



Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

The April Supply and Demand report came and went without a whole lot of fanfare. There wasn't much interesting at all in the U.S. numbers, except for the questionable cuts to corn and wheat feed usage. The world numbers were more or less expected with cuts in world corn and bean ending stocks thanks mostly to production issues in South America.

The corn and wheat spent most of the week trading lower. The July corn now has a streak of four consecutive lower highs and lower lows and the July KW has four lower highs in a row and has given up half of the recent gains.

Since it is early in the season, traders are not too concerned about cold soil temperatures in the Corn Belt and they are convinced that we will see significant moisture in the HRW Belt in the near future. The export sales pace for wheat is still terrible, but that cannot be said for the corn, which is still at a very strong pace. Coupled with the good ethanol production figures and declining ethanol stocks, the demand outlook for the corn is very solid. Overall it is still pretty easy to make a somewhat bullish case for the corn, especially for the new crop, but the wheat is still going to be dependent on the supply side of the equation to keep buyers

interested.

Soybeans have a little bit different outlook. Export sales are surging. Some of that may have to do with trying to get ahead of any Chinese tariffs, and some of it has to do with the production shortfall in Argentina. One of the most interesting things of the week is that we made export sales to Argentina, which is very unusual and demonstrates how badly they need beans to fill their crush capacity and product commitments.

On the charts, the July corn basically stalled out at the \$4.00 area and is now fishing for support. We might have to dip down to the \$3.90 area, but it doesn't seem likely that

this market is done moving up. The same thing can be said for the wheat. The \$5.05 area is going to be very good support for the July KW. Crop condition ratings are terrible and Spring Wheat planting is off to a slow start. The soybean meal is likely to see new contract highs very soon and the soybeans will follow closely behind as long as we don't see any more spats with China.

The cattle market had an interesting week. It seemed like the futures could never hold gains and then suddenly on Thursday we saw May feeder cattle move limit higher. The Feeder Index is beginning to climb, which is a very favorable sign and we saw cash cattle trade as high as \$122, which will be very supportive to the bull spreads in the live cattle.

On the charts we are seeing our upward correction from the lows continue. The June live cattle are headed to the \$110 area and the May feeders will reach \$144 soon.

