Increasing the odds for beef

By Miranda Reiman

You have to eat it. That's really the only way to know if a steak is going to be good

So it is with all "experience goods." Wine and beauty products are other examples.

That's why it is so important to have a system in place that helps predict product performance, says Daryl Tatum, Colorado State University meat scien-

The wine industry has its ratings and flavor descriptions and the beef community its quality grades.

In a new research review, "Recent trends: beef quality, value and price," Tatum combined the results of several studies to provide a comprehensive overview of the grading system's ability to predict sensory performance and value of beef.

The results say consumers who want more than a "run-of-the-mill" eating experience should reach for premium Choice or Prime.

With Prime, there's a 97% chance of having a good eating experience, and that is 93% with premium Choice, but low Choice moves to 82%. Select is a "roll of the look at these things, it dice," Tatum explains, with a one-in-three chance of having a negative experi-

"After sorting for brands, what's left in the Choice box isn't too special," Tatum says, noting that at least a third of the total Choice category is sold in branded beef and premium programs.

Moving up on the grading scale helps improve the odds dramatically. The odds of a good eating experience are 2.9 times greater when trading up from low Choice to premium Choice.

Economic signals reflect that reality.

performance "Sensory does align with the price difference in the trade," he

From 2012 to 2014, the average carcass grid values showed a \$13.64 per hundredweight (cwt.) premium for Prime, on down to a \$10.09/cwt. discount for Se-Charting those lect. amounts along with the meat sensory measurements shows a linear relationship.

To the grading system critics, Tatum says, "When I

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seems to be working pretty well. I don't think we'd have been able to trade beef at the prices we have been without some performance behind it," he adds.

demonstrated History what happened when marbling wasn't part of the equation as beef got leaner and the industry tried to compete with other proteins on price alone.

"Demand kept tanking," Tatum says. "A lot of the quality signals and trends that we see today began back then.'

He referenced the opposite trends for commodity beef versus the Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) brand, which got its start in 1978 and saw dramatic sales increases at a time when beef sales were declining over-

Yet, much of the early science suggested marbling was not as important in younger animals. One study found it accounted for as little as 10% of the variation in eating quality.

But work done in 2013 shows marbling explains up to 61% of the variation in overall product performance consisting of juiciness, tenderness and flavor attributes.

"Advances in technology and improved methodology have allowed us to uncover some of those relationships and we're doing a better job of measuring the differences," Tatum says. From sensory science to instrument grading, there are more tools that add precision to measuring the relationships between marbling and eating quality.

Today's science is convincing and fits well with the economics, Tatum says. The only way to be sure that an "experience good" is going to give you a good experience is to make use of trusted marketing parameters so that it becomes more of a "search good," something you seek out repeatedly because of more favorable experiences.

A certain brand, variety and vintage will increase your odds, but, "you never really know until you uncork the bottle," he says.

Or take that first juicy bite.

To read the entire report, visit www.CABpartners.com /educators.

Pork and beef production sees increase

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in December, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in December 2014.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.36 million head, up 5 percent from December 2014. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, up slightly from December 2014. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,388 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.8 million pounds, 2 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,200 head, up 5 percent from December 2014. The average live weight was down eight pounds from last year, at 295 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 199,600 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down two pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2015 commercial red meat production was 48.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, yeal was down 12 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

This week we will have the February supply and demand report. The average trade guesses for corn, wheat, and soybean ending stocks would suggest that it is going to be a very dull report. Chances are that we won't see many changes, but I do fear that we may see a cut to U.S. wheat export demand, which could put the ending stocks estimate near 1 billion bushels. There isn't any way to put a positive spin on a 1 billion

wheat, so that makes me a little nervous. As for the corn and soybeans, the export numbers haven't been consistent enough to warrant either a cut to increase in the export estimates. I wouldn't be surprised to see the grain sorghum export estimate increased, but that isn't really market-moving information.

bushel carry-over for U.S.

On the charts, the wheat looks far and away the worst. The March KW made a new contract low on Friday and there is no sign of support. The U.S. dollar made a huge break last week and that didn't seem to provide any support at all. The only concrete news we had was a terrible export sales report, which served to reconfirm that demand is very bad. Perhaps a lower dollar will help the U.S. wheat eventually, but I don't think anyone is going to care

until we actually see big export sales numbers.

The soybean chart doesn't look too good either. The March soybeans fell below the 50-day moving average on Thursday and below trend line support on Friday. The next downside objective is the \$8.50 area. There is a bit of a bright side to the soybean complex and that is the rising world vegetable oil market. U.S. soybean oil has been strong and if it continues to climb it would be supportive to the soybeans, but in the short run there isn't much to get excited about as far as the soybeans themselves are concerned.

The corn chart looked pretty bullish early in the week when the market was making new highs for the move, but by Friday the March contract was below the 50-day moving average and testing the recent lows. The \$3.64 area is now critical support and a failure there would suggest the market is headed back to \$3.50. Demand for corn and milo is still very good, which is the biggest supporting factor for the corn market. but it is going to take some very large export sales to allow for consistent gains.

The best hope for the corn is a weather problem this spring or summer.

Live cattle futures made new highs for the move on hopes of higher cash cattle trade, but as of early Friday afternoon that trade had not materialized. Friday's close in the futures was fairly poor and generated some good short term sell signals, so we may be in for a poor start this week, especially if the stock market is weaker Sunday night. The feeder cattle futures didn't do as well as the live cattle for the week and Friday's close would have to be considered bearish. The March feeders are back below the 50-day moving average and appear to be headed for the \$150 level. A close below \$150 would indicate we are in for a much larger break, perhaps as low as \$130-\$135.

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Beef Board elects 2016 Leadership Team at Industry Convention

Cattle producers Anne Anderson of Austin, Texas, Brett Morris of Ninnekah, Oklahoma, and Joan Ruskamp of Dodge, Nebraska are the new leadership team for the Cattlemen's Beef Board, elected unanimously by fellow Beef Board members during the 2016 Cattle Industry Convention in San Diego on Jan. 29, 2016. Anderson will serve as chairman, Morris as vice chairman and Ruskamp as secretary/treasurer of the Cattlemen's Beef Board to lead the national Beef Checkoff Program for the coming year.

The Beef Board also elected members to serve on the CBB Executive Committee and others to fill the CBB seats on the Beef Promotion Operating Commit-

NEW BEEF BOARD OFFICER TEAM

Newly elected Beef Board chairman Anne Anderson is a cow-calf and stocker operator from Austin Texas and was the first executive director of the Texas Beef Council. She and her husband. Jim. own a small cattle ranch in Colorado County and a larger one, which Anne manages, in Menard and McCulloch counties. In addition to ranching, she spent more than 15 years providing assistance to individuals and groups trying to build new companies - mostly in the beef industry, and all in the food industry. Anne also is a co-founder and former CEO of AgInfoLink Global, one of the largest food-tracking companies in the U.S., with additional international offices in Australia, Canada,

Mexico and Argentina. Newly appointed CBB vice chairman Brett Morris is a third-generation dairy farmer and runs a dairy, cow/calf and stocker operation, as well as the Washita

Fertilizer Company, in partnership with his father. Theirs is a diversified farm operation, including about 1,000 acres of alfalfa, wheat and grassland, 65 registered Holstein cows for milking, 100-125 beef cows, and 200 stocker calves. Morris served as chairman of the Oklahoma Dairy Commission, vice chairman of the Oklahoma Johne's Advisory Committee, as a district voting delegate to DFA, a director of the Federation of State Beef Councils, and as vice chairman of the Oklahoma Beef Council.

Secre-2016 CBBtary/Treasurer Joan Ruskamp and her husband, Steve, operate a feedlot and row-crop farm west of Dodge, Nebraska, that has been in Steve's family for nearly 100 years. On the farm. Joan's main jobs include walking pens, cattle doctoring/ processing, and office manager. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Curtis. where she earned an associate degree in veterinary medicine in 1980. Joan has been very active in the beef industry, with service to numerous producer organizations. In addition, she has been a 4-H leader for about 20 years, an EMT for more than a decade, and a religious education teacher for nearly 30 years.

CBB EXECUTIVE **COMMITTEE**

The 12-member CBB Executive Committee includes the Board's three officers and eight members elected at large. The CBB elected the following members to its 2016 Executive committee: vice chairman Brett Morris, who will serve as chairman of the Executive Committee: and members Anne Anderson (CBB chairman); Brett Morris (CBB vice chairman), Joan Ruskamp (CBB secretreasurer); Laurie



JSAR Mr Titan 271BNRWC won reserve grand champion steer at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Sydnee Shive, Mount Hope, owns the March 2015 son of JSAR Titan. Mark Johnson, Mulhall, Okla., evaluated the 82 entries.

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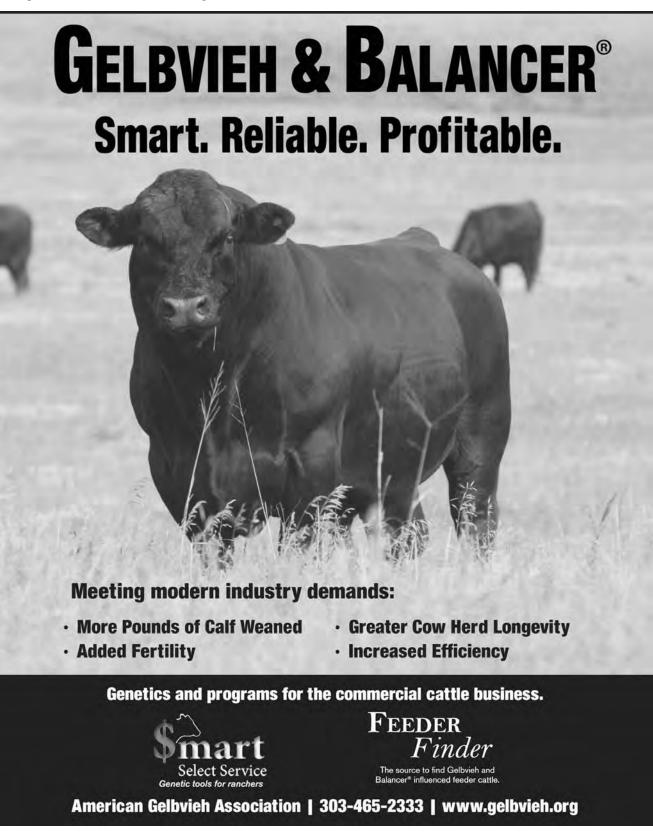
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OPERATING COMMITTEE

The Beef Promotion Operating Committee was creResearch Act to help coordinate state and national beef checkoff programs. The 20-person committee includes ten members of the Cattlemen's Beef Board, among them the Board's three officers and seven others elected directly by Beef Board members. The other ten members are appointed from the Federation of State Beef Councils.

CBB members elected to

ated by the Beef Promotion the 2016 Beef Promotion Operating Committee during the annual meeting in San Antonio include: chairman Anne Anderson; Vice Chairman Brett Morris; Secretary/Treasurer Joan Ruskamp; Jared Brackett of Idaho; Sara Childs of Florida; Joe Guthrie of Virginia; Jeanne Harland of Illinois; Chuck Kiker of Texas; Stacy McClintock of Kansas; and Gary Sharp of South Dakota.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016 — 2:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Courtyard by Marriott, Room D&E, 310 Hammons Drive, JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS 66441 (Exit 298 off I-70)

SELLER: FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT D. JONES & PHYLLIS J. JONES

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10182 Humboldt Creek Rd., Junction City, Kansas 66441
PROPERTY LOCATION: From Exit 304 off I-70 at Junction City, the property is 5 miles south o

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Exit 304 off I-70 at Junction City, the property is 5 miles south on Humboldt Creek Rd. From the intersection of Hwy 177 and Humboldt Creek Rd (approximately 15 miles north of Council Grove), the property is approximately 12.7 miles west-northwest on Humboldt Creek Rd. The property is on the east & west sides of the road.

Approximate 2015 real estate tax for all 3 tracts is \$1,535.00. (The county will separate the taxes with appropriate deed recordings.)

MINERALS: Sellers mineral rights will pass to the buyer. There are no mineral leases or production.



TRACT 1: Cropland and Humboldt Creek w/ wildlife habitat - 102.01 Acres more or less, this tract is sold with a partial Ag Lease.

BRIEF LEGAL: The SW/4 of the SE/4 and that part of the SE/4 of the SW/4 lying west of Humboldt Creek and the E/2 of the SE/4 lying west of Humboldt Creek Rd all in Sec. 17, Twp. 12S, Rge 7E Geary Co, Ks excepting metes and bounds described tracts. Said acres containing 102.01 acres more or less. LOCATION: On the west side of Humboldt Creek Rd.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Dryland acres are approx. 71.32 Acres, the balance of approximately 30.69 acres are in native and tame grass with Humboldt Creek, timber and wildlife habitat. Cropland soils are 36.5% Reading and Silty Clay Loam, rarely flooded, 19.9% Kahola Silt Loam with 3-7% slopes, 19.1% Tully Silty Clay Loam with 3-7% slopes, and 13.5% Tully Silty Clay Loam with 1-3% slopes

This property has a timbered hill on the west which cascades down to productive crop land on the east with Humboldt creek dissecting the cropland from south to north. Humboldt Creek Valley is a beautiful valley with Flint Hills on each side and productive cropland in the valley.

Located just minutes from Junction City and Manhattan, this tract could also be a wonderful building site. Utilities of Electricity and Rural water are available and the higher elevation on the east along Humboldt Creek Rd would allow for improvements with a nice view of the valley and access to the paved county road. Add the wildlife habitat with sparkling Humboldt Creek and the affordable size acreage, here is a property that is a rarity in today's market!

FSA INFO (subject to change)

Base Aces
Wheat 19.98 41
Corn 22.71 118
Sovbeans 55.50 40

DCP Cropland for all tracts is 160.07. Crop Election Choice, Soybeans-ARC, Wheat & Corn-PLC 37.6



TRACT 2: Native and Mixed Grass Pasture - 93.09

BRIEF LEGAL: The NW/4 of the SW/4 of Sec. 16, Twp. 12S, Rge 7E and the E/2 of the SE/4 lying east of Humboldt Creek Rd in Sec. 17, Twp. 12S, Rge 7E all in Geary Co. containing 93.09 acres

MINERALS: Sellers mineral rights will pass to the buyer. There are no mineral leases or production. **LOCATION:** On the east side of Humboldt Creek Rd. across from Tract 1.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Those of us in the cattle business always need more GRASS. Here is a nice affordable size acreage of native bluestem and mixed grasses with good access off of a paved road. You will enjoy the view of the Valley from atop many of the rolling Flint Hills in this pasture. The pasture is watered by a centralized pond and also by a springy draw. Fences are average 4 & 5 wire. There are no improvements on the property, but

there is evidence of improvements from days gone by. This property is minutes from Junction City and Manhattan. This tract would also be an excellent building site overlooking the Humboldt Creek Valley. Rural water and electricity are along the west side of the property and the county road.



TRACT 3: Native Bluestem Mixed Grass Pasture 301.36 Acres more or less.

BRIEF LEGAL: The W/2 and the N/2 of the NE/4 lying west of Humboldt Creek less a tract all in Sec. 20, Twp. 12S, Rge 7E all in Geary Co. containing 301.36 acres more or less.

MINERALS: Sellers mineral rights will pass to the buyer. There are no mineral leases or production. LOCATION: Located just south of Tract 1, access is from Humboldt Creek Rd through a recorded easement on Tract 1 and through the sellers 41.56 acre tract which is not selling. Sellers mineral rights transfer to the buyer and there are no leases or production on the property.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Been wanting a property off the beaten path? Look no further, this pasture is definitely a dual purpose property. Want a winter pasture for cows? What about a wildlife habitat for deer, turkey and other game birds? The deep timbered canyons offer great habitat for deer as the videos and picture attest to. Check our website for videos and pictures. This property has been used for livestock grazing and also for deer hunting. The pasture is watered by a pond, the wet weather draws and Humboldt creek located on the east. The fences are average 4 & 5 wire construction. The plateau on the top side at the south end of the pasture was one time farmed, but is now back to the native & mixed grasses. If you like in vestment property with top deer hunting, this tract offers just that! Our company has sold many wildlife properties, but this ranks right at the top for deer and turkey habitat!

TERMS: Earnest money deposit day of auction will be as follows: Tract 1-\$30,000.00, Tract 2-\$20,000.00, Tract 3-\$40,000.00. Checks made payable to Junction City Abstract & Title Co. Inc. Closing will be on or before April 12, 2016 at which time buyers will receive appropriate deeds. The buyers will pay for 2016 taxes. Title insurance shall be split equally between the buyer and the seller as well as any closing fees of the title company.

TRACT 1 is being sold with an ag lease on the planted acres of wheat which is approximately 30 acres. The buyer will receive 1/3 of the crop for 2016 delivered to the elevator. The balance of the cropland, the buyer will receive full possession of closing. Early possession of all tracts will be considered for ag use to qualified buyers so as to facilitate the spring planting and grazing dates.

TRACT 2 & 3 are being sold with no leases as of March 1, 2016. The buyer shall have full possession for the 2016 grazing season.

All tracts are being sold as is, in its present condition. All tracts are being sold with acreages being more or less and are not guaranteed. All tracts are being sold as to their legal boundaries and not fenced boundaries, with no guarantees or warranties. The access to Tract 3 will be a surveyed and recorded easement through both Tract 1 and additional land owned by the seller, which is not being sold. If any buyer wishes to survey the tracts it will be the buyers responsibility as to payment and boundary and acreage changes. The proper ties will be auctioned individually and not put back together to sell as one unit. A buyer can purchase all three by being the last bidder on each tract. All financing arrangements must be arranged prior to the auction. All information has been gathered from Geary County sources and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

INSPECTION: Any time by appointment with Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Humboldt Creek Valley is a beautiful valley in the Flint Hills. As you know properties in this valley rarely come up for auction. This may be your one and only opportunity to own some of this beautiful country. Whether it is for ag use, wildlife or for a home site. These tracts have a lot to offer! We look forward to showing you these properties and look forward to seeing you at the auction!



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Kansas State University research offers new hope for saving runt pigs

Kansas State University researchers are looking more closely at how piglets grow during their mother's pregnancy, and recent findings indicate greater hope for survival of the smallest in the litter.

Known as runts, the smallest-born pigs often get the short end when it comes to feeding and attention from their mother, two factors that diminish their chance to survive.

Runt pigs often weigh about 2 1/2 pounds or less at birth. They may die on their own, or may be euthanized because of quality of life or welfare issues.

"Our goal is to have less of these low-weight pigs so that producers don't have to make those decisions," said John Gonzalez, an assistant professor of animal sciences and industry at Kansas State University.

The researchers are learning more about how piglets develop muscle in utero, or while they are in the mother's uterus. They have found that supple-

menting the mother's nutrition throughout gestation can help pigs develop the muscle fibers needed for sensible growth.

"The swine industry has helped mothers maximize the size of their litters, but often there are not enough nutrients to support all of those in the litter," Gonzalez said. "One of the things we've been researching is whether there are protein compounds that we can give to the mother so that the pigs are born heavier."

While in their mother's womb, pigs go through primary and secondary myogenesis, or times when they are developing muscle fibers. In effect, Gonzalez said, the animal is being programmed for future muscle growth.

When a fetus does not have adequate nutrition for maximum muscle growth, they form muscle fibers at a reduced rate, leading to smaller muscle fibers, less muscle stem cells and more fat cells.

"In effect, the pig is say-

ing, 'I'm about to be born into an environment that's not very good, so I need to find ways to store energy," Gonzalez said. "That's why they get more fat cells.

"Our question moving forward is if you get these small pigs, how do you manage them to maximize the stem cells they do have. That's a large opportunity for the industry. We could potentially tell a producer, 'All right, you have a small pig, let's put them in a different program as far as nutrition and management techniques."

Gonzalez, a meat scientist, speculated that small pigs could eventually be marketed differently than what has been done in the past. For example, one of his graduate students is currently looking at differences in the tenderness of pork based on the size of pigs.

The research is funded by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and industry partners.

GRASS & GRAIN

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor.

In watching the college football bowl games and the NFL playoff games, I did not see one advertisement for beef. I do not believe I have seen one the last couple of years anywhere. What is happening to our checkoff dollars? Is it all going for salaries or what?

Dean Seematter Frankfort

To the Editor:

If Ray Archuleta is so concerned about soil health, why isn't he out

there farming? And who is paying him to tell us how to run our farms? He spends his time telling us what we're doing wrong, while we're spending our time trying to survive.

Isn't it interesting how farming and the livestock industry is always the issue, never government policy? Notice how it always comes down to us! Isn't it a basic human right and responsibility for a man to feed himself and his family as he sees fit? Isn't that the right Archuleta and all his so-

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called well-educated, selfmade peers are trying to take away from us?

Isn't it true that the Dust Bowl was caused by government policy that encouraged farmers to farm fence row to fence row? Then it turned around and blamed the farmers and started conservation policies to cover it up. It's easy for Archuleta to tell us about moral responsibility, soil preservation, no-till, and all the other stuff when he isn't involved in it. As if we are so ignorant! I wonder how morally he judges himself in his lifestyle or our government educators, salaries, benefits, and the lifestyle of the urban society? Kind of reminds me of the climate change promoters. Remember, what do they exemplify except an extravagant lifestyle.

As for me, I'm not interested in having someone tell me what is moral or conscientious about my farming. That's my responsibility. How can government teach us about conscientious farming when its policy is consumption and easy money? I wonder if no-till isn't more about making more money and getting over more land than anything else. We're just a reflection of government and educators!

Jerry Plett Lincolnville

LAND AUCTIONS

March 8: SW/4 of 15-20-1W McPherson County Excellent Irrigated 1/4. New circle, on the blacktop, 5 miles S. of Canton. Call Ray, 785-452-8498!

> March 17: Dickinson County Land E/2 of 14-11-1E, Creek bottom tillable and the SE/4 of 11-11-1E a mostly tillable 1/4 that sits across the road, 4 miles N. of Talmage. Call Brad, 785-280-0915!

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Hay trade activity remains slow, with spots moderate. Demand light to moderate for all hay types. Demand for dairy up slightly. Hay usage is steady. Prices remain steady overall. Hay supplies of all types remain plentiful. If you have hay for sale, pasture to rent or need hay and/or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange: www.kfb.org/ commodities/haypasture/index.html

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares, 200.00-235.00. Dairy, Supreme 170.00-190.00; Premium 155.00-170.00, Good 150.00-160.00. Stock or Dry Cow alfalfa, 80.00-100.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 70.00-85.00; Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 100.00-125.00. The week of 1/25-1/29, 8,927T of grinding alfalfa and 1,525T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, Good, large bales, 60.00-65.00 delivered. Corn stalks, 50.00-55.00; Ground and delivered, 80.00-90.00. Cane or BMR Sudan, Good, large bales, 60.00-65.00, 75.00 delivered.

South Central Kansas

Dairy, grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement moderate for grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets. Movement for dairy hay up slightly. Alfalfa: Dairy, Supreme 190.00-200.00; Premium 160.00-180.00; Good 140.00-160.00. Stock Cow alfalfa, 100.00-120.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 75.00-85.00, 95.00-100.00 delivered; Utility/ Fair, 70.00-75.00; Ground and delivered locally to feedlots, 105.00-120.00, mostly 115.00. The week of 1/25 - 1/29, 4,051T of grinding alfalfa and 1655T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 145.00-155.00; 17 pct protein 165.00-170.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 240.00. Straw, Good, large bales, 55.00-65.00. Cane or BMR Sudan, Good, large bales, 60.00-65.00. Corn stalks, 50.00-55.00.

Southeast Kansas

Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or Goat, mid squares, 250.00. Dairy and Stock Cow, .90 to 1.00/point RFV. Bluestem: Good, mid squares, 90.00-100.00; Large squares, 75.00-80.00; Large rounds, 75.00-

80.00; Fair, 50.00-60.00; Small squares, 95-110 delivered. Brome: Good, mid and large squares, 75.00-100.00; Large rounds, 60.00-70.00; Fair, 50.00-60.00. Grass Mulch, large rounds, 40.00-45.00.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse/goat small squares, 250.00-300.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme .90-1.00/point RFV. Stock cow, Fair/Good, 100.00-120.00. Fair, grinding alfalfa 90.00-100.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 100.00-120.00.

North Central-**Northeast Kansas**

Dairy, grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady.

Grass & Grain, February 9, 2016

Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, 250.00-300.00. Dairy, .90-1.00/point RFV, Supreme 175.00-210.00; Premium 160.00-180.00. Stock Cow, Fair/Good, 100.00-120.00. Fair/Good, grinding alfalfa, 70.00-75.00; Utility/Fair, large rounds, 55.00-60.00; Ground and delivered 105.00-120.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 5.00/bale or 6.00/bale delivered, 100.00-130.00/T; Mid squares, 70.00-90.00, mostly 70.00; Large rounds, 55.00-70.00; Fair, 50.00-55.00. Brome: Good, small squares, 7.00/bale, 120.00-145.00/T; Mid squares, 100.00- $120.00, \ Good, \ large \ rounds, \ 25.00\text{-}50.00/bale, \ 60.00\text{-}70.00/T,$ mostly 60.00; Fair 50.00-60.00. Straw, Good, small squares, 4.00/bale or 5.00/bale delivered; Large square bales 55.00-75.00/T, Large rounds, 55.00-65.00. Sudan, Good large rounds, 60.00-65.00

***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.

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Fastline Publications rebrands as Fastline Media Group

Fastline Publications, LLC, publisher of Fastline, Fastline de Mexico, Big Ag and Pink Tractor has changed its corporate name to Fastline Media Group, LLC to better reflect the evolution of its print, digital and online content offerings including custom marketing solutions that serve the agriculture industry.

Over its 38-year history, the niche media company has evolved from print-only publishing to also providing multimedia content that can be accessed across multiple digital platforms.

Fastline, Fastline de Mexico, Big Ag and Pink Tractor each target specific audiences within the agriculture industry. Within that portfolio of brands, Fastline Media Group offers a full-suite of marketing products including online banner ads, listings, direct mail, inserts, catalogs, video packages and other innovative marketing solutions - all to help the agriculture industry succeed.

'Fastline Media Group is committed to delivering what the farmers want, directly to their homes or businesses - either digitally or through the United States Postal Service," says Bill Howard, CEO/Founder. "We routinely survey our audience and find new ways to deliver the information and content they are looking for, which is why our advertisers stick with us year after year. Simply put, we deliver a qualified and engaged audience of decision makers."

Fastline Media Group's rebranding efforts include a new corporate logo and website, www.FastlineMediaGroup.com.

Designed as a portal for advertising agencies, manufacturers and farm equipment dealers to learn about the Fastline Media Group's growing range of brands, www.FastlineMediaGroup.com provides detailed information including demographics, distribution and publishing schedules. Fastline Media Group's 2016 Media Kit is available for download.

The website also details the company's evolution and civic involvement since it began in 1978. To learn more about Fastline Media Group, its sales force and home office employees visit www.FastlineMediaGroup. com/About.

Battle of the Bulge reunion planned for February 13

the Battle of the Bulge will hold their annual reunion on February 13, 2016 at the American Legion in Manhattan. The program will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m., 114 McCall Rd.

The largest battle in which American forces fought during WW II took place in Belgium and Luxembourg from December 16th, 1944 to January 26th 1945. There were about 500,000 troops on each side aligned against each other in a 45-day battle fought in blizzard conditions.

Barry Maples of the American Legion Riders of Manhattan Post 17 has announced that they will provide a "free luncheon" to all Battle of the Bulge and WWII veterans as a thank you for your service. All otheon and program.

A "living history" program will consist of a panel discussion of four WWII veterans who participated in that battle—all these veterans are in their nineties. A question and answer discussion will follow. A "last bottle of wine" presentation will be made to Greg Penfield, president of the Kansas Chapter, in preparation for the last meeting of the Chapter.

In addition, a prison door from Nuremberg Prison/ Palace of Justice where the 4-Power International War Crimes Trial was held in 1945-46 will be on display. This is the prison where Hitler's 22 Nazi leaders were held during the Nuremberg trial. Bob Smith, curator of Ft. Riley Museum and Jim Sharp, a

The Kansas Chapter of ers will pay \$10 for lunch- Sergeant of the Guard during the Nuremberg Trial, will lead the "prison door" discussion.

> A group of KC WWII reenactors will also be present to answer questions about the history of the Battle of the Bulge and WW II.

All those interested or who have some connections to WW II are invited.



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D'Hanis, TX, 1 bwf	1200@89.50	Marion, 1 blk	1375@71.00	Hillsboro, 9 mix	696@161.50
D'Hanis, TX, 1 blk	1130@89.50	Burdick, 1 blk	1090@70.00	Burdick, 9 mix,	705@160.50
Burdick, 1 blk	940@87.50	Florence, 1 blk	1370@69.00	Burdick, 5 mix	834@152.50
D'Hanis, TX, 1 bwf	1095@81.50	Florence, 1 blk	1190@69.00	Ramona, 59 mix	838@152.50
Marion, 1 blk	1540@78.00	Florence, 1 blk	1255@68.50	Lincolnville, 60 blk	874@152.10
Wilsey, 1 blk	1135@77.00	Florence, 1 blk	1120@67.50	Wilsey, 15 mix	837@151.25
D'Hanis, TX, 1 red	1365@74.50	Florence, 1 blk	1270@67.50	Hope, 61 mix	887@148.25
D'Hanis, TX, 1 rmf	1445@74.00	Wilsey, 1 blk	1290@67.00	Hope, 62 mix	908@146.85
Burdick, 1 blk	1215@74.00	Lincolnville, 1 blk	1205@67.00	Burdick, 7 mix	946@142.00
Marion, 1 blk	1455@74.00	Florence, 1 blk	1405@66.00	HEIFE	RS
Florence, 1 blk	1375@73.50	Burdick, 1 blk	1005@65.00	Burdick, 9 mix	519@179.50
Hillsboro, 1 blk	1840@72.50	Lincolnville, 1 blk	1030@65.00	Burdick, 2 blk	438@168.00
Marion, 1 blk	1385@72.50	Wilsey, 1 blk	1125@64.50	Carlton, 2 bmf	370@166.00
Marion, 1 blk	1640@72.50	Wilsey, 1 blk	1220@63.50	Burdick, 7 mix	835@141.75
D'Hanis, TX, 1 blk	1380@72.00	Wilsey, 1 blk	1235@62.50	Burdick, 3 blk	952@137.50
Florence, 1 blk	1090@72.00	STEE	RS	Hillsboro, 2 blk	890@131.00
D'Hanis, TX, 1 blk	1475@71.50	Carlton, 2 bmf	365@210.00		
Burdick, 1 blk	1430@71.50	Burdick, 6 mix	504@200.00		

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 10:

- 22 mix steers and heifers, 500-600
- 18 mix steers and heifers, 500-650 • 12 mix steers and heifers, 600-700
- 24 mostly black steers, 700-725
- 30 reputation black Angus heifers, 800-825, top set of replacement heifers, homeraised,
- 64 black Angus heifers, 750-800, homeraised
- 64 black steers, 825-850, homeraised • 62 mix steers, 800-850
- 60 mix steers, 925-950
- 120 mostly black, bwf heifers, 775-800
- 62 black heifers, 775-800, homeraised, no implants
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- 62 mix steers, 850-875 • 64 mix steers, 850-875
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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 17:

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Yard & Garden Tips By Gregg Eyestone Home Landscape Design

A well designed landscape can increase a home's property value by up to 20 percent. Consumers indicate that they value a landscaped home 11 percent higher than its base price. Strategically placed trees that shade homes can re-

duce attic temperatures as much as 40 degrees reducing air conditioning needs. Proper design reduces nitrate leaching from the soil into the water supply and reduces storm water issues.

The benefits of a good landscape are worth the in-

vestment of time and resources. This is my 16th year to offer a home landscape design class through the UFM Community Learning Center. Go to www.tryufm. org to register for the class that begins on February 10 at 7 p.m. in Pottorf Hall. You

can register by calling 785-539-8763.

Not hurting the environment and adding value to the property are good reasons for landscape design. I design because I like to try new combinations and see if I can make it better. There are no rules you have to follow. Guidelines are helpful in guiding proven successes.

Property owners will have different wants, needs and likes. In general, there are 12 elements that may be included into a home landscape to add interest and enhance your outdoor space. We will discuss all of these in the class. Fragrance is the element I spend a lot of time trying to enhance. The indoor environment is filled with cooking, scented candles and other effects to perfume the air. Selected plants can contribute to nose gratification in the garden or wafting in to the house from an open window.

There are plants with scents of all kinds. They also come in all uses from a ground cover to a large tree. Fragrant shrubs are most useful with them having stems that put the scent at nose level. The Koreanspice Viburnum is a good example of this.

Fragrant flowers are fleeting. Plants that bloom at different times of the year will extend the ability of this element. It is after all to enhance the pleasure we get from having a home land-

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Upcoming Cow Sales:

Tuesday, Feb. 16 • Tuesday, March 15 • Tuesday, April 19 • Tuesday, May 3 ALL SPECIAL TUESDAY SALES START AT 12:00 NOON

Upcoming Bull Sales:

WINNEY ANGUS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th · 1 PM DON JOHNSON ANGUS - MONDAY, MARCH 7th · 6 PM NEW FRONTIER BUCKING BULL SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 26th · 11 AM

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK TOTALED 3,226 CATTLE & 130 HOGS. BUTCHER HOG TOP ON MONDAY WAS \$45.00

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300-400		20.00-\$240.00	6 blk	Beloit	882@152.50
400-500	· ·	3.00-\$229.00	7 blk	Minneapolis	885@149.75
500-600		05.00-\$224.00	9 blk	Marquette	904@148.75
600-700	·	75.00-\$190.00	55 mix	•	006@141.75
700-800		60.00-\$165.25	12 blk	•	046@140.00
800-900		0.00-\$157.75			0.001.000
900-1000		35.00-\$148.75		HEIFERS	
	HEIFERS	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2 blk	Lindsborg	310@208.00
300-400	\$19	5.00-\$208.00	14 blk	Galva	379@200.00
400-500		33.00-\$197.00	8 blk	Solomon	416@197.00
500-600	\$16	55.00-\$179.00	5 blk	Lindsborg	412@195.00
600-700		0.00-\$164.00	4 blk	Kanopolis	415@193.50
700-800		0.00-\$155.50	6 mix	Lindsborg	413@193.00
800-900		35.00-\$145.00	16 blk	Galva	480@182.50
900-1000		•	3 blk	Abilene	510@179.00
	STEERS		6 mix	Lindsborg	503@179.00
2 bwf	Galva	338@240.00	4 blk	Lindsborg	510@176.00
10 mix	Kanopolis	387@232.00	7 mix	Geneseo	514@174.50
6 blk	Solomon	471@229.00	6 blk	Smolan	602@164.00
3 blk	Lindsborg	413@226.00	11 blk	Ellsworth	631@163.50
16 blk	Beaumont	397@226.00	10 mix	Geneseo	605@163.00
3 mix	Kanopolis	485@225.00	11 blk	Salina	610@163.00
28 blk	Galva	509@224.00	12 blk	McPherson	625@162.50
8 blk	Salina	520@216.00	10 mix		617@159.00
4 mix	Hunter	531@213.50	18 blk	Inman	740@155.50
5 blk	McPherson	518@213.00	60 blk	Kansas City, KS	744@154.00
12 blk	Wichita	523@212.50	31 blk	Kansas City, KS	
5 red	Geneseo	538@202.00	16 blk	Geneseo	718@153.50
10 mix	Smolan	568@200.00	34 blk	Kansas City, KS	833@153.00
12 blk	Inman	580@198.00	9 blk	Marquette	719@152.50
142 blk	Solomon	585@196.50	4 blk	Hunter	720@152.00
12 blk	Brookville	578@196.00	16 mix	Abilene	713@151.50
17 blk	Galva	600@190.00	8 mix	Galva	727@148.75
13 blk	Salina	614@188.00	12 blk	Marion	726@148.00
13 blk	Kansas City, KS	611@186.00	5 mix	Salina	929@145.50
11 mix	Hunter	635@184.50	38 blk	Kansas City, KS	856@145.00
11 blk	Ellsworth	763@165.25	9 blk	Marion	800@142.00
5 blk	Moundridge	705@165.25			
9 blk	Wichita	711@164.25		sows	
16 blk	McPherson	731@163.50	1 spot	Lincolnville	660@40.00
14 blk	Concordia	705@163.25	3 mix	Lincolnville	585@39.00
40 blk	Durham	721@163.00	5 wht	Abilene	568@37.00
33 mix	Durham	714@162.25	5 wht	Abilene	485@34.00
20 blk	Hunter	751@162.00			
41 mix	Sterling	762@161.25		HOGS	
16 mix	Abilene	764@160.75	2 mix	Marion	330@45.00
37 mix	Inman	805@157.75	8 mix	Marion	280@43.00
36 mix	Sterling	802@157.75	8 mix	Tescott	274@41.00
17 mix	Tescott	804@154.75	5 mix	Tescott	274@40.50
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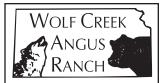
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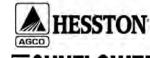
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Wheat grower organizations welcome TPP signing, look for rapid congressional review

The signing of the 12 nation Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in New Zealand marks another step toward putting the world's largest free trade agreement into action. National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) welcome this step and now call for rapid consideration and eventual ratification of TPP by Congress.

"Wheat growers are "all-in" regarding the promise of the Trans-Pacific Partnership," said NAWG president Brett Blankenship, a wheat farmer from Washtucna, Wa. "Expanding sales and market share are important pillars to help revitalize the wheat industry. Now the ball is in Congress' court and NAWG urges Congress to act quickly."

A number of national and state wheat grower association members visited congressional offices to stress their support for the agreement. That is because wheat is the most export-dependent grain commodity grown by U.S. farmers. South Asia and Latin America represent growing, but highly competitive markets for our production. When implemented, TPP will have a significant positive impact on

American wheat producers and on our country's export supply industry.

"We need swift consideration and approval because every day that implementation is delayed, we face tariff disadvantages that undercut our ability to compete in established and new markets," said USW Chairman Brian O'-Toole, a wheat farmer from Crystal, N.D.

With duty-free access under its free trade agreement with Vietnam, for example, Australia currently enjoys a \$12 to \$15 per metric ton price advantage over U.S. wheat. U.S. wheat exports are at a tariff disadvantage in a number of other countries that want to join TPP but cannot apply for membership until after Congress and the governments of the 11 other countries ratify the agreement.

TPP is American agriculture's platform for success in the expanding global market for years to come. As soon as possible after the implementing legislation is introduced, Congress should complete its reviews and take its up or down vote on TPP.

Growing demand for butter is boosting dairy industry

The growing number of Americans opting for butter over margarine and other oils has given the U.S. dairy industry a much-needed boost.

"That's one of the reasons why milk prices didn't decline more for dairy farmers in 2015," says University of Missouri Extension economist Scott Brown. "Very strong butter demand offset what was a slower export year for us."

Several major baking companies and restaurant chains, including McDonald's, have also made the shift to butter. McDonald's will require an estimated 600 million additional pounds of milk per year. That will provide a real lift for the U.S. dairy industry, Brown says.

"That may be one of the things that really helps dairy farmers in terms of bottom lines," he says. "It's something that we probably wouldn't have thought of ten to 15 years ago."

Brown says the U.S. market is usually considered a more mature market that

doesn't grow as fast as exports. But annual per capita butter consumption in the U.S. has risen from about four pounds ten or 15 years ucts that Strong demand few brighted butter consumption in the demand f

Brown says that pound and a half growth adds dollars all along the way.

ago to around 5 1/2 pounds

today.

"There are benefits for all of us, whether it's consumers, McDonald's or ultimately producers," he says. "It's a win across the board when you think about putting more butter into products that consumers want."

Stronger domestic butter demand may be one of the few bright spots for the dairy industry, as 2016 looks to be a tough year for U.S. milk producers.

World demand for butter has not been as strong as U.S. demand recently, but Brown wonders if consumers in other countries will also start to switch to butter.

"This could be a very strong help to U.S. dairy exports," Brown says. "If world demand picks up, world butter prices ought to come much closer to where U.S. prices have been."



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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that \$150 million in funding is available for agricultural producers through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), USDA's largest conservation program that helps producers voluntarily improve the health and productivity of private and tribal working lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to add an estimated 10 million acres to the rolls of CSP during fiscal 2016.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is one of our most popular programs with producers because it results in real change on the ground by boosting soil and air quality, conserving clean water enhancing and wildlife habitat," Vilsack said. "With this investment, we'll be able to build on the already record number of acres enrolled in USDA's conservation programs, enabling producers to achieve higher levels of conservation and adopt new and emerging conservation technologies on farms, ranches

and forests.

NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, but producers should submit applications by March 31 to USDA service centers to ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016.

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on Dec. 31, 2016 have the option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew are also due by March 31.

NRCS also makes CSP available to producers as an additional opportunity to participate in regional landscape-level conservation efforts including the Sage Grouse Initiative, Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative, Longleaf Pine Initiative and Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

Funding is available for more than 100 kinds of enhancements nationwide to help participants:

Improve soil quality through use of cover crops,

conservation crop rotations and other activities that increase soil productivity.

Use water wisely and improve water quality through enhancements such as more-efficient irrigation systems and weather monitoring.

Restore habitat for wildlife and pollinators such as the greater sage-grouse, lesser prairie-chicken and monarch butterfly through the use of better grazing systems and improved plant management.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is compatible with their operation. As part of the application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

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Kansas cattleman re-elected to American Simmental Association Board of Trustees

John Irvine of Manhattan has been elected by the American Simmental Association (ASA) membership as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Irvine is a full partner in Irvine Ranch with his father, Paul, and brother, Bernard, a family farming/ranching operation that maintains a cow herd of 225 breeding-age females. Ir-vine Ranch genetics are sold primarily through an annual production sale the first Saturday of November. In addition, bulls and semen are marketed through private treaty year-round.

A graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in marketing, Irvine is also involved in the family's real estate business and serves on a three-member board that awarded settlement payments to landowners losing land through eminent domain. As a youth, he was very involved in American Junior Simmental Association (AJSA) programs, and de-



Taylor Goering, McPherson, won champion commercial steer at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson.

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Irvine was formally seated at ASA's 48th Annual Meeting held January 17, in Denver. Also seated were newly elected trustees Clay Lassle, Glendive, Mont.; Tim Curran, Ione, Calif.; and re-elected trustee, Tim Smith, Giddings, Texas.

Kansas January 1 cattle inventory up 6 percent

All cattle and calves in Kansas as of January 1, 2016 totaled 6.25 million head, up 6 percent from January 1, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.63 million head, up 4 percent from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.49 million head, up 4 percent from last year.

Milk cows totaled 142,000 head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2015.

All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 1.83 million head, up 7 percent from last year.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 2.01 million head, up 6 percent from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 90,000 head, down 5 percent from last year.

Calves under 500 pounds totaled 690,000 head, up 9 percent from January 1,

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in Kansas feedlots totaled 2.23 million head, up 2 percent from the previous year.

The 2015 calf crop totaled 1.33 million head, up 4 percent from 2014.



Madison Ratliff, Westphalia, won reserve champion commercial steer at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson.

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Understanding herbicide and soil interactions

By Jeri Geren, **Crop Production Agent. Wildcat Extension District**

Herbicides have been widely used for many years as effective weed reduction tools. Understanding how they work and interact with other environmental factors will aid in more effective weed management decisions. The best source of information for herbicide use is the herbicide label. Always apply herbicides according to label directions. The herbicide label is a legal document, and an applicator is responsible for applying the herbicide according to label directions.

There are many different types of herbicides and many ways in which herbieradicate weed species. Soil conditions affect many of these and can determine how effective the herbicide application will be. Moisture and temperature are two environmental factors that influence activity of soil-applied herbicides. Precipitation is essential to move surface-applied or pre-emergence herbicides into the soil and activate them. Mechanically incorporated herbicides tend to provide more consistent weed control than surface-applied herbicides because the herbicide is in place, and adequate moisture usually is present in the soil to activate the

chemical. However, incorporation too deep into the soil may dilute the herbicide resulting in poor weed control. Improperly adjusted equipment, or incorporation when soils are too wet, may result in streaking and poor weed control. Also, weed control is generally best with moist soil conditions, as opposed to dry, because more herbicide is in the soil solution or gaseous phase and available for plant uptake.

Soil characteristics affecting herbicide activity are texture, organic matter, and pH. Herbicide adsorption is greater in fine-textured soils high in organic matter than in coarse-textured soils low in organic matter. Thus, a lower proportion of herbicide is available for plant uptake in the fine-textured soils, so a higher herbicide application rate is required to provide the same level of weed control as in a coarse-textured soil. At the same time, the chance of crop injury is greater on coarse-textured soils low in organic matter because a higher proportion of the applied herbicide is available for plant uptake. Soil-applied herbicide rates may need to be adjusted according to soil texture and organic matter content.

Soil pH is another factor that influences the availability and persistence of

January temps slightly higher as

all of state receives precipitation

For the month of January 2016, temperatures averaged

two degrees above normal in the western half of the state,

but were near normal in the east, according to the USDA's

National Agricultural Statistics Service. All of Kansas re-

ceived some precipitation, with heaviest amounts in the

central portion of the state. Livestock continued grazing on

crop residue, with some supplemental feeding. Topsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 16 short, 76 adequate,

and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short,

cent very poor, 7 poor, 37 fair, 49 good and 6 excellent.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 per-

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 67 good and 4 excellent. Calv-

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 12 short,

ing progress rated 10 percent complete. Cattle and calves

poor, 36 fair, 63 good, and 1 excellent. Sheep and lambs

death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 74 average, and 26 light.

death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 63 average, and 36 light.

17 short, 75 adequate, and 3 surplus.

short, 86 adequate, and 10 surplus.

82 adequate, and 2 surplus.

certain herbicides in the soil. Soil pH can alter the ionic nature of the herbicide molecule, which influences adsorption, solubility, and rate of herbicide breakdown. The triazine herbicides (atrazine, metribuzin, and simazine) and some of the sulfonylurea herbicides

erick, Oust, and Classic) are more active and more persistent in high pH soils (> 7.0) than in low pH soils. A few herbicides such as Scepter and Python may be somewhat more persistent in low than in high pH soils, but that response is less common and generally less dramatic than for the oppo-



These Angus enthusiasts won junior showmanship at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Kansas Angus Ambassador Alexandria Cozzitorto and Miss Kansas Angus Bryanna Hite, presenting; Ava Combs, Buhler, champion; and Abbie Schwab, Goddard, reserve

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There are many factors that can influence the activity and effectiveness of herbicides in the soil, but having a greater understanding of a few of those interactions can lead to more effective herbicide decisions. Once again, always read and

follow herbicide labels and directions.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call me at the office (620) 331-2690 or email me at jlsigle@ksu.edu, or visit the Wildcat Extension District website at www. wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu.



Eliza Rosenhagen, Cheney, right, won peewee showmanship at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Also pictured is Miss Kansas Angus Bryanna Hite, presenting the award.

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Hesston's 100,000th windrower to roll off production line in March

Hesston by Massey Ferguson, the industry's leading hay equipment brand of AGCO Corporation — who introduced the self-propelled windrower to the agricultural harvesting world more than 60 years ago — will complete the production of its 100,000th windrower in March, 2016 in Hesston. The 70-year-old Hesston by Massey Ferguson® brand is a leading manufacturer of agricultural machinery, most famous for its high quality haymaking equipment since 1947. The landmark achievement will be celebrated in Hesston on Tuesday, March 29,

"When Hesston's founder, Lyle Yost, introduced the self-propelled windrower back in 1955, he not only shared this unique invention but he would ultimately be a leader in the revolution of the hay business," explained Kyle Kitt, marketing manager for hay cutting, preparation and forage at AGCO. "Over the course of the last 60 years, our skilled engineers have worked to innovate and improve upon this harvesting machine, such as with the recent addition of rearwheel steering, known as RearSteer. This is our effort to listen and respond to the needs of farmers not just here in North America, but across the world."

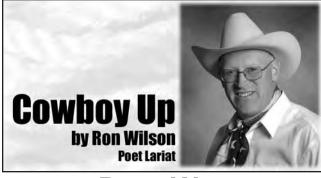
The 100.000th windrower is a vast improvement from the first model of 1955. Today's WR9800 Series of self-propelled windrowers are fuel-efficient and offer superior operator convenience. The WR9800 Series are powered by reliable AGCO PowerTM engines, led by the AP66-4F, a 6.6-liter engine in the WR9870. This model is ideal for Hesston's disc header, and offers 225 horsepower and the muscle to operate in heavy crop conditions such as winter forage, wet silage hay and hilly or rough terrain. The WR9860 is designed to perform toe-to-toe with any sixcylinder windrower with its AP49-4F — a 4.9L four-cylinder QuadBoostTM engine which boasts 195 HP and is an increase over the previous model. This additional power provides a higher field speed of 17.5 mph, plus a maximum road speed of 24.5 mph for quicker moves between fields, when equipped with RearSteer.

If time and change shaped Hesston over the course of its 70-year history, innovation has defined it. "Hesston is committed to creating machinery that brings added value to the agriculture industry by delivering higher Relative Feed Value and better quality small grains," Kitt said. As a result of this innovation, its team of engineers has been enhancing the windrower since it was introduced. Whether it be the addition of hydrostatic power in 1967 (renamed Hydro-Static 600), or the addition of RearSteer in 2016. the Hesston Windrower continues to be a leader. In 1955, the first commercially available Hesston Windrower was sold and in 1956, it came off the production line - a self-propelled windrower known as the Model 100. A groundbreaking advancement in the agricultural harvesting business, the Model 100 provided much greater versatility when harvesting both hay and grain crops and brought a new level of maneuverabili-

WR9800 Series windrowers have seen such success in allowing hay and grain producers to develop quality end-product faster and more efficiently with an enhanced level of precision," continued Kitt. "After 70 years of making innovative farm equipment, Hesston is proud to still lead the indus-

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Barn Wars

We took the kids to see the new Star Wars movie. I don't know if they enjoyed it, but I sure did.

However, the Star Wars movie I liked the best was the original which we saw many years ago. In looking back, it seems to me that Star Wars was just a western movie dressed up in scifi clothes. Think about it. There's a good guy who wins in the end, a bad guy (Darth Vader) in a black hat, a pretty girl in peril, and lots of shooting and riding. The only difference is that these space cowboys were riding rocket ships instead of hors-

es (see the following poem). Speaking of horses, I also recently had the chance to visit an outstanding museum exhibit titled The Horse. It was displayed at the Museum at

Prairiefire in Overland Park, as discussed in my last column. The museum is outstanding and the Horse

exhibit was phenomenal. It came from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. That exhibit has ended and will soon be replaced by a different one, but here are some high-

The exhibit traced the development of the horse from prehistoric times to today. A diorama depicted ancestors of the horse on the Great Plains ten million years ago. Another section talked about how horses and humans influenced each other. For example, some horses were bred to become powerful draft horses weighing more than a ton, and at the other extreme, Shetland ponies were bred to become small so as to be able to work underground in coal mines in the 1800s (No wonder my Shetland was ornery).

The exhibit included both ancient artifacts and modern high-tech interac-

and then on top of that,

And they faced an evil villain and some problems that were hard. There was shootin' and a-chasin' and a whole lot of tough fights

In the end, the good guy won, just as it should be in this world,

But it's really not a western, though that's how the plot appears.

and it's set in outer space.

and the battles up ahead. That first Star Wars was fun. The fans thought it was hot,

"May the Force be with you,"

was the saying that they said, As they bravely faced the bad guys

But on reflection, you will realize, it's the same old western plot:

The good guy beats the villain and comes on to save the day,

This movie was called Star Wars

the good guy also won the pretty girl. Now, that sounds like the westerns

that we watched throughout the years,

And sure enough,

tivity. For example, a highdefinition projection of a horse in motion showed the horse's beauty, grace and strength. Another display let the viewer push a button and see inside an image of a moving, life-size horse to learn about the bone structure and more.

Other videos showed modern human-horse interactions, such as therapeutic riding, a mounted police officer in New York, and a teenage barrel racer. Artifacts included the 1948 Triple Crown trophy for Citation and American Royal posters to provide a Kansas City flavor.

Experienced know to watch the movement of a horse's ears for behavioral cues. As evidence, one display pointed out that a human ear has three muscles in it while the horse ear has ten muscles. It also said that the entire skin of a horse is as sensitive as the skin on a human fingertip.

For horse lovers, this exhibit was outstanding. Ellen Futter, president of the American Museum of Natural History which provided the exhibit, said the following: "Other than humans themselves, the horse is perhaps the single most important species in human history.'

Wow. And remember, horses even made it in the movies.

Another Shoot-em-up By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat We went to see the movie. I was glad to see the show.

It had all the elements for which I like to go. There was a good guy and a bad guy,

The bad guy was wearing a sinister black hat. The hero had a loyal sidekick for his pard,

With a scene in a saloon as one of the main sites.

At some time in the future in a far and distant place.

And wins the pretty girl's heart as he goes on the way.

So I'm goin' back to westerns, 'cause what I say is true,





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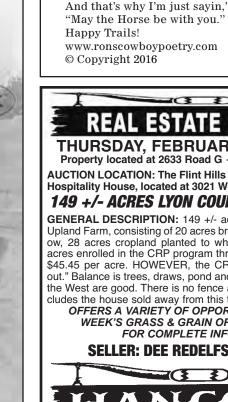
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Grass, Soil, and Hope: Managing carbon for a sustainable planet

By Tom Parker

Courtney White and Gail Fuller were talking the same talk but they were coming at it from different backgrounds and different geographical directions, so it was understandable that there should be some minor differences of opinion. That it centered on the sequential order of three little words was all the more remarkable considering the enormous scope of their discussions-the sustainability of the human race from both local and global perspectives.

Grass, Soil and Hope: Regenerative Solutions For Changing Times, the theme of the 2016 Winter Grazing Conference held on Jan. 16 at the Ambassador Hotel in Salina, took its name from White's monumental book, "Grass, Soil, Hope: A Journey Through Carbon Country." In it, White chronicled his transition from Sierra Club activist to New Mexico rancher, co-founder of the Quivira Coalition and author of several books on regenerative solutions for solving environmental problems associated with livestock and food production through progressive management and relationship building. A third speaker, Dale Strickler, a former agronomy instructor at Concordia's Cloud County Community College and now cover crop and forage specialist, followed with a presentation on livestock management and cover crops.

Fuller, a Kansas farmer from rural Emporia who practices holistic management techniques designed to maximize soil regeneration, suggested that the theme's wording was out of order.

"If I had my way," he said, "this would be 'Soil, Grass and Hope.' You have to have soil before you can have grass. That's the one thing we've overlooked the last 60 years. The whole emphasis has to be on soil."

Whichever order the words were placed in, the two speakers agreed that without soil, climate change will accelerate even as food production grinds to a halt, and that solutions would have to come from those most dependent upon itranchers and farmers-and not government agencies, environmental organizations, politicians, lawyers or lobbyists, whom White classified as "the conflict industry."

"We don't need more solutions," White said. "We already have the solutions, and for the most part they're cost-effective and highly efficient. We need to find common ground, people who are willing to work together to get ecological health back into the system." White called those people the "radical center" who, in lieu of lawsuits or protests, quietly come together to solve problems pragmatically.

Most importantly, they argued, land use stewards need to have a better understanding of carbon and the carbon cycle and how it impacts soil health as well as climate change.

In simple terms, the carbon cycle is the process where carbon in the atmosphere goes into plants through photosynthesis and passes into the soil where it decomposes and rises back into the atmosphere. "The

carbon cycle is one of the most important cycles on the planet," White said. "Carbon is who we are."

Fuller agreed. "We have to fix the carbon cycle first," he said. Intensive plowing, deforestation, the burning of fossil fuels and other human activities have contributed to atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations that are higher today than at any time over the last halfmillion years. "We like to blame Mother Nature-it's too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry-but man has affected that by burning carbon and the degradation of the soil. We can argue about climate change, but I can tell you that in my time here on earth the weather has changed. Our storms are getting bigger and meaner, and that includes drought. The Dust Bowl wasn't caused by drought. Man caused the Dust Bowl by plowing all those acres of prairie and releasing all that carbon into the atmosphere."

And yet, in what seems like a contradiction, carbon is our best friend, Fuller said. Mitigating climate change will require land management practices that maximize the amount of carbon stored in plants and the soil through a process known as carbon sequestration, such as no-till farming, wetland management, reforestation and rangeland management. That the process can be sped up through some of the very land use practices that critics blame for climate change is something that has so far eluded the general public, the majority of livestock and food producers, and the purview of agencies responsible for environmental interests.

It has also generated controversy. When Bill Zeedyk engineered a simple, lowcost method for restoring eroded stream channels in the Southwest through a process he called "induced meandering," the Corps of Engineers fought the practice as being unscientific and without merit. Zeedyk, co-owner of Zeedyk Ecological Consulting, has more than 280 completed projects to date, and now, after lengthy dispute, has the Corps of Engineers' approval.

Part of his success lies in understanding the natural processes that create healthy environments, and trying to find solutions using those same processes, White said. For small creeks and watersheds, Zeedyk says, you have to think like a creek.

Thinking like a creek might sound simplistic, but it denotes respect and comprehension of natural processes that are critical to successful regeneration. Unfortunately, protecting the status quo and entrenched agencies and services present some of the largest hurdles facing environmental protection.

"Trying to change minds is harder than just putting rocks in a creek," White said

Fuller shared a favorite quote from Henry Ford that illustrated that concept: "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."

"The single largest limiting factor is the human mind," Fuller added.

Ultimately, the single

largest limiting factor of ecological health is the amount of carbon in the soil. Fuller showed a series of slides depicting cutouts of soil types from a natural prairie ecosystem, the jungle and a cornfield. The first two showed deep roots branching down through dark, loamy soil; in the third slide, roots barely penetrated into a colorless clay.

"In the cornfield, there's almost nothing there," he said. "The system is dead."

Restoring it to health requires a shift from a monocultural system to one of diversity, Fuller said, and it starts with livestock.

"Livestock is a big part of building healthy soil," he said. "But we need to feed the below-ground livestock as well as the above-ground livestock. The below-ground livestock drives the bus."

In other words, micro-or-

ganisms. Research has shown that one square meter of healthy soil contains one vertebrate, 100 snails and slugs, 3,000 earthworms, 5,000 insects, 10,000 rotifers and tardigrades. 50,000 springtails, 100,000 mites, five million nematodes, one billion protozoa and so much mycorrhizal fungi that the numbers were uncountable, Fuller said. Instead, they were measured in length-miles and miles of them within that square meter of soil.

Pesticides have largely eradicated much of those micro-organisms in the soil,

he said. For every insect that selective pesticides target there are 1,700 other species that are either predators to the target species or beneficial. Earthworms are particularly affected by the use of pesticides. "Earthworms are the canary in the coal mine of the soil," Fuller said. "If your agronomist tells you that pesticides are selective, you need to find another agronomist."

Planting multiple species of cover crops adds more carbon to the soil through photosynthesis, he said. Diversity is also important in the number of species of wildlife and livestock. Fuller, who once only raised cattle, now raises cows, chickens, pigs, sheep and bees. The animals graze year-round and calving is done in April, in sync with nature. In fact, every aspect of his operation is engineered to mimic nature's circadian rhythms.

In return, the soil has rebounded so rapidly that it contradicts everything we've been told, he said.

"For years we've been told that it takes thousands of year to grow an inch of topsoil," Fuller said. "Recent studies have shown that it doesn't take a thousand years-it takes a dozen." Other studies prove that in some cases it takes as little as three years.

Restoration projects undertaken in the Southwest through the Quivira Coalition have shown that even hard-used, overgrazed and over-logged areas can be mitigated in less than 20 years, White said.

Education will be pivotal in moving forward, they both agreed. "The public doesn't fully understand it, and we have an environmental elite that's still largely clueless," White said.

Hope – the third element – was possible even in the face of the vast number of hurdles, they said

"Humans like to invent things," White said. "If we turn that power loose, all sorts of good things can happen. We have to find a way through the obstacles."

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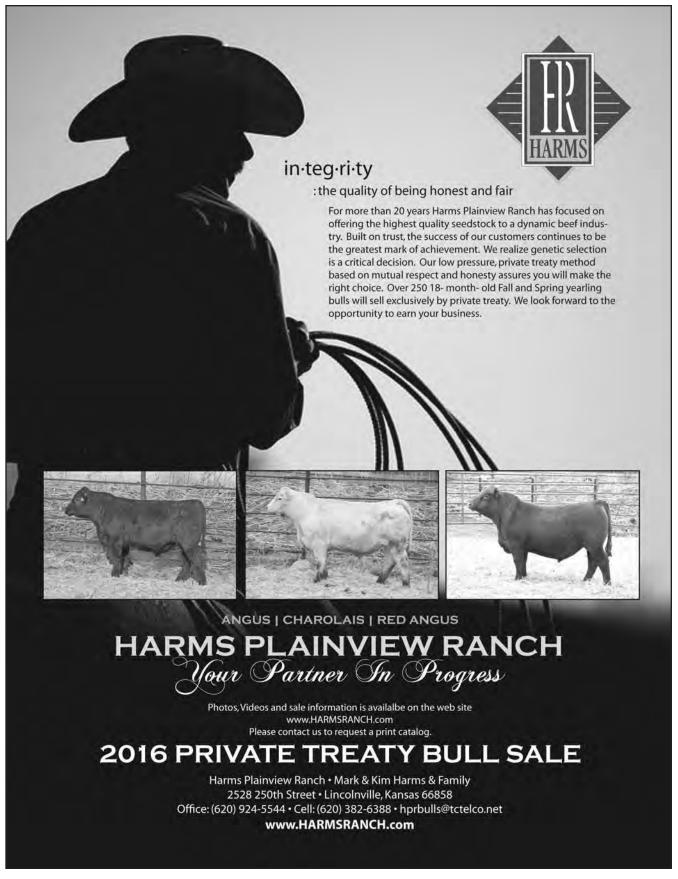
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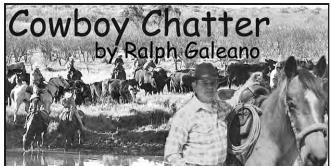
A Prescribed Burning Workshop will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Pottorf Hall, 1710 Avery Avenue, Manhattan. Fire safety, fire behavior, and safe burning techniques will be emphasized.

Topics to be addressed at the workshop include reasons for burning, regulations and permits, liability, weather issues, equipment, fire behavior, safety, and planning and conducting a prescribed range burn. The workshop is designed to prepare participants to begin using prescribed burning, or to update their knowledge and burning skills.

Speakers include: Jason Hartman, Kansas Forest Service; Dusty Schwant, NRCS; Corey Alderson, Kansas Wildlfe and Parks; Kris Craven and Jennifer Bowen, National Weather Service; Doug Schmitt, Riley County Emergency Management; and K-State Research and Extension Range Management specialists.

There is a \$20 workshop registration fee. Lunch and a prescribed burning notebook are included in the registration cost. Reservations are needed by February 12 and may be made online at www.riley.ksu.edu, or by calling the Riley County Extension Office at 785-





Cowboy Tales

Reading good books about cowboys is an enjoyable pastime. It takes you away from the modern day hustle and bustle and puts you back in the saddle without even catching a horse. You just start turning pages and go along for the ride. It sure doesn't beat the real thing but it can turn a stormy afternoon into a pleasant respite.

You can ride, rope and cut cows without breaking a sweat. Those shoot-em-up books are okay but I'd rather read about the genuine article, whether it's fact or fiction. If it's fiction, it has to be written by somebody that's been there and cowboyed to be interesting. There's nothing worse than reading cowboy fiction that was written by a literary

professor that doesn't know the difference between a snaffle bit and a hackamore. It doesn't take long to put those books down. Those folks can't even write about starting a campfire in the brush without making you think, it would be hard to get a fire going that way. I wonder if he's ever tried that before. When it comes to cowbov books, only someone that's lived the life can put the true feel of the experience in the reader's heart. We're lucky to have had some of the best writers of western fiction belong to that elite class that call themselves cowboys. When they write about the country, they write about the country as they know it. Their research comes from their memory of times spent in the saddle traveling over the grasslands, mountains or deserts.

They describe the freezing cold of snowstorms and searing heat of the deserts with such vividness that you can picture the agony of the ride as if you were in the saddle. Those good writers make it hard to put their books down.

My bookshelves don't have enough of them because I can't ever get tired of reading about the life of the cowboy from the start of the great trail drives to today's work on America's ranches. Its interesting reading and no better way to spend time sitting in a doctor's waiting room for your turn to be beckoned into their inner sanctum. Some of the greatest writers have passed on and we no longer will see new stories come from their desks. I've read some books so many times, I almost know what the next page will bring, but the good ones can be read over and over and still bring great pleasure.

Elmer Kelton, one of the great western writers, passed on in 2009. Elmer was born at Horse Camp on the Five Wells Ranch in Texas and grew up on the McElroy Ranch in Texas. Texas, where the early trail drives began. Elmer knew the life of the cowboy but realized his dream by writing about them. His books were all about cowboys and he wrote from first-hand knowledge. His award-winning novels about cowboys and the west are some of the best works of fiction that epitomize the cowboy lifestyle. The Day The Cowboys Quit and The Time It Never Rained are stories only someone with firsthand knowledge of the trade could put down on paper. My favorite Western author is Will James. I've read Smoky The Cow Horse five or six times and never tire of reading how James portrayed the lead character's cow horse training methods on the mouse-colored horse he named Smoky. Smoky is a classic western tale of the life of a cowboy and his horse. It is a soul-satisfying story of a cowboy named Clint and his love for his

I own a tattered hardcover copy of Smoky The Cow *Horse* that shows a copyright date of 1926. Over the years I've received gifts or bought different copies of James' books and they all have a special place on my book-

Will James knew horses and cattle. His writing shows his knowledge and love of those animals. You might say he knew both sides of the cattle business too. In 1915, he was convicted of cattle rustling and spent a year in the Nevada State Prison. It was a long year. He had lots of time on his hands, so he spent much of it drawing pictures about the west he loved. James honed his skills as an artist and later illustrated his own books. Released from prison, he gained a new respect for freedom and the wide-open spaces. joined on to capture mustangs one year and after a hard chase, James and his partners roped a few wild mustangs. While he watched them fight the ropes for their freedom, he must have thought back to his own jail time. He calmly slipped the ropes off the horse's front legs and turned them loose to run free again.

James died in 1942 at the age of 50. Before he left, he wrote somewhere around 20 books that hold high marks in the literature of the West.

Ben K. Green or Doc Green, as he was known, was another authentic cowboy. He headquartered around Weatherford, Texas but travelled the whole state and Mexico buying and selling horses, cattle and mules. Somewhere along the line he began writing about his adventures rounding up wild horses and breaking and training animals for the auction yards.

Ben spun some good yarns and his stories about his adventures rank right up there with Elmer and Will. He wrote many cowboy books and they were all worthwhile. A Thousand Miles of Mustangin' is his story of a horseback trip from Weatherford to West Texas and down into Mexico trapping and buying horses. It's a true cowboy adventure story. Some say his stories never happened and that he concocted most of those tales. He was known as a veterinarian around Weatherford but nobody ever saw his diploma. One thing is for certain, whether he had a degree or not and whether he made up those stories or not doesn't matter a hoot because he wrote some of the best cowboy stories I ever read. They sure make that long wait at the doctor's office go by too darn quick.

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Student photo contest winners receive awards at Kansas State Capitol

Twenty-four students were recognized for their photography at a Kansas Day program at the Kansas State Capitol. The winners of the Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student Photo Contest participated in a program with Gov. Sam Brownback, state legislators, Jennie Chinn with the Kansas Historical Society, and

Marearl Denning represent-

ing legislative spouses.

Students who placed first received iPads: students who placed second received Kindles. Denning organized the statewide contest, jointly sponsored by the Historical Society, which invited students in first through 12th grade to photograph their Kansas communities. Photographs from the 24 winners will be on display

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Kyle Miller, Discovering Kansas Fall, third grade,

second place, Derby Tara Stallbaumer, The

Oregon Trail, fourth grade, first place, Rossville

Abraham Hilbert, Pool Frog, fourth grade, second place, Seneca

Logan Nabus, Conversation in the Woods, fifth grade, first place, Junction

Johanna Walker, Tricycle, fifth grade, second place, Franklin

Jada Nabus, Making Friends Before Practice, sixth grade, first place,

Junction City

Maurice Hilbert, A Walk in the Woods, sixth grade, second place, Seneca

Paige Schroeder, Evening Hoops and Dreams, seventh grade, first place, Derby

Kiara Knox, Flags and Horses, seventh grade, second place, Clyde

Katie Brady, Dreamy Day, eighth grade, first place, Wakefield Rylee Boyd, I Walk a

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Happiness, 10th grade, first place, Columbus Kaliana Osborne, Sun

Shining Through, 10th grade, second place, Concordia

Cameron Birney, Giddyup, 11th grade, first place, Bucklin

Ashleigh Carrillo, Friday Night Victory, 11th grade,

second place, Kingsdown Sydney Myers, Connecting on a Personal Level, 12th grade, first place, Tope-

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krause Chisel, 11 shank; V Plows: JD 450, 16 ft. V-plow; Plows White 549 semi mount steerable, plow, 5 x 16 with all coulters, very good; 3 pt. single lister plow.

ROTARY MOWER: Land Pride RCP 3596 8 ft. rotary mower. BLADES: 8' rear blade Fast hitch.

LIVESTOCK/HAY EQUIPMENT: (13) portable corral panels 12 ft. long: (2) horse big round bale feeders. Numerous rolls of barb wire; Wire mesh panels; Some smooth wire rolls and numerous other livestock equipment.

LUMBER AND TIN: (73) sheets of 10 ft. corrugated used tin; (38) sheets 8 ft, to 12 ft, w/ some rust at the bottom, angle cut, corru gated tin; (38) 9 ft. roof sheets, corrugated tin; (45) roof sheets, corrugated, 12 ft. long; (25) 8 ft., 2inch corrugated tin; (8) wall sheets, corrugated tin, 7 ft. long; (16) 8 ft. wall sheets, corrugated tin; (8) 9 ft. sheets, wall corrugated tin; (18) channel drain 10 ft long, 36 inch wide, tin; Lumber: (107) 2 x4 mostly 9 ft. or longer (50) 2x6's 36 are 15 ft. long and all over 10 ft. long.

MISC: Wheeltronic Inc. Space saver 9000, Drive-on Lift, 9,000 lbs. 2 post with pump and controls. SHOP ITEMS/TOOLS.: (2) Lincoln 12V battery operated grease

guns with carry cases. **HAY:** Big round bales of Sedan, Brome hay and prairie hay all big

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Young Farmers & Ranchers focus on 'Maximizing Efficiency'

More than 450 young farmers and ranchers from across the state attended a three-day Kansas Farm Bureau conference designed to maximize efficiency on their family operations.

Held in Manhattan Jan. 29-31, the annual Young Farmers & Ranchers conference is designed to provide producers between the ages of 18-35 with agricultural education, motivational speakers and opportunities to connect with industry resources and network with

farmers and

ranchers from 86 counties participated in this year's event.

"This event empowers our attendees to return home with the tools and knowledge to make positive changes on their farms, families and communities," says Edie Doane, YF&R manager.

State committee members from each of the ten Kansas Farm Bureau districts planned and hosted a multitude of workshops, speakers and competitions during the weekend confer-

"The YF&R state committee played an integral part in making this year's conference success,' Doane says.

Vance Crowe from Monsanto and Alden Mills, an entrepreneur and former Navy SEAL, delivered the keynote addresses. Participants also heard from Sen. Jerry Moran and Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Jackie McCaskey.

Competitions included the Collegiate and YF&R Discussion Meet, YF&R of the Year and the Ag Quiz

Kansas sheep inventory down, goats see increase

All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2016 totaled 65,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Serv-

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 44,000 head, unchanged from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 36,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 2,000 head. Total replacement lambs totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 21,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. A total of 3,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 18,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 9,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 2,000 were 65-84 pounds; 2,500 were 85-105 pounds; 4,500 were over 105

The 2015 lamb crop totaled 43,000 head, down from 44,000 in 2014. The 2015 lambing rate was 119 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 113 per 100 ewes in 2014.

Shorn wool production during 2015 was 275,000 pounds, up 35,000 pounds from 2014. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 42,000 head, up 3,000 head from 2014. The average price paid for wool sold in 2015 was \$0.87 per pound, compared with \$0.95 in 2014. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was \$239,000 in 2015.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2016, totaled 43,000 head, up from last year's 40,000 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 4,200 head, unchanged

Spots, rusts, scabs, and southeast Kansas wheat

Crop Production Agent, Wildcat Extension District

In Southeast Kansas, wheat is often spurned as "that other crop" behind soybeans and corn. Many producers begrudgingly grow wheat just because it fits well in our rotation while others jokingly call it our best "cover crop" option. The main reason for this disdain is probably the simple fact that growing conditions in SEK greatly favor disease outbreaks.

At the third Annual Agronomy Night meeting in Girard, Dr. Erick DeWolf, K-State Research and Extension Plant Pathologist, focused his presentation on fungal diseases and management. Due to recent infestation levels. Fusarium Head Blight (scab), Stripe Rust, and Tan Spot dominated the open discussion.

These three pests damage wheat in three distinct

move leaf area from the plant which reduces photosynthesis. If you can imagine plants as little green factories producing grain, photosynthesis is what actually drives production. Any loss of leaf area has a direct correlation with yield loss so spotting diseases like Tan Spot reduce yield accord-

Stripe Rust reduces yield in two different ways. First, and most obvious, the fungus reduces the available leaf area just like Tan Spot. However. additionally Stripe Rust parasitizes the wheat plant for nutrients which directly impacts grain production as well. This siphoning off of nutrients robs the plants ability to utilize them which lowers vield as well.

Fusarium Head Blight attacks the head and grain directly while disregarding the leaf area. Scab infected wheat has lower quality, reways. Tan Spot lesions re- duced test weights, and de-

creased yield. Also, the fungus can produce a toxin which can make the grain unmarketable. Unfortunately, many producers in our area experienced a heavy scab infestation last year and know these facts all too

Many producers ask what fungicide should be used to control these virulent pests. Dr. DeWolf releases a publication titled Foliar Fungicide Efficacy Ratings for Wheat Disease Management on a vearly basis. Within that publication a wide variety of fungicide active ingredients are rated on their effectiveness against eight fungal diseases (including the three previously mentioned).

The next question tends to be how long the fungicide activity lasts. Conventional thought says that the triazole class of fungicides has curative activity and has a limited timeframe of control while the strobilurin class

has extended activity but lacks the curative function. Dr. DeWolf contends that research shows that no matter which fungicide class is chosen, approximately three weeks of control can be expected. Anything longer than that is just a bonus.

The final, and probably most important, question that must be asked is how much of a yield increase can producers expect when spraying. Once again, Dr. DeWolf sites years of data (in this case over 20 years) in saying that producers can expect a 10% yield increase if there are diseases present and the flag leaf is protected. Over the years of the experiments. researchers have found increases in yield of over 75% to yield losses from spraying of nearly 15%. However, in the majority of cases, yields have increased by 4% to 14%with the average being the previously mentioned 10%. Additionally, research has not shown a significant yield boost from an early application of fungicide.

With commodity prices where they are, producers must decide if that 10% is

worth it. If sufficient disease pressure arrives this spring and the yield potential remains high, then spraying could be essential. conditions limit the yield potential, spraying may not be warranted. If you have questions or would like more information, please call me at the office (620)724-8233, or e-mail me at icoltrain@ksu.edu. or visit the Wildcat Extension Dis-

GUN AUCTION with Knives, Gun Cases, Scopes, Accessories SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 — 2:00 PM

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However, if little disease is present, or if environmental trict website at www. wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu. 52. Mossberg mod.1000 Super 12 12 ga semi auto shotgun vented rib 53. Colt mod. New Frontier 22 cal revolver serial# L22360 54

Roberts and staff receive wheat awards for leadership

U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.. Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agricul-Nutrition Forestry, and key members of his staff recently received awards for their leadership on issues important to wheat producers from the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. Roberts also addressed the NAWG Winter Conference.

"I am honored to be recognized for our efforts on behalf of wheat growers," said Roberts. "The Committee has done important work: protecting crop insurance, passing important grains inspections legislation, improving the grains standard in our child nutrition bill headed to the Senate floor, and important tax relief for producers. I look forward to another year with our sleeves rolled up. putting the farmer and rancher first.'

Roberts received the "Wheat Advocate" award given annually to members of Congress who have demonstrated support for the wheat industry above and beyond the norm.

Members of Roberts' staff received the "Friend of Wheat" award given annually to congressional staff who demonstrated support for the wheat industry above and beyond the norm, including Wayne Stoskopf, Will Stafford, James Glueck and Andrew Vlasaty.

Wayne Stoskopf, professional staff for the Committee, was raised on his family's wheat, sorghum and livestock farm near Hoisington, Kansas. Stoskopf graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness. Stoskopf previously worked in Roberts' personal office serving as the agriculture legislative assistant until he went to the Committee in 2015.

James Glueck, senior policy advisor for the Committee handling biotechnology, risk management and grain inspection, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Development from Texas A&M University. Glueck has worked for the Agriculture Committee since 2013.

Will Stafford is a graduate of Towson University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Economics. Stafford has been Roberts' agriculture legislative assistant in the personal office since March 2015.

Andrew Vlasaty, senior professional staff on the Committee, handles conservation, forestry, and environment issues. Vlasaty graduated from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Vlasaty has worked for the Agriculture Committee since 2011.

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K-State students try to build on strong starts in Central Plains Region

K-State Rodeo Coach the K-State women's team Casy Winn says the team has been practicing both rough stock and timed events in Weber Arena in preparation for the spring college rodeo schedule. Several students are in good position to make a run at the College National Finals Rodeo, June 12-18 in Casper, Wyo. Winn said

currently sits sixth in the Central Plains Region (CPR), led by Emily Cary, who is tied for second in the barrel racing standings, and Casey Adams, who is 12th in the breakaway roping after four rodeos. Adams is the women's team captain.

K-State is 11th in the CPR

men's team standings. Jarek VanPetten is fourth in the heading standings of the team roping, while Jamie Wolf is seventh in the calf roping.

The spring season opens with the K-State Rodeo, February 19-21 at Weber

Arena. Remaining rodeos for the spring semester are at Fort Scott Community College March 4-6, Garden City Community College (GCCC) April 1-3, Southwestern Oklahoma State University April 7-9, Fort Hays State University April 15-17

and Oklahoma Panhandle State University April 28-30. "We hope to get off on the right foot by using our home-court to our advantage as we start the spring season," said Winn. K-State will have several students competing for the first time this spring. Jordyn Eddington, a transfer from GCCC,

will compete for women's team in barrel racing and breakaway roping. A couple of current women's team members have new barrel horses on which to compete. Chris Rupp and Logan Hodgson both have been practicing bull riding in Weber and plan to enter CPR rodeos this spring.

ASA: More work still needed on EU biotech approvals timeline

The American Soybean Association (ASA) urged the European Commission to continue its work in addressing delays in the approvals timeline for crops grown with new biotechnology traits, saying the delays create a barrier to entry into the market for American soybeans and risk the supply of high quality feed for Europe's livestock industry. ASA noted the improvements the current Commission has made, and urged the Commission to give final authorization to new bio-tech events after they have passed through the EU's long review process. The statement followed a report released earlier this month from European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly highlighting delays in the previous Commission's decisions on approving the import of new biotech crops that she said amounted to "maladministration." ASA president Richard Wilkins noted that while the current Commission is making progress, it

must continue to do so: "While Ombudsman O'Reilly's report is a reaffirmation of what we have known to be true for some time, it is still a good acknowledgement of the work that is ahead with regard to Europe. The process for approving new traits for export must be a transparent, efficient and science-based one. And the current Commission must not shirk its

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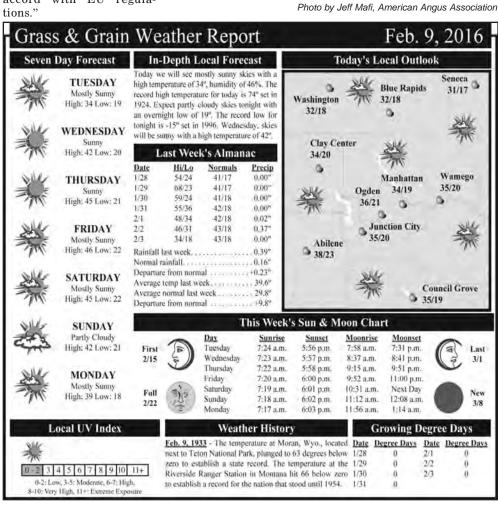
responsibility to provide final authorization of new biotech products after they have traveled through the EU's established reviews and processes. Several new sovbean biotech traits now are awaiting final approval by the Commission; it needs to provide final authorizations expeditiously and in accord with EU regula-



These juniors won intermediate showmanship at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Kansas Angus Ambassador Alexandria Cozzitorto and Miss Kansas Angus Bryanna Hite, presenting; Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, champion; and Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, reserve champion.



These junior members won senior showmanship at the 2016 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Kansas Angus Ambassador Alexandria Cozzitorto and Miss Kansas Angus Bryanna Hite, presenting; Casey Craver, Gypsum, champion; and Claire Wingert, Ottawa, reserve Photo by Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association champion.





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