many livestock producers who have endured significant financial hardship from weather-related disasters while the programs were expired and awaiting Congressional action," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I prioritized the implementation of these disaster assistance programs now that the Farm Bill has restored and strengthened them."

The Livestock Indemnity

Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Enrollment also begins on April 15 for producers with losses covered by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible livestock includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, bison, poultry, sheep, swine, horses, and other livestock

as determined by the secretary.

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire on publicly managed land. An eligible livestock producer must own, cash lease, or be a contract grower of eligible livestock during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of the qualifying drought or fire in a county that is rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as D2, D3, or D4.

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying or-

chardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees have worked exceptionally hard over the past two months to ensure eligible farmers and ranchers would be able to enroll to

receive disaster relief on April 15.

To expedite applications, all producers who experienced losses are encouraged to collect records documenting these losses in preparation for the enrollment in these disaster assistance programs. Information on the types of records necessary can be provided

by local FSA county offices. Producers also are encouraged to contact their county office ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office or USDA Service Center.




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- April 15 — Flint Hills native pastureland at Manhattan. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Realty & Auction.
- April 15 — Saline County cropland at Salina for Duane & Karen Kogler. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.
- April 16 — Prairie Township, Jewell County land at Beloit for Donald & Joleen Grelinger. Auctioneers: Hansen Auction & Realty.
- April 16 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
- April 17 — Land (native Flint Hills pasture) at Emporia for Robert & Elaine Karr. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.
- April 18 — Scaffolding, walk boards, shop lights, hand tools, tools, light bulbs, office & break room items at Olathe for Secured Creditor. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.
- April 18 — Feed truck, cattle equip., GN trailer, antiques, tractor, farm equip., tools, power tools, ammo, guns, spurs & more at Latham for Ed Hodges. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc.
- April 19 — Tractors, equipment, vehicles/trailers, shop tool, lawn & garden in Hillsboro for Jerry Dalke Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.
- April 19 — Vehicles, antiques, household, tools & misc. at Belleville for Mary Ellen Kasl. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
- April 19 — Tools, S&K and Mac tools, guns, misc. implement attachments, Lone Ranger wheel horse tractor at Reading for Marvin Emley. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.
- April 19 — Vehicles, equipment, greenhouse, nursery supplies, office supplies, collectibles & misc. at Lawrence for Sunrise Garden Center. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.
- April 19 — Antique Furniture, Furniture, Collectibles, Glassware, Large Collection of Liberty Falls Village Pieces at Manhattan for Catherine Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- April 19 — Tools, furniture, glassware & collectibles near Delavan for estate items from storage unit (name withheld). Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhaefer.
- April 19 — Complete mechanic shop & furniture, race car, guns at Abilene for Chad Thrush Estate. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.
- April 19 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & farm machinery NE of Westmoreland for Tim Stadel. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.
- April 19 — Furniture, household, glassware, sewing, tools, misc. at North Lawrence for Estate of Don & Sharon Chaney. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.
- April 19 — Tools, race car, racing parts, shop equipment, 2 post car lift vehicles, household South of Abilene for Chad Thrush Estate. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.
- April 19 — Antiques, Depression glass, vehicles, primitives & tools at Detroit for Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Geist. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.
- April 21 — Tractors, trucks, farm equip., hay & grain equip., anhyd. & irrig. equip., homes to be moved near Rozel for Machinery formerly owned by Joe Powell, et al. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.
- April 21 — Production sale at Marysville Livestock Auction for Ohlde Cattle Co.
- April 22 — Cars, trucks, trailers, skid steer, tools, commercial mower, roto tiller, landscaping materials & lawn and garden equip. at Manhattan for Kansas Dept. of Revenue, Riley County Police Dept., Kansas State Bank. Auctioneers: Totally Auction, Jeff Ruckert.
- April 22 — Home with apartment at Manhattan for Hoerner Family Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- April 23 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
- April 24 — Dickinson County farm land at Abilene for Julia's Farm, LC. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.
- April 24 — Sedgwick County real land near Garden Plain for Heirs of George E. Jerrick. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.
- April 25 — Jewelry, coins, sterling silver, advertising items, antiques, furniture, old tins, guns & misc. at El Dorado. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.
- April 26 — Carnival glass, jewelry, Skelly Oil metal sign, Hull pottery, antique furniture, Dr. Pepper collectibles, appliances, glassware, antiques, fishing equip., tools & more at El Dorado for Estate of Jim Barr. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.
- April 26 — Trucks, trailers, equipment, concrete equipment, supplies, shop tools & misc. at Lawrence for Concrete, Inc. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.
- April 26 — Tractors, combines, trucks, pickups, antique farm equip. at Sylvan Grove for Robert "Bobby" A. Gier Estate. Auctioneers: Meitler Auction Service.
- April 26 — Farm consignment auction at Augusta. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.
- April 26 — Tractors, combine & farm machinery, guns & farm related items at Canton for James & Judy White. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction & Real Estate.
- April 26 — Home on 4.54 Acres, 2001 Toyota Sienna, Tools and Equipment, Appliances, Furniture, Household at Tecumseh for Darrell D. Humphries. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- April 26 — Chase County Flint Hills land (pastures, grasses, ponds, home, out-buildings) at Cottonwood Falls. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.
- April 26 — Coins & currency at Salina. Auctioneers: Mark Baxa.
- April 26 — Tractors, trucks, trailers, yard equipment & excess inventory at Randolph for Bellman Enterprises. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.
- April 26 — Cars, trucks & parts cars, car parts, tools, collectibles & household South of Lorraine for

Beneke Carter Family. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 26 — Tractors, trucks, large machinery, car, truck, pickups, trailers, mowers, farm & shop tools, trailer items, livestock supply items, antiques & collectibles near Lincolnville for Lawrence Svoboda Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhaefer.

April 26 — Coins at Emporia for Harold Lingenfelter & other seller. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

April 26 — Tools at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

April 27 — Household & antiques at Manhattan for Tom & Helen Unterberger. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

April 28 — High Grade Holstein milking herd dispersal at Soldier for Coe Farms, LLC. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC and Hartter Auction Service.

April 28 — Trego County land at Ransom for Louis Rosproy Conservatorship. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 29 — Pottawatomie County land (2 tracts) at Olsburg for Helen L. Berridge Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, Mark Uhlik.

May 1 — Flint Hills Grass & Wildlife acreage at Olpe for Samuel W. Wine. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 1 — Land (between Manhattan and Wamego) at Wamego for Gene Bammes & Wilna Bammes. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 1 — Furniture, appliances, antiques, collectibles, tools, sporting goods, hand tools & more at Salina for Joan Dark. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC, Mark Baxa & Norm Miller.

May 3 — House, shop, out-buildings, pond & acreage, personal property at Goddard for Eva

Courchaine & the Estate of the late Jean-Marc Courchaine. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Realty & Auction; National Realty & Auction, Bill Eberhardt.

May 3 — Residence & lots, vehicles, old Colt Burgess 44 cal. lever action rifle, household goods, tools & misc. at Solomon for the Estates of Betty Baker & Dale Baker. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

May 6 — Tools, furniture & supplies at Salina. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC, Mark Baxa & Norm Miller.

May 6 — Glassware at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

May 7 — Washington County land at Morrowville for Bonnie Elliott. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

May 10 — Construction equipment, tools, vehicles, and farm equipment in Onaga for Kenneth J. Marten. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

May 10 — Antique furniture & collectibles at Council Grove for Davy & Mary Picolet. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 10 — Glassware, Roseville, Hummels & pottery, dolls, furniture, antiques, collectibles, toys at Salina. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC, Mark Baxa & Norm Miller.

May 10 — Antique tractor machinery & salvage at Marysville, Missouri for Mike Fisher. Auctioneers: Hoepker Auction Service.

May 10 — Tractors, machinery & household at Whiting for Max & Sharon Hollander Farm auction. Auctioneers: Wayne Pagel, Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.

May 10 — Construction equipment, vehicles, tools & model airplanes at Onaga for Kenneth Marten Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

May 10 — Antique farm equipment, tools, parts, vehicles North of Abilene for Don Zumbrunn. Auc-

tioners: Reynolds Auction Service.

May 17 — Real estate (2 bedroom house), antiques, collectibles, furniture at Council Grove for Doris Garrett. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 17 — Antique tractors, other antiques at Riley for Harold Johnson. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

May 19 — Tractors, combine, pickup, trailers, clown hearse, machinery, 4 wheeler, tools & other near Munden for Ray & Beverly Reynolds. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 24 — Antique furniture, primitives & collectibles at Council Grove for Virgil Swartz Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 24 — Abilene High School Carpentry Class 3 bedroom home at Abilene for USD 435. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

May 26 — Harley Gerdes 21st annual Memorial Day Consignment auction at Lyndon.

May 31 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

June 28 — Tractors, tools, antiques, household at Emporia for Bill & Wilma Finney Living Estate. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

September 1 — Harley Gerdes 19th annual Labor Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

September 5 — Machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

September 26-27 — Kansas Barn Alliance BarnFest Conference/Tour, Dickinson County.

November 1 — Harley Gerdes Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

November 21 — Farm machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

January 1, 2015 — Harley Gerdes 30th annual New Years Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

CAR AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 — 9:00 AM

Auction will be held at the farm located 5 miles South of Lorraine, Kansas on 10th road (1 mile South) of Highway 4 then 1/2 mile East on C

CARS, TRUCKS & PARTS CARS

1990 GMC Sierra SLX 3500 dually pickup 4 sp, 454 engine less than 4000 miles on engine, electric doors & windows; 1929 Chevy truck frame chassis & motor; 1962 Chevy C60 truck 4 speed; 1952 Chevy 1 1/2 ton truck; Chevy 20 Custom Camper complete 350 engine; 1967 Chevy 10 327 engine, 4 sp, positive rear end complete; 1961 Chevy Apache 20 6 cy engine, 4 speed complete; **Parts cars inc.:** 1974 Camaro, 20 1955-1957 Chevy cars & wagons; 10 1955-1959 Chevy pickups; 2 1958 Chevy wagons; 6 1959-1960 cars & El Camino; 1962 Impala 2 door hardtop; 2 1963 Impalas; 3 1966 & 1967 Impalas; 2 1968 - 1969 Impalas; 1970 Belair; 1971 Chevrolet 2 door; 8 1960-1966 Chevy & GMC pickups; 8 1967-1972 Chevy & GMC pickups; 8 1946-1948 Chevy; 1959 Chevy Apache 32 body; 1957 Chevy 3100 short body frame; 1955 Chevy 3100 short body frame; 1969 & 1970 El Camino; 1961 Chevy panel truck; 1960's Metro Mite utility van; 1957 Chevy 3800 1 ton dually w/wrecker sling; 1970 Chevy

dually; 1969 Chev C10 complete; 1965 Chev 4 door Biscayne runs; 1964 Chevy Impala wagon body w/frame, brakes steering air; 1972 Impala 4 door sedan complete; 1964 Biscayne 4 door sedan; 2 1946 Chevy coupe; 1967 Caprice wagon; 1957 Chevy 4 dr complete; 1950 Chevy sedan delivery; 1956 Chevy 3600 long bed; 1967 GMC pickup complete; 1960s Honda motorcycles.

CAR PARTS

Chevy engines (SS265, 283, 327, 350, 350 Vortec); 71 Chevrolet front clip; GM & Chevy 1955-1966 short step side boxes; 1959 pickup cab; **thousands of boxes of new GM parts (20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's & 70's water pumps, brake shoes, brake repair kits, weather stripping, tie rod ends, interior pieces, engine parts, oil pans, hubs, axles, transmission, gas-kets);** assortment of 1955-1972 Chevy parts; generators; alternators; several 12 bolt rear ends; transmissions (Power glide, Turbo 350 & 400, 4 speed); very large assortment of fenders, hoods, doors; assortment car radios; large assortment tires & wheels;

camper toppers; pickup fuel tanks; 200 shop manuals (1960-1970); GM sales literature, pictures & advertising; large assortment of parts.

TOOLS, COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD

24' shop built triple axle 24' flat bed gooseneck trailer; 7 pickup 2 wheel trailers; car hauler trailer; bumper hitch car winch on wheels; Caldwell 3 pt. 5' mower; 3 pt. 8' blade; 3 pt. 5' blade; winch; DR trimmer; 2 engine stands; 2 cherry pickers; floor jacks; Marquette welder; key machine & keys; 18 drawer cabinet on wheels; JD 68 riding mower; bumper jacks; jack stands; assortment of hand tools; pine kitchen cabinet; pine short tables; large assortment car tags; COOP sign; **30 bikes inc.:** Schwinn w/tanks, Schwinn tandem; walking plow; walking lister; 5 tooth cultivator; iron RR cart; 1950's light fixtures; pop bottles; new round Pepsi signs; wood planes; 2 man saw; 5 gal gas cans; 2 drawer file cabinet; dinette set; stereo; golf clubs; 30 telephone poles; 60' trailer house frame w/wheels; 2 ton truck tool box; headache rack; Chevy utility bed; assortment of other items.

Note: This is a very large auction. We will start with tools & collectables. We will be on the cars & trucks at 12:30 p.m. Check our web site at www.thummelauction.com for pictures. For more information contact Darrin Carter at 785-822-8668.

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The Western Migration Invasion

The legalization of marijuana in Colorado has brought to a head a common point of contention that has happened in state after state. It is a generational change, a population shift that is the result of the inevitable roll of civilization.

It also marks a shift from rural to urban.

Over the years I have watched certain western towns and cities evolve into mini-metros that no longer belong to the state that bore them; Santa Fe, Aspen, Missoula, Sedona, Monterey and Deer Valley.

They become baby Berkeleys or Austins or Madisons. They grow and metastasize. They start changing the laws, the values and the livelihoods of the invaded towns and states, into those from the cities they left behind.

It is often referred to as "Californication." The new wave of settlers leave the state of their upbringing because it's too crowded, crime is omnipresent, politics are corrupt, freeways are snarled and it's no place to raise a family.

One day, on vacation, they drive through a western city with spectacular views, open space, friendly folk, and not much

crime, so they buy a piece of property. They build a second home and commute back and forth; it's so quaint, they stay.

They bring with them the conveniences and expectations they took for granted in their metroplex. The locals originally look at it as a blessing, a taxable addition. The more they cater to new money, the deeper they fall into the trap of dependency.

Then the newcomers begin to miss the attitudes and modernity that made big city living bearable. "This is the 21st century! Let's get with it!" They have no historical sense of

intrinsic value or the hardship of generations, or the workin' man culture. They are the Princess Di trying to fit in with the Duck Dynasty!

The newbies don't enjoy having a hog farm down the road, kids getting out of school for hunting season, or for skiing on Fridays. They despise zoning laws that allow sale barns, dairies, timber mills, mining claims, or gas wells to prosper.

The new settlers gain influence and numbers primarily because of their financial advantage. Over a period of years a tipping point is reached. The town is now being run by money

made elsewhere. Eventually the locals are relegated to serving their conquerors. A community that 25 years ago would have been appalled, now welcomes topless bars, a resort tax, gated neighborhoods, private security guards, license tags for your dog or a Pot Hole that sells marijuana to users.

Oh well, I better go look at Princess Di's horse. She always pays her bill.

BPI's defamation suit against ABC News will proceed

Judge Cheryl Gering of the Union County Circuit Court in South Dakota ruled on March 17 to allow most of Beef Products Inc.'s \$1.2 billion defamation case against ABC News and others to proceed, rejecting the network's arguments for dismissal.

The ruling was not made on whether defamation occurred, but that in 22 of the 27 claims, including alleged product disparagement and interference with business relationships, BPI could continue to pursue its case against the network and on-air personalities, Jim Avila and

Diane Sawyer.

BPI filed the suit against ABC in September 2012 alleging that ABC launched a misinformation campaign that had an adverse effect on BPI's reputation, and used the term "pink slime" to describe the company's Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB) even after it had been provided factual information about the product.

As a result of the misinformation campaign, BPI claims sales declined from approximately five million pounds of LFTB per week to less than two million pounds per week, three BPI

facilities closed, and more than 700 employees lost their jobs. ABC, however, argued that they never said BPI's product was unsafe, and the lawsuit stifles free speech, Reuters reports.

"The entirety of the broadcasts can be reason-

ably interpreted as insinuating that plaintiffs are improperly selling a product that is not nutritious and/or not safe for the public's consumption," the judge's ruling said. Gering also said the contexts in which ABC made certain of its

statements justified allowing BPI to continue its case. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/bpi-abc>.

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