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| We had a large run of cattle for our sale Friday, April 13th. We had several groups of high quality weaned and unweaned calves selling on a strong to higher market. Feeder steers and heifers offered were also selling higher. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| STEER CALVES — 300-550 lbs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bennington | 7 blk | 320@237.00 | Americus | 9 red Angus | 502@181.00 | Wamego | 4 blk | 620@152.00 | Lincolnville | 12 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @2025.00 |
| Bennington | 4 blk | 408@205.00 | Blue Rapids | 11 blk | 481@180.00 | Dwight | 9 blk | 568@150.50 | Lincolnville | 20 blk | 2 3-4 @2000.00 |
| Allen | 4 blk | 403@201.00 | Belvue | 6 blk | 506@180.00 | Matfield Green | 8 blk | 587@146.75 | Gridley | 8 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1975.00 |
| Council Grove | 4 blk | 343@199.00 | Westmoreland | 34 blk | 511@179.00 | Vermillion | 5 blk | 710@139.50 | Lincolnville | 18 blk | 2 3-4 @1950.00 |
| Westmoreland | 31 blk | 408@197.00 | Allen | 5 blk | 495@179.00 | Elmdale | 12 blk | 617@138.25 | Lincolnville | 43 blk | 2 2-4 @1900.00 |
| Olsburg | 9 bwf | 398@195.00 | bilene | 4 blk | 506@178.00 | Blue Rapids | 4 blk | 600@138.00 | Gridley | 5 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1800.00 |
| Allen | 18 blk | 478@191.50 | Dwight | 8 blk | 500@178.00 | Pomona | 9 blk | 655@138.00 | Onaga | 24 blk | 2 3-4 @1800.00 |
| Whitewater | 4 blk | 368@191.00 | Allen | 15 blk | 539@177.00 | Green | 13 blk | 658@137.50 | Olsburg | 5 blk | 2 3-4 @1800.00 |
| St. George | 7 blk | 452@190.00 | Olsburg | 10 blk | 510@177.00 | Wamego | 6 blk | 746@137.00 | Gridley | 6 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1775.00 |
| Emporia | 5 blk | 446@190.00 | Tonganoxie | 6 blk | 536@174.00 | Blue Rapids | 6 blk | 600@137.00 | Gridley | 10 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1750.00 |
| White City | 4 blk | 437@187.00 | Ottawa | 5 blk | 537@174.00 | Manhattan | 4 blk | 671@136.25 | Gridley | 5 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1700.00 |
| Paola | 6 blk | 478@183.50 | Alma | 9 blk | 473@170.50 | Manhattan | 14 blk | 806@133.50 | Gridley | 6 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1675.00 |
| Ottawa | 4 blk | 458@183.00 | Elmdale | 8 blk | 500@170.00 | Manhattan | 4 blk | 720@132.50 | Gridley | 15 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1650.00 |
| Emporia | 16 Angus | 499@182.00 | Manhattan | 8 mix | 478@159.00 | Vermillion | 10 Hereford | 618@132.00 | Gridley | 15 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1600.00 |
| Americus | 9 red Angus | 502@181.00 | Alta Vista | 5 Cross | 516@155.00 | Waterville | 5 blk | 761@131.50 | Hartford | 9 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1600.00 |
| Blue Rapids | 11 blk | 481@180.00 | Berryton | 4 blk | 527@155.00 | Frankfort | 13 blk | 739@131.00 | Hartford | 8 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1585.00 |
| Belvue | 6 blk | 506@180.00 | HEIFERS — 550-1,050 lbs | | | | Vermillion | 14 Hereford | Hartford | 9 rd Ang | 2 3-4 @1525.00 |
| Westmoreland | 34 blk | 511@179.00 | Wamego | 4 blk | 620@152.00 | Manhattan | 12 blk | 837@127.50 | Gardner | 4 blk | 2 8 @1475.00 |
| Allen | 5 blk | 495@179.00 | Dwight | 9 blk | 568@150.50 | Manhattan | 11 mix | 796@127.50 | 1ST CALF HEIFER PAIRS | | |
| bilene | 4 blk | 506@178.00 | Matfield Green | 8 blk | 587@146.75 | Wamego | 10 blk | 909@127.00 | AGE | | |
| Dwight | 8 blk | 500@178.00 | Vermillion | 5 blk | 710@139.50 | Manhattan | 5 blk | 797@126.00 | Seneca | 8 blk | 2 @2600.00 |
| Allen | 15 blk | 539@177.00 | Elmdale | 12 blk | 617@138.25 | Vermillion | 5 blk | 841@125.50 | Junction City | 6 blk | 2 @2550.00 |
| Olsburg | 10 blk | 510@177.00 | Blue Rapids | 4 blk | 600@138.00 | Leonardville | 4 blk | 843@122.75 | Quenemo | 10 rd Ang | 2 @2400.00 |
| Tonganoxie | 6 blk | 536@174.00 | Pomona | 9 blk | 655@138.00 | Frankfort | 12 Angus | 888@122.00 | Quenemo | 10 blk | 2 @2350.00 |
| Ottawa | 5 blk | 537@174.00 | Green | 13 blk | 658@137.50 | Manhattan | 12 Angus | 888@119.50 | Quenemo | 10 rd Ang | 2 @2300.00 |
| Alma | 9 blk | 473@170.50 | Wamego | 6 blk | 746@137.00 | Manhattan | 4 blk | 925@118.50 | Seneca | 1 blk | 2 @2275.00 |
| Elmdale | 8 blk | 500@170.00 | Blue Rapids | 6 blk | 600@137.00 | Manhattan | 6 blk | 965@115.50 | Seneca | 10 blk | 2 @2200.00 |
| Manhattan | 8 mix | 478@159.00 | Manhattan | 14 blk | 806@133.50 | Manhattan | 7 blk | 1034@114.00 | Centralia | 9 blk | 2 @2175.00 |
| Alta Vista | 5 Cross | 516@155.00 | Manhattan | 4 blk | 720@132.50 | Vermillion | 10 Hereford | 618@132.00 | Welda | 6 rd Ang | 2 @2000.00 |
| Berryton | 4 blk | 527@155.00 | Vermillion | 10 Hereford | 618@132.00 | Frankfort | 13 blk | 739@131.00 | Olsburg | 8 blk | 2 @1975.00 |
| STEERS — 550-900 lbs | | | | Waterville | 5 blk | 761@131.50 | Manhattan | 5 blk | Gridley | 11 rd Ang | 2 @1950.00 |
| Corning | 10 blk | 572@168.00 | Frankfort | 13 blk | 739@131.00 | Manhattan | 12 blk | 837@127.50 | Bern | 6 blk | 2 @1950.00 |
| Westmoreland | 25 blk | 605@167.50 | Vermillion | 14 Hereford | 747@130.50 | Manhattan | 11 mix | 796@127.50 | Lindsborg | 10 blk | 2 @1950.00 |
| Wamego | 7 blk | 551@165.50 | Manhattan | 12 blk | 837@127.50 | Manhattan | 10 blk | 909@127.00 | Bern | 7 blk | 2 @1900.00 |
| Hoyt | 4 blk | 562@165.00 | Manhattan | 11 mix | 796@127.50 | Wamego | 5 blk | 797@126.00 | BULLS | | |
| Dwight | 6 blk | 587@164.50 | Wamego | 10 blk | 909@127.00 | Manhattan | 5 blk | 841@125.50 | Hope | 1 blk | @2350.00 |
| Green | 16 blk | 587@164.50 | Manhattan | 5 blk | 797@126.00 | Vermillion | 5 blk | 841@125.50 | Havensville | 1 Ang | @2300.00 |
| Paola | 10 blk | 592@162.00 | Vermillion | 5 blk | 841@125.50 | Leonardville | 4 blk | 843@122.75 | Hope | 1 blk | @2250.00 |
| Belvue | 20 blk | 605@159.50 | Leonardville | 4 blk | 843@122.75 | Frankfort | 12 Angus | 888@122.00 | Hope | 1 blk | @2150.00 |
| Blue Rapids | 14 blk | 618@159.00 | Frankfort | 12 Angus | 888@122.00 | Manhattan | 12 Angus | 888@119.50 | Hope | 2 blk | @2150.00 |
| Manhattan | 16 blk | 738@159.00 | Manhattan | 4 blk | 925@118.50 | Manhattan | 4 blk | 925@118.50 | Hope | 2 blk | @2150.00 |
| Randolph | 10 bwf | 649@157.25 | Frankfort | 6 blk | 965@115.50 | Manhattan | 7 blk | 965@115.50 | Lincolnville | 1 Ang | @2100.00 |
| Alma | 4 blk | 553@157.00 | Manhattan | 6 blk | 1034@114.00 | Manhattan | 6 blk | 1034@114.00 | Lincolnville | 1 Ang | @2025.00 |
| Winchester | 6 blk | 589@157.00 | BULLS — 1,075-2,350 lbs | | | | Blaine | 1 Cross | Lincolnville | 1 Ang | @2000.00 |
| Axtell | 8 blk | 628@156.50 | Blaine | 1 Cross | 1140@98.50 | Marysville | 1 blk | 1235@95.00 | Lincolnville | 1 Ang | @1950.00 |
| Riley | 13 blk | 734@155.50 | Marysville | 1 blk | 1235@95.00 | Manhattan | 1 Heref | 1150@91.00 | Lincolnville | 1 Ang | @1850.00 |
| Pomona | 4 blk | 576@155.00 | Manhattan | 1 Heref | 1150@91.00 | Strong City | 1 rd Ang | 1090@90.00 | Holton | 1 rd Ang | @1825.00 |
| Randolph | 4 Cross | 605@151.00 | Strong City | 1 rd Ang | 1090@90.00 | Paxico | 1 Cross | 1455@79.00 | Cassoday | 1 blk | @1800.00 |
| Corning | 5 blk | 696@150.00 | Paxico | 1 Cross | 1455@79.00 | Wamego | 1 Heref | 2210@76.00 | Lincolnville | 1 Ang | @1775.00 |
| Elmdale | 7 blk | 636@150.00 | Wamego | 1 Heref | 2210@76.00 | Wamego | 1 blk | 1930@75.00 | Hope | 1 blk | @1775.00 |
| Waterville | 5 blk | 646@150.00 | Alma | 1 Heref | 2345@65.00 | Alma | 1 Heref | 2345@65.00 | Cassoday | 1 blk | @1775.00 |
| Alta Vista | 12 Cross | 655@148.50 | COWS & HEIFERETTES — 975-1,725 lbs | | | | Scranton | 1 bwf | 975@100.00 | | |
| Pomona | 5 blk | 739@148.50 | Scranton | 1 bwf | 975@100.00 | Strong City | 1 rd Ang | 1035@100.00 | | | |
| Green | 10 blk | 686@147.50 | Strong City | 1 rd Ang | 1035@100.00 | Wamego | 1 blk | 1140@98.00 | | | |
| Topeka | 10 blk | 686@147.50 | Wamego | 1 blk | 1140@98.00 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1005@96.00 | | | |
| Pomona | 16 blk | 537@144.25 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1005@96.00 | Wamego | 1 Cross | 1100@89.00 | | | |
| Meriden | 5 Hereford | 621@14200 | Wamego | 1 Cross | 1100@89.00 | Wamego | 1 blk | 1100@76.50 | | | |
| Leonardville | 6 blk | 881@135.50 | Wamego | 1 blk | 1100@76.50 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1205@71.00 | | | |
| Vermillion | 4 blk | 882@135.50 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1205@71.00 | Tampa | 1 blk | 1145@70.00 | | | |
| HEIFER CALVES — 350-550 lbs | | | | Hamilton | 1 blk | 1560@68.50 | Grantville | 1 blk | 1545@67.00 | | |
| Elmdale | 4 mix | 401@167.00 | Grantville | 1 blk | 1545@67.00 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1595@66.50 | | | |
| Desoto | 11 blk | 370@166.00 | Frankfort | 1 blk | 1525@66.00 | Frankfort | 1 Cross | 1530@64.50 | | | |
| Whitewater | 7 blk | 370@163.00 | Strong City | 1 rd Ang | 1460@64.00 | Marysville | 1 blk | 1670@63.75 | | | |
| Olsburg | 7 Cross | 384@162.00 | Onaga | 1 Cross | 1720@63.50 | Onaga | 1 Cross | 1720@63.50 | | | |
| Westmoreland | 32 blk | 486@161.00 | Florence | 3 blk | 1286@62.25 | Florence | 3 blk | 1286@62.25 | | | |
| Westmoreland | 19 blk | 412@161.00 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1370@62.00 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1370@62.00 | | | |
| Emporia | 5 blk | 381@161.00 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1445@61.50 | Manhattan | 1 blk | 1445@61.50 | | | |
| Paola | 4 blk | 383@161.00 | Pomona | 1 blk | 1350@60.00 | Pomona | 1 blk | 1350@60.00 | | | |
| Council Grove | 9 blk | 398@160.00 | Pomona | 1 blk | 1230@60.00 | Pomona | 1 blk | 1230@60.00 | | | |
| Council Grove | 4 blk | 306@159.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Paola | 9 blk | 446@158.75 | | | | | | | | | |
| Allen | 9 blk | 419@157.50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Empomria | 9 blk | 504@157.50 | | | | | | | | | |



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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market activity, both movement and trade, is light due to limited supply. Demand remains very good for both grinding alfalfa and grass hay. Prices for alfalfa stayed mostly steady, while grass hay edged higher. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, with little or no precipitation, Kansas saw another week of growing deficits. Extreme drought conditions are common in southwest and central portions of the state and have expanded northeastward. The abnormally dry (D0) category is at 97 pct, moderate drought (D1) is at 82 pct, severe drought (D2) is at 56 pct, extreme drought (D3) is at 26 pct and exceptional drought (D4) is at 4 pct. If you have hay for sale, and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 240.00-250.00. Dairy, .95-1.00/point RFV, Supreme 175.00-185.00, Premium 160.00-170.00, Good 140.00-150.00. Stock or Dry Cow alfalfa, 175.00-185.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 140.00-150.00 with an instance at 160.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies,

160.00-185.00 with an instance at 200.00. Grass hay: Blue-stem large squares 80.00-90.00, large rounds 70.00-80.00. The week of 4/01-4/07, 9,640T of grinding alfalfa and 2,069T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Sorghum ground and delivered 105.00-115.00; wheat hay ground and delivered 125.00-135.00 delivered; Cornstalks: large rounds 55.00-65.00, ground and delivered 70.00-80.00.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets, stock cow, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grass hay steady to 5.00 higher; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 190.00-200.00. Dairy, .95-1.00/point RFV, Supreme 175.00-185.00, Premium 160.00-170.00, Good 140.00-150.00. Stock cow alfalfa, 135.00-145.00 delivered. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 120.00-140.00 with instances at 150.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 165.00-175.00 with an instance at 185.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 180.00-195.00 with an instance at 200.00, 17 pct protein 180.00-200.00 with an instance at 205.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 225.00-235.00. The week of 4/01-4/07, 4,372T of grinding alfalfa and 548T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Grass hay: bluestem, large squares 85.00-95.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00; Brome, large squares 130.00 delivered; Oat hay, large squares 85.00-95.00, Sudan large rounds 75.00-80.00. Cornstalks: large rounds 60.00-65.00, cornstalks ground and delivered 70.00-80.00, Straw large rounds 70.00-75.00.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, horse/goat, stock cow alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grass hay steady to 5.00 higher; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 215.00-225.00. Dairy .90-1.00/point RFV. Stock cow alfalfa 140.00-150.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, none reported. Ground and delivered, none reported. Grass hay: bluestem, premium small squares 110.00-120.00. Good, mid and large squares 90.00-105.00 with an instance at 120.00, large rounds 70.00-80.00 with an instance at 90.00-100.00. Brome: small squares 6.00-8.00/bale. Good, mid and large squares 100.00-115.00 with an instance at 120.00, large rounds none reported. Oat hay, large rounds 85.00-95.00, with an instance at 130.00 delivered. The week of 4/01-

4/07, 1,834T of grass hay were delivered. Straw, mid and large squares 50.00-60.00. Mulch, large rounds 50.00-55.00.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: small squares, 6.00-7.00/bale. Horse or goat, 180.00-200.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme .90-.95/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 110.00-120.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-115.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 120.00-130.00. Cornstalks, large rounds 80.00-85.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.00-10.00/bale, good small squares 8.00/bale. Dairy .95-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 175.00-195.00, Premium 170.00-185.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock Cow, good 120.00-125.00. Fair/Good, grinding alfalfa, 105.00-115.00 with an instance at 150.00. Ground and delivered, 140.00-150.00. Grass hay: bluestem, small squares 5.00-6.00/bale, large squares 105.00-115.00, large rounds 90.00-100.00. Brome: Good, small squares 6.00-8.00/bale, mid and large squares, 125.00-130.00, good large rounds 85.00-95.00. Sudan large rounds 60.00-70.00; Straw: small squares, 4.00-5.00/bale, large squares 75.00-85.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*CWF Certified Weed Free

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

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

Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas

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Posted to the Internet: www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt

Now is the time to think about pasture weed control

By Keith Martin,
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Now is an excellent time to make choices about managing weeds in pastures. Before applying herbicides for chemical control, you first need to answer the question, "Why do I have weeds in my pasture?" If a management issue such as overstocking, spot grazing, low grass vigor or something else is causing the increase in weed numbers, then weeds are symptoms, not the real root of the problem. Managing for improved grass vigor through better soil

fertility and grazing at the proper time and intensity can greatly reduce most weed issues, particularly annual weeds.

On the other hand, there may be instances when grazing management and soil fertility alone cannot address weed issues. In these situations, coupling chemical control with proper grazing and soil fertility can lead to a long term solution.

Annual broadleaves are easiest and most economically controlled when they are small (two to four inches tall). In addition, if weeds are killed when they are small they don't compete as much with desirable forages resulting in a much greater yield response when weeds are controlled early in the growing season as compared to later. The proper timing for that annual weed size is usually somewhere between mid-April and the first of May in southeast Kansas. Perenn-

nials are best controlled when they are flowering or have completed flowering and actively growing, usually sometime in June depending on the weed. Obviously weed growth and the weather don't always abide by the calendar, so for best results always follow the rates and weed sizes listed on the label.

There are several different chemical options available. The best option for you will depend on price, effectiveness, and the weed type and size you are going after. A few of the chemical options are:

2,4-D works well on small annuals and at a higher rate satisfactorily on perennials. A rate of 3/4 lb. of active ingredient per acre will give good control on small annuals.

A rate of 1 to 1 1/4 lbs. will be needed for large annuals or perennial plants.

For a broader spectrum of weed control, and in

some cases residual control, 2,4-D in combination with aminopyralid, dicamba or picloram may be an effective option. Be sure to read the label for the proper mixing procedures and a list of those weeds controlled.

Metsulfuron is also another option, which provides residual control. Metsulfuron can also suppress fescue production and seedheads. There are several herbicides in which Metsulfuron is the primary ingredient. An excellent K-State publication with specific recommendations for different weeds and forage types is available at: <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/chemweedguide.pdf> for 2018 KSU Chemical Weed Control.

For information about this and other livestock and forage topics contact Keith Martin, Livestock Agent, (620) 784-5337 or email me at rkmartin@ksu.edu For other resources available through our staff check out www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu, <https://www.facebook.com/WildcatExtension.District> or twitter.com/WED_Livestock

Wheat Diagnostic School planned May 9-10 in Garden City

Wheat takes center stage at the 2018 In-Depth Wheat Diagnostic School planned May 9-10 at the K-State Southwest Research-Extension Center, 4500 E. Mary St., in Garden City.

Presenters from K-State and industry will address an array of topics, including wheat growth and development; weed-, disease- and insect management; irrigation technology; fertilizer application; canola in cropping systems; plus a farmer's success story about growing canola in western Kansas.

The fee to attend is \$140 if paid by May 1 and \$180 after that date or at the door. Breakfast and lunch both days and a take-home field book are included in the registration.

Certified crop advisory and commercial applicator credits are available for attendees.

More information and online registration is available at www.global.ksu.edu/wheat-diagnostic. For registration questions, email registration@k-state.edu or call 785-532-5569.

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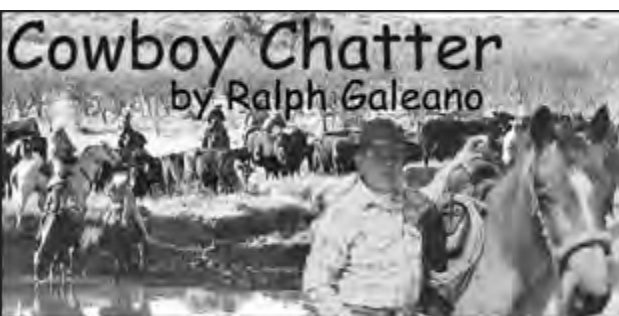
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Don't Look Down

It was one of those blue-bird days. The weather was perfect and for once the wind was down to a light breeze instead of screaming a gale force out of the high mountain passes. It was October and the day was crisp and clear. Everything was almost perfect. I was riding with a man I considered one of the best in the business and I listened to everything he said and watched every move he made as we rode along. It was almost perfect, but not quite. A few needles of apprehension and an acute awareness of the dangerous trail we were on kept it from being perfect or at least close to perfect.

We were riding for the Ruby Valley Cattlemen's Association in the upper Ruby Valley of Southwest Montana almost thirty years ago. It was fall and we had to gather the cattle belonging to different outfits that made up the association and had grazing leases on BLM land. Most of the cattle had been gathered and moved to the corrals at Cow Camp and were waiting to be sorted by brand so they could be trailed to their respective ranches. Richard Woods and I had limbed high in the Gravelly Mountains. We were scouring the timber, small canyons and brushy pockets searching for stragglers that may have been missed during the main gathering.

We did a lot of stopping and sitting to just listen. When we came upon a place where the timber or brush was impenetrable, Richard would let out a bellow that sounded more like a gorilla than a cow. Then we'd listen to hear if maybe a cow hidden in the brush would answer him back thinking it was one of its own kind. I made a few comments about why a self-respecting cow wouldn't answer a gorilla. Richard would laugh and then spit out some tobacco juice.

We gradually worked our way up a few steep hog-backs and eventually reached timberline. We could see all the open

slopes above us and there wasn't a trace of cattle all the way to the top of the mountain. Richard kept climbing and I followed along figuring he knew where he was going. There must be a pocket up high that he's found cattle in years past and he wants to check it out, I thought. We reached what I thought was the top of the mountain and rode out on a level plateau between two peaks. We stopped to let the horses blow after the long climb. We hadn't found any strays and that was a good thing. We were just riding clean-up and not having to push cows back to the corrals was not a bad thing if you think about it. I'd never been in this part of the mountains before and the views from this high up were awesome. I was feeling privileged to be able to look out over some of the most beautiful country in Montana. I took in the breathtaking view and felt like I could see a hundred miles, clear to the Idaho border.

I asked Richard where we were headed and he said we had to go along the side-hill that skirted the high peak ahead of us. I looked where he pointed and saw a frightening slope that fell away hundreds of feet to a sheer drop-off over a granite cliff. The side-hill looked like something a mountain goat might have trouble negotiating. The first needle pricks of apprehension played around in my belly. It looked impassable. But why worry about it, I thought. Didn't Richard receive a custom pair of chaps at the yearly Cattlemen's Association barbecue for riding 50 years on the same Ruby Valley roundup? He probably knows this country better than any man alive and I'm privileged to be riding with him.

Richard went on to say that we'd go around the rocky peak and then head back down on a ridge that would let us look in some different nooks and crannies on the way back to camp. "We can't ride into camp

empty-handed," he said.

Richard moved off and I followed behind. When the plateau petered out into a granite out-cropping leading up higher, Richard rode around the lower side of the boulders and granite rock onto the side-hill. Now the not-so-perfect part of the day was coming into play and I could see it was going to take some courage to ride out onto the edge of an abyss to get around the obstacles in our way.

Richard didn't slow down, stop or blow his nose; he just rode out onto the side-hill, loosened his reins and let his horse pick his way. I thought he was taking a shortcut to Hell because I didn't see how a horse could make it across that steep slope. It was covered with slide-rock and I watched as rocks clattered away down the slope with each step the horse took. I nudged my horse to follow and felt the loose footing underneath us. Don't lean toward the upper side of the hill. It might seem like the safest thing to do but it's not. That will only throw your balance off and make it harder for the horse to keep his footing. Ride straight in the saddle and let the horse choose his way.

In the loose shale like slide-rock, the horse had to almost scurry and sometimes scramble ahead to keep from sliding down with the rock. Small avalanches of rock clattered away with each hoof fall. I kept my eyes planted on the tail of Richard's horse some twenty feet ahead. I watched his horse scramble across the side-hill.

Richard yelled back at me.

"Don't look down!"

"Why?" I foolishly answered, thinking he meant it would scare me to see how steep the hill was.

"Cause you might see some cows and then we'd have to go after them."

We made it across and rode up on another fairly flat plateau and stopped. Richard looked at me and grinned. The worst was over. Now it was a perfect day even though my nerves were a little frayed. We rode to an intersecting ridge that led down to timber line. There were some nooks and crannies and in a little brushy draw we found a handful of cows and calves that had dodged the first gather. We didn't ride into cow camp empty-handed that year.

Contact Ralph Galeano at ralph@cowboy chatter.com or www.cowboy chatter.com

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Crop reporting improvement

By Josh Coltrain, Crop Production Agent, Wildcat Extension District

Think back to your high school math class. Did you ever take an exam that you felt like every answer was a guess? K-State Research and Extension agents, along with some other agencies, fill out crop progress reports on a regular basis with what amounts to educated guesses. However, there is an effort underway to improve this process.

I must admit that I am a numbers guy. When they are based on valid circumstances, numbers are truly difficult to argue with. As such, the crop reporting process is a struggle for me as my responses are truly an educated guess rather than hard data.

From December through February, the reports are monthly and due the first Monday of the month. From March through November, the reports are due weekly on Monday mornings with reports released from the National Ag Statistics Service on Monday afternoons. These reports are available to anyone but are widely used by grain marketers and commodity traders which can impact markets both positively and negatively. Throughout the year, the content of the surveys change to adapt to the current crop progress.

For example, there were four questions in this week's survey. The first was how many days were suitable for field work. This question is essentially just a way to measure precipitation and the response simply requires a single whole number from zero to seven. Terry Griffin, K-State Research and Extension Precision ag economist has researched this data. While not that surprising to our area, across the state the most productive crop years are those which have more days suitable for fieldwork. His work can be found on agmanager.info.

The next two questions are quite related in that they both deal with soil moisture, both topsoil and subsoil. For both areas, respondents are asked to estimate the percentage of the county that is very short, short, adequate, or

excessive. While the option is there to estimate by single digits, I tend to estimate by five percentage points (i.e. 15 or 20% rather than 17%).

The final question in the survey dealt with the condition of the growing wheat crop. Respondents were asked to estimate what percentage of the crop was very poor, poor, fair, good, or excellent. In all honesty, I have probably been too pessimistic on our wheat crop and will need to increase my good and excellent percentages next week.

For crop condition, the ratings are weighted by crop acreage. For instance, this summer cotton condition and progress will be one of the questions. Since there is no cotton (that I know of) in Crawford County, I leave the question blank. However, even if I were to answer the question, since no cotton is in the county, my response would not impact the report very much if at all.

Until last year, the data was broken out into nine reporting districts across the state which transected the state into thirds both north to south and east to west. However, the following note has been added to the reports for this year: "District-level estimates for sorghum, days suitable for fieldwork, and topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies will not be published in 2018 due to lack of external funding." This is unfortunate as the by-district data was quite interesting to display the variability across our great state.

Another one of my issues with the process is the timing of the questions, which include estimating a percentage of crops planted. For example, if fields were drier, producers would have started planting corn near our insurance date of March 20th.

In fact, if conditions were great, a large amount of acreage would have been planted. In most years, my first response to percentage of corn planted is greater than 50% because the question is not asked until the first or second week in April.

Later in the season we will be asked about the growth stage of our crops including heading on wheat or tasseling on corn. Ignacio Ciampitti, K-State Research and Extension Cropping Systems Specialist and his graduate student Luciana Nieto are working to develop a real-time mapping system using satellite technology that will include crop growth stages. This system will be able to accurately monitor the crop growth and development across the state. In fact, if successfully, this system will have much higher accuracy than the current reporting system.

While an educated guess may bother a numbers guy like me, it is the current best system. However, a more accurate system may be developed in the near future. For more information or if you have any questions, please call me at the office (620) 724-8233, or e-mail me at jcoltrain@ksu.edu, or visit the Wildcat Extension District website at www.wildcat-district.ksu.edu.



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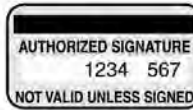
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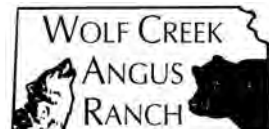


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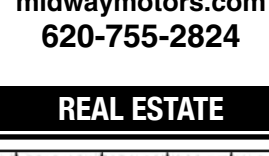
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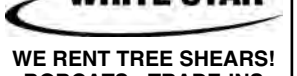
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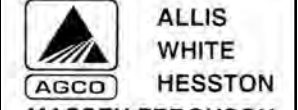
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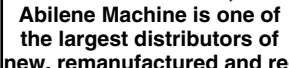


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Research aims to find ways to encourage beneficial insects in farm fields

K-State grad student uses fake caterpillars to learn more about helping farmers

Could a small chunk of modeling clay help farmers feed the world?

It might, particularly if it's formed into the shape of a caterpillar that scientists can use to learn more about which insects are frolicking around a farm field.

In fact, Kansas State University graduate student Ryan Schmid recently traveled to Beijing, China where he saw first-hand how the simple use of plasticine – a brand of modeling clay similar to Play-Doh that many have grown up playing with – can help farmers improve crop yields and make more money.

“The project I was part of involved looking at biological controls that they're using in Asia,” said Schmid, who will graduate this May with the doctoral degree in entomology.

In his case, Schmid said ‘biological control’ refers to ways that beneficial insects are used to eliminate or reduce the presence of pests in a farmer's field. An example of a beneficial insect is the lady beetle, which is known to feed on aphids, a known pest that causes damage in farm crops.

In one experiment, “We took plasticine, rolled it up so it looked like a caterpillar and we set it out in the field. Then, we came back a day later to see what bite marks were on it, which tells us a little bit about what type of insects are in that field.”

Though the experiment was small in nature, it did give an idea of some factors that help to encourage beneficial insects around farmer's fields.

“For us, we wanted to see how the surrounding habitat – like flowers – might support some of the beneficial biological control insects, and whether the habitat helps support beneficial insects that will then move into that field,” Schmid said.

“It was a quick experiment, really just playing around. But we did see bite marks on those caterpillars after just one day. Something was moving around those fields and the one's that were bitten were closer to the flowers.”

Schmid said scientists have studied the habitat around farm fields for some time, so the concept is not new. But they are continually learning more about what types of habitat will encourage more of the insects that will benefit crop health and growth.

He noted that Iowa State University recently published recommendations for attracting beneficial insects, which can be impacted by crop rotations, tillage practices, cover crops, and more factors.

“We don't tell farmers what to do, but we do give them options, and what we've found is that when you start combining some of these, it enhances their benefits,” Schmid said. “So, we are showing how those management decisions are impacting those beneficial insects, and how improving the insect and plant community will help them with profits on their farm.”

Asian farmers, for example, have planted soybeans in the middle of an apple grove in order to attract beneficial insects: “It's all about creating a good eco-system out there while also getting a high yield on your crops,” Schmid said.

Schmid, whose graduate work at K-State included developing strategies for monitoring Hessian fly populations in wheat fields, already has a job lined up with the Ecdysis Foundation in South Dakota once he graduates in May.

“What I will be working with is called ‘regenerative agriculture,’ but it's the same basic principle of promoting a healthy eco-system so that you get high crop yields,” he said. “We will be working to give farmers a little more confidence that this will work for them.”

More information about habitat management and its effects on the ecosystem is available from the Xerces Society, xerces.org.



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A perfect illustration of the GAR discipline was Lot 1, GAR Phoenix, representing ten generations of progeny-proven genetics. Phoenix's sire, GAR Sure Fire, is one of the most proven current sires in the Angus breed with more than 120 carcass records, more than 1,000 ultrasound records and more than 100 daughters in production. Winter

Family Ranch, Dodge City, was the most determined bidder, paying \$130,000 for one-half interest and no possession in GAR Phoenix. Winters will partner with Select Sires and Gardiner Angus Ranch on this exciting young sire with proven genetic potential.

Lot 2, GAR Inertia, generated a lot of interest prior to the sale. His sire, GAR Momentum, has rightfully earned a place in Angus history as a proven sire that passes on across-the-board excellence for all the traits of economic importance. His dam, GAR Prophet 2984, would become one of the high selling donors for the day. John Cushing, Jetset Angus Ranch, Flower Mound, Texas, James Branham, Grand Terra Farms, Miami, Okla., and ABS Global, Deforest, Wisc., won the competition to own GAR Inertia for \$70,000.

ST Genetics, Navasota, Texas, had the winning bid to own Lot 23, GAR Sure

Fire R676, for \$32,000. Lot 3, GAR Momentum 6706, attracted plenty of bidders determined to own a young sire with a multigenerational pedigree of proven performance in the pasture, through females, as well as end product merit. Leon Horton, Four Stars Ranch, Clarksville, Texas, outlasted the competition to own Lot 3 for \$30,000.

Phil Belko, Grimmus Cattle Co., Visalia, Calif., studied the catalog and paid \$27,000 to own Lot 45, GAR Momentum 5366. Tad Melton, Daltons on the Sycamore, Richmond, Va., and Leon Horton purchased Lots 5 and 123, for \$20,000 each, respectively. Long-time customer and contending bidder on Lot 2, Joe Mayer, Mayer Ranch, Guymon, Okla., had the winning bid to own Lot 7, GAR Sure Fire 7086, for \$19,000. Two more long time GAR customers, Randy Bayne, Protection, Kan., and Dale Long, Long Ranch, Gate, Okla., took Lots 8 and 24 back to their ranches for \$18,000 each, respectively. Grimmus Cattle Co. added to their purchase with Lot 43, GAR Momentum 6116, for \$16,000.

Repeat customer Jeff Gower, Soaring Eagle Angus, Springfield, Mo., and Troy Vollmer, Wing, N.D., paid \$15,000 each to own Lots 9 and 54, respectively. Four bulls, Lots 12, 19, 20 and 131, sold for \$14,000 each to Manuel Gonzalez, Mexico; Danny Poole, Texline, Texas; Terry Bradshaw Angus, Thackerville, Okla.; and James Skelton, Skelton Beef Co., Guymon, Okla.

Nine bulls sold for \$13,000 to eight buyers from five states. Four bulls sold for \$12,000 each. Fifteen bulls sold in the \$11,000 to \$11,500 range to 13 buyers representing eight states.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer have announced the government of Argentina has finalized technical requirements that will allow U.S. pork to be imported into Argentina for the first time since 1992.

Since the White House announced an agreement

with Argentina last August, technical staff from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative have been working with Argentina's Ministry of Agro-Industry on new terms for market access that are practical, science-based and consistent with relevant international animal health standards. The finalization of these technical requirements means that U.S. exports of pork and natural swine casings can now resume.

Fourteen bulls sold in the \$10,000 to \$10,500 range to 13 buyers from six states and Mexico. The female portion of the sale began with the same electric enthusiasm as the bull sale. Lot 475, GAR Prophet 2984, had attracted interest from many of the Angus breed's most elite seedstock producers. At the end of the competition, she sold to Jim Hagale, Sawyer Creek Ranch, Manchester, Mo., on a winning bid of \$65,000. Her full sister, next in the ring, was the second high selling donor, selling to Steve Rooney, Rooney Angus Ranch, Chippewa Falls, Wisc., for \$55,000.

Bidders and buyers found exciting genetics throughout the females. Steve Hillhouse, LaGrange, Texas, and Maplecrest Farms, Hillsboro, Ohio, teamed up to purchase the high selling 3-N-1 pair, Lot 487, for \$35,000. Watching online, Trey Gum, Woodside Farms, LLC, Clearbrook, Va., outlasted fierce competition and paid \$32,000 to own Lot 566, GAR Early Bird N985, the high selling bred cow.

Lots 448 and 449, two outstanding Early Bird daughters, sold to Dan and Patricia Bergith, Lylester Ranch, Martell, Neb., and long-time customer Theo Costas, TPC Angus, Jackson, Miss. Lot 448 sold for \$25,000 and Lot 449 sold for \$23,500. Another repeat customer, Richie Longanecker, Big Timber Cattle Co., Lithia, Fla., won the race to own Lot 477 for \$22,000. Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala., selected Lot 456, GAR Prophet 1805, to add to his donor herd, with a winning bid of \$19,000.

Brent and Tonya Huwa, Huwa Cattle, Roggen, Colo., made Lot 686, GAR

Sunrise 1916, the high selling bred heifer, paying \$18,500 to own her. Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas, paid \$18,000 to own 3-N-1, Lot 489, Chair Rock Sure Fire 5122. Tad Melton and Huwa Cattle, paid \$17,000 each to own bred heifers, Lots 679 and 687, respectively. Huwas added to their purchases with another outstanding bred heifer, Lot 684, GAR Sunrise F366, for \$15,500.

The persistent Georgia duo of CAM Ranches and Ogeechee Farms added two tremendous donors to their Southern Synergy operations including the purchase of Lot 454, GAR Prophet N1225, for \$15,000. Brett Oelke, Oelke Farms, LLC, Hoxie, Kan., also paid \$15,000 to own Lot 480 donor, Chair Rock Sure Fire 4060. Oelke Farms and Donnell and Kelli Brown's, RA Brown Ranch, Throckmorton, Texas, each paid \$14,000 to own Lots 460 and 491, respectively. Three females, Lots 443, 462, and 589 sold for \$13,000 each to Brent Stedje, Gruver, Texas; Lyman Ramsay; and Ogeechee Farms and Luke Mason, Livingston, Tenn., respectively. Two bred heifers, Lots 668 and 693, sold for \$12,500 each to Rick Horton, Nevada, Texas, and 2 Bar C Cattle Co., Luling, Texas, respectively.

Two donors, Lots 445 and 481, sold for \$11,000 each to Terry Bradshaw Angus and Nick Hull, Blackstone Cattle Co., Stoutton, Wisc., respectively. Long time GAR customers and friends Jimmy and Linda Richardson, Richardson Cattle Co., Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Jimmy and Glenette Goode, Goode Angus, Pampa, Texas, teamed up to purchase Lot 486 for \$11,000. Fred Smith Company Ranch, Clayton, N.C.,

selected Lot 670, to add to his growing family operations with a winning bid of \$11,000. Nine females sold for \$10,000 to seven buyers representing seven states.

Notes of Interest:

A total of 1,123 head sold to 245 buyers from 32 states, Canada and Mexico in eight hours and fifteen minutes!

Sale averages by most heavily used sires: GAR Sure Fire: 88 head averaged \$9,480; GAR Momentum: 103 head averaged \$8,704; GAR Prophet: 88 head averaged \$8,423; GAR 100X: 62 head averaged \$5,960; GAR Sunrise: 104 head averaged \$5,921; KCE Bennett Absolute: 98 head averaged \$5,418.

Volume Buyers—Bulls: Sam Harrell, Claude, Texas; Louie Gardner, Claremore, Okla.; Merrill Ranch, Wilmore; Mark Pearson, Arete Ranch, Spearman, Texas; Don Montgomery, Azle, Texas; Mike and Beth Stanek, Red Sky Ventures, LLC, Omaha, Neb.; Chris Hoffman, Lindsborg.

Volume Buyers—Reg. Females: Terry Bradshaw Angus, Thackerville, Okla.; Leon Horton, Four Stars Ranch, Clarksville, Texas; Bryce Garner, Garner Cattle, St. John; Darrell Lake, PPR, Dallas, Texas; Bill Schwartz, Amarillo, Texas; Jimmy Sanders, Marshall, Ark.; Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala.; Lynne Reynolds, Dallas, Texas; David Moberg, Abbeville, S.C.; Richie Longanecker, Big Timber Cattle Co., Lithia, Fla.; Aaron Sachs, Sachs Farms, Springfield, Mo.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: Paul Dufrene III, Triple Son Ranch, Cut Off, La.; Steve Rooney, Rooney Angus Ranch, Chippewa Falls, Wisc.

it will afford to U.S. pork producers," said Lighthizer. "This effort demonstrates the Trump administration's continued commitment to address foreign trade barriers to American agriculture exports." The United States is the world's top pork exporter, with global sales totaling \$6.5 billion last year. Argentina is a potential \$10-million-per-year market for America's pork producers, with significant growth opportunities possible in subsequent years.

More details on Argentina's export requirements are available from the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Export Library at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/> Argentina.

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By Nicole Lane Erceg

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Expenditures on food eaten at home and on food purchased away from home both increased slightly, according to the report. Salmonella, E. coli and animal welfare ranked as the top three food safety concerns in February. And taste, safety and price remained the most important values to consumers when purchasing food. To read the full report, visit tinyurl.com/OKStateFoodTrends.

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COMBINE & HEADER: 1996 JD 9500, 4x4, long auger, edge monitor, engine hrs 3,865, Sep. hrs. 2,424, (\$27,000.00 spent on combine at 2,092 sep. hrs.) [#H09500X665349]; JD 926, Flex header 25 ft. [#H00925P681211]; Kilbros 25' Header Trailer.

LARGE EQUIPMENT: 2014 JD 569 Premium Round Baler, net wrap only w/light kit, moisture read out, high end monitor, 4,934 bales, Nice Baler! [#E00569DLEL400348]; 2002 JD 4895 w/ 895 header, power reverser, rubber crimper, double sickle, 2,237 header hrs. 2,943 engine hrs, 2 sets of sickles [#E04895X164337]; 2001 JD 455 Drill w/ 7.5 in spacing, 30-ft [#N00455H002770]; IHC 900 Cyclo 12 row, corn & bean drums [#JJC0019456].

TRUCKS & TRAILERS: 2005 Peterbilt 379 w/C15 Cat 500-hp, all good rubber (no retreads) shows 644,489 mi; 48-ft Great Dane Drop-deck Trailer; 1974 American 38-ft. Grain Trailer w/Sherlock tarp; IHC Transtar 4200 w/Detroit 6 V92 Silver Good engine, been inside 10 years, needs radiator and front end work, 295/175 R 22.5 Good Rubber; 1965 IHC 1600 2-ton w/ 16-ft metal floor bed w/ hoist, 345 V8, 9,00-20 tires, 4x2 trans.; 1970 IHC 1700 2-ton, 345 V8, short bed w/ 110-gal fuel tank w/ elec. pump, gooseneck hitch, 5x2 speed (5th gear jumps out) w/tool boxes and pintle hitch; 1991 Hillsboro 30-ft gooseneck trailer w/ 30' ext., dual tandem w/10,000-lb axles, 9.50 R 16.5 tires, GVW 23,520; 15-ft Tandem axle bumper trailer, floor is rough; 1983 Coose 7'x20' Gooseneck stock trailer, good floor; Donahue 12-ft x 19-ft swather trailer w/dual tandems, pintle hitch, 9.5 -16.5 tires; VW 5x14 Bumper Hitch Horse Trailer.

SPRAYER, TILLAGE & MISC: 8590 Schaben 1250-gal, pull type sprayer w/ 90-ft. booms, teejet controller, 14.9 R-46 tires; JD 22-ft 235 Blk Gang Disc w/ 20" blades; Glencoe 26-ft Field Cultivator; IHC 710 semi mount 5-btm, 18" plow; JD 145 4-btm, semi mount, 16" plow; Brown 12-ft Box Blade; Krause 18 Shank Chisel; 2009 Sitrex MK-12 wheel rake; 2 wheel windrow turner, front mount; 2 quarter turn sq. baler chutes; Portable cattle chute; Formost Calf Cradle; 17 square tubing panels 10 ft x 6 bar; 16 round panels 10 ft x 6 bar; 21 misc panels; 4 pipe frames for walk through gates; Small gravity flow grain wagon 30-40 bu M/L; 3 section harrow; 14'x48' Hay tarp; Fitted 48' trailer tarp(needs repair); Calf puller; PTO wire roller; Approx. 20 highline poles; Metal trust for building; Dickey John & JD Windrow moisture tester; 2 fuel barrels w/ stands 150 & 350-gal; Big Ox 9 shank ripper.

MISC ITEMS: Hypro piston pump w/ 150 gal tank, 8 hp. B& S motor, hand sprayer w/ new leathers; Cap-chur vaccinating rifle; Homelite 360 & Stihl 017 Chainsaws; Cross cut saw: Acetylene cutting torch on dollie; Bolt bin w/ misc bolts; Puma compressor w/ Honda CX 160; Open center hyd. 3 spool valve; David White Transit; AMC Hot pressure washer 2.9 gal, 850 Psi, 230,000 BTU(not used for sometime); 2000 Chevy HD front grill & bumper combo; Hi-lift Jacks; Sm Single cyl compressor; Portable dual cyl elec. Compressor; Welding table; Squirrel cage fan; Lincoln 180 Welder; 4020 Buggy top need canvas; 20-ton pro lift hydr. Jack; Auto welding helmet; Approx. 20 sets of deer antlers; 4 in. Cargo straps & cargo ropes.

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force sponsorship endorsements. Fortunately, reaching elite status in the cattle business is not quite as exclusive a feat as professional sports. Though I've never known returns on investment in the cattle business to be quite so lucrative, there is a definite gap in the payout for higher quality cattle compared to those that must simply take market price.

With the right genetics, management and some cooperation from Mother Nature, almost anyone can reach a level of high performance. It takes a dedication to learning the business, making good decisions and getting better every year. It's a formula that can be replicated across different environments, by different people in different business

models.

Scoring in the cattle business and golf might be considered direct opposites: less is more in golf, but more is better with cattle. Yet, in both endeavors, there's something that sets the elite apart from the all right.

Recently, I spoke with a cattleman who decided many years ago to transition his farm operation to focus on his cattle. Until that point, the livestock had been a sideline hobby to his business, something he enjoyed, but gave little attention to how they performed beyond the front gate. His transition included buying better genetics, a focus on carcass performance and tracking herd data to improve his aim. Now his calves achieve at a completely new level for

both his bottom line and the end consumer.

It was all a change in mindset — shifting the cattle from a thing where he leisurely went through the motions, to an expectation that his calves would perform at the top when it matters.

"There's a place for commodity cattle," he told me. "But there's a place for upper-end cattle, too, and we'd rather be on the premium end than the commodity."

At the golf course, there will always be a spot for players like me. Lots of people can mark a card that's close to par. In the grocery store, there may be a place for mediocre beef, but that space is shrinking. Chicken and pork can deliver a similar eating experience for

a better value. Consumers prefer higher quality beef, and it's the good stuff that keeps them coming back for more.

Are you producing elite cattle, or is your scorecard par for the course? Today, industry average is better than it's ever been. What was once considered the ideal, 70% Choice for U.S. fed cattle, is now below average or "par." In this business, the prize money comes from higher marketing scores.

Average is nothing special; half are below that midpoint and half above. Which side your cattle are on is mostly up to you.

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CLASSIC CARS: 1966 Cadillac DeVille 2-dr convertible, 08896 mi. on odometer, great cond. * 1976 Triumph Spitfire 1500 convertible 16k miles. **TRUCKS, TRAILERS:** 1998 Volvo semi-tractor twin screw w/integral sleeper * HD implement trailer tandem axle duals all around 24' (19' flat deck 5' beavertail) w/ramps * 1958 Ford farm truck w/hoist, 16'4" bed w/metal floor & 40" side walls * 32' triple axle trailer, beaver tail floor, ramp rear door, curb side door, roof access hatch w/ladder, built-in work bench & tool boxes with winch underneath, 2 outside compartments, air compressor, generator, AC (not working), (2) electric tongue jacks, carefree awning * 10' x 6' enclosed trailer rear swing doors, curb side door * Landgrebe Mig mod. TD-40 tow dolly * unknown maker tow dolly * boat trailer frame.

SEMI-TRAILERS & TARPS: 1989 Fruehauf semi-trailer 45' x 96" (storage) * 1989 Trailmobile semi-trailer 48' x 102" (storage) * 1989 Fruehauf semi-trailer 40' x 96" (storage) * 1990 Talbert dropped deck equipment semi-trailer * 6 pallets of truck tarps marked steel — lumber — smoke from Great Plains Trucking. **CRANE, BACKHOE:** 1981 FMC Link Belt Eighty Series mod.HSP-8018 serial # 47H1-575 18-ton carrier mounted hydraulic crane 4-53 Detroit engine AT-545 Allison transmission 17 ft outrigger spread 8 ft wide carrier 60 ft main boom 20 ft fly w/ demo sale day free delivery within 90 miles radius of Salina * CASE 360 Diesel Backhoe Trencher 1972 hours. **SKID STEERS, FORKLIFTS:** Kamatsu LP forklift hard rubber tires * forklift extensions 8' long * Sweepster mod. SB72C 6' skid steer mount broom. **TRACTORS, IMPLEMENTS:** Farmhand F-11 front loader * 3 Point pot hole digger 9" auger. **FARM EQUIPMENT:** (2) aluminum tread plate tool boxes * fuel tank * 16' x 9" auger * 15' tall decorative windmill * (8) steel barrels * 12' x 7" dog run * Winkler truck bed w/headache rack, tool boxes, gooseneck ball in bed, air lift bale carrier * (6) 500 gallon propane tanks * (6) telephone poles approx. 17' to 19' * (16) hedge posts approx. 7.5' to 15' * shallow stock tank.

CARS, PICKUPS: 2006 Mercury Monterey van V6 4.3L eng. * 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt 2-dr 4-cyl 2.2L L4 DOHC eng. * 1997 Ford Expedition 5.4L V8 16V SOHC EFI eng. 4wd * 1995 Dodge RAM 1500 V8 Magnum 5.2L eng. extended cab pickup * matching 10' x 6' enclosed trailer rear swing doors, curb side door * 1991 Ford E-250 Ford service van, V8 5.8L engine, only 26,925 miles (was undercover DEA surveillance van, many lights, switches, controls still in rear compartment), new tires * 2002 Ford Windstar V6 3.8L engine * 1981 H-M-Vehicles Freeway III micro-car * 1992 Chrysler New Yorker Fifth Avenue sedan w/Landau roof V6 3.3L engine 117k miles *1974 Chevrolet Camaro (no engine) parts car.

BATTERIES - TIRES – RIMS – SEATS - PARTS- BATTERIES: (135) top post, (19) side post NEW batteries Eldorado pulled from new vehicles and upgraded. **TIRES & RIMS:** 17" – 18" – 20" used tires, larger groupings include (4) Toyo M-55 LT265/70R17 * (4) Cooper Discover R/T3 LT265/70R17 * (3) Goodyear Wrangler LT265/70R17 * (4) Bridgestone Duravis M700 LT265/70R17 * (4) Cooper Discover A/T3 LT265/70R17 * (4) Wild Country Radial XTX LT265/70R17 * (4) Bridgestone Dueler H/T R255/70R17 * (4) Firestone TransForce AT LT265/70R17 * (4) Cooper Discover S/T LT235/80R17 * (4) Goodyear Wrangler 275/65R18 * (4) Ironman All Country A/T 275/65R18 * (4) Goodyear Wrangler LT275/65R18 * (4) Cooper Discover LT275/65R18 * (4) Goodyear Wrangler LT275/65R20 * (4) LTR Max 275/60R20 * (4) Michelin LT275/65R20 * lots of other sets/3, pairs, singles * set/4 Gear rims w/Nexen 305/45R22 tires * set/4 Mastercraft Courser A/T LT 265/75R16 tires on rims * set/4 Firestone FT455 Plus radials 285/75R24.5 * set/4 Dunlop SP384 11R22.5 on 10-bolt rims * set/3 Michelin XZY3 385/65R22 * set/6 General LMT450 225/70R19.5 like new on rims * asstd semi-truck tires (3) Firestone implement tires 12.5L-16 on 9-bolt rims. **SEATS:** Appx (80) NEW van & truck seats (standard seats Eldorado pulled from new vehicles and upgraded). **PARTS:** 5th wheel bed mount hitch * 5th wheel hitch * **BOATS, JET SKIS:** 1996 Bayliner Avanti 3258 – Fresh Water Boat – 30' 5" long – 11' Beam – Pair, 7.4L Bravo III Mercruisers, - 4.5BCG 614 Westerbeke Generator – Lewmar V700 Windless – Atwood electric water heater – Electric flush pump – Dual Helm, Flybridge and cabin – Bimini top on Flybridge – Windshield wipers – Remote control spotlight – 4 Fender holders w/fenders – In line style, Galley kitchen W/2 burner Electric/Alcohol stove, Microwave, Under counter refrigerator, sink & lots of storage – Climate control heat and air – Head w/Macerator pump & stand up shower - (2) state rooms, double bed mid cabin & queen size V-Berth forward cabin – Sleeps 6 plus 2 can sleep on Flybridge – Radio w/CD player Flybridge and Cabin – TracVision antenna mounted on Radar Arch – Radar Arch has been hinged to lay down for towing – Window & door snap on covers – New in the box, snap on cover for Flybridge – All cushions for the Flybridge have been recovered – 4 dock lines – Power cords for shore power – Includes 4 axle all Aluminum custom built trailer. 1989 18' Euroline 195 fish/ski boat w/120 hp Force outboard, has fishing platform in bow, Sidefinder Bottom Line Tournament Pro depth finder, Minn Kota All Terrain trolling motor 36 lbs thrust, 1990 Yacht Club boat trailer w/title * 1995 18' Quantum bass boat with 1994 115HP Evinrude outboard motor, Hummingbird Piranha MXA 220 60 degree dual beam fish finders, Motor Guide trolling motor & single axle trailer * 1986 20' Sea Arrow bow rider ski boat w/350hp Chevy inboard/outboard & tandem axle trailer * 2001 Sea-Doo Jet Ski (this was a KDOWPT unit, running condition) * Mark Twain mod. 160T I/O bow rider ski boat w/Mercruiser 120hp inboard motor & trailer * 90 HP Mercury boat motor less than 100 hours * 1991 Conquest 18' long I/O-B needs repair w/single axle trailer

* (2) antique boat motors – Evinrude, Scott Attwater 7.5 HP * Johnson Sea Horse 5hp outboard motor.

ATVS: Kawasaki mule frame with 1000cc Harley Davidson motor, kick start, winch on front.

MOTORCYCLES: 2003 Suzuki motorcycle 750cc, 17354 miles, shaft drive, custom paint * Honda Express motor bike 49cc.

MOWERS, YARD EQUIPMENT: Heckendorn 3-deck riding mower * Heckendorn 1-deck riding mower * Snapper RT8S rear tine tiller * PLOW horse 500 front tine tiller power reverse 5hp * Troy-Bilt Super Bronco riding mower Kohler 20hp engine automatic transmission 46" deck needs work * FIMCO sprayer * Homelite Back Packer leaf blower * Hydro-Quick sprayer * Stanley plastic tub 2-wheel wheelbarrow * Rubber Maid dump garden cart * FIMCO sprayer on trailer * hose reels * Weber smoker * Husqvarna 235 string trimmer * 2014 Huskee 35-ton log splitter * Town & Country garden cart * (4) soil saver composters * Stihl 011 AVP chain saw w/electronic quickstop.

GUNS, AMMO: Sharps 50-70 cal w/saddle ring ser # C8796 * Murdock & Morrison 1863 Civil War percussion cap rifle has TX star carving on stock brought to Kansas by confederate soldier connected to Hatfield family * T Davidson & Co 36 cal percussion rifle w/octagon bbl * Savage mod. Axis 22-250 REM cal bolt action rifle w/BSA 4-20x40 scope appx 50 rds shot thru gun ser # J654801 * Ruger mod. American 270 WIN cal bolt action rifle w/TASCO 3x9 scope appx 20 rds shot thru gun ser # 693-2318 * Connecticut Valley Arms black powder 50 cal side lock octagon bbl kit gun ser # 861527 * Browning mod. Sweet 16? 16 ga semi auto shotgun made in Belgium poly choke ser # X11763 * Marlin mod. FL 81-DI 22 S-L-LR cal bolt action rifle w/Weaver scope ser # N/A * Pioneer mod. 23 22 S-L-LR cal bolt action rifle made for Gamble stores 22" bbl ser # N/A * Stevens mod. 820B 12 ga pump shotgun ser # N/A * Mossberg mod. 500A 12 ga pump shotgun vent rib 2-3/4" & 3" shells ser # J663942 * Colt mod. AR-15 223 cal semi auto rifle w/sling ser # LSL004144 * Marlin mod.336 30-30 WIN cal lever action rifle ser # 23056621 * Diamondback Firearms mod. DB10 308 WIN cal semi auto rifle w/6-24 x 50 AOE scope w/extra mag & bullets ser # DB-3903128 * Winchester mod.1911 SL 12 ga semi auto shotgun full choke bbl ser #A.68865 * Ruger mod. 10/22 Wild Hog 22 LR cal semi auto rifle NIB ser # 0009-69431 * Henry mod. H006M 357 MAG/38 Spec cal lever action rifle octagon bbl ser # BB0043907M * 12 ga side-by-side 30" bbl dbl trigger missing hammer * Smith & Wesson mod. SD9VE 9mm semi auto pistol 4" bbl w/extra loaded mag & holster ser # FYD4347 * Beretta mod. BU9 Nano 9mm semi auto pistol w/holster w/extra loaded mag ser # NU083982 * Colt mod. 1902 38 cal revolver ser # 6405 * Smith & Wesson mod. ? 32 WIN cal revolver ser # 11405 * H&R mod.? 38 cal revolver ser # N/A * Enfield mod.1917 220 Swift cal bolt action rifle w/Simmons 3-9x40 8-point scope & sling ser # N/A * Rockfield Armory mod. M1911-AFS 45 ACP cal semi auto pistol ser # R1A1222552 * Rossi/Braztech mod.971 357 Mag revolver ser # E0372917 * U.S. Remington mod.03-A3 30-06 cal bolt action rifle ser # 4086906 * Remington mod. Sportsman 58 12 ga semi auto shotgun ser # 3124V * H&R mod.088 12 ga single shot shotgun ser # AZ556885 * H&R mod. Standard M48 12 ga single shot shotgun ser # E28169 * Remington Woodsmaster mod. 742 30-06 cal semi auto rifle ser # 7317752 * Iver Johnson mod. Champion 12 ga single shot shotgun * JC Higgins mod.5838 16 ga bolt action shotgun ser # N/A * Rossi/Braztech mod.5501220 single shot w/20 ga bbl & 22 LR cal bbl NIB (still in grease, never assembled) ser # 5D203229 * Weatherby/Japan mod. Centurion 12 ga semi auto shotgun vent rib full choke bbl ser # NA02781 * Taurus mod. TCP 380 ACP cal semi auto pistol ser # 53176A * Cobra mod.C22M 22 Mag cal 2-shot derringer NIB ser # 118305 * SCCY mod.CPX-2 9x19mm semi auto pistol ser # 571452 * ISSC /LSI mod.M22 22 LR cal semi auto pistol ser # A07624 * Remington mod.870 12 ga pump shotgun NIB ser # RF28857A * Smith & Wesson mod. 509VE 9mm semi auto pistol w/extra mag NIB ser # FZT2913

Ruger mod. American 308 WIN cal bolt action rifle w/3x9 Nikon scope ser # 694-47499 * Itama mod.37 20 ga pump shotgun full choke bbl ser # 477179-4 * Marlin mod.99 22 LR cal semi auto rifle ser # 68-56910 * Mossberg mod. Silver Reserve II 20 ga over/under shotgun vent rib ser # SR20007282 * Eagle Arms – made in Italy mod. Companion 20 ga single shot shotgun vent rib ser # 59509 * Heritage mod. Rough Rider 22 cal revolver w/extra mag cylinder ser # T59927 * Taurus mod. PT738 380 cal semi auto pistol w/3 extra mags & holster ser # 87376E * Savage Arms mod.11 243 WIN cal bolt action rifle w/Simmons 3-9x40 scope & sling ser # G158456 * Remington mod. 700 22-250 REM cal bolt action rifle w/4-12x40 scope camo ser # RR10489G.

INDUSTRIAL & CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: R.K. Le Blond Machine Tool Co large industrial lathe 220v 3ph *Yushin RAIL-a-1300 Webliner automation robot * unknown machine, may be part of the robot before * very, very heavy robot base mount * HD shelving – (12) uprights 8' x 30", crossbars, shelf supports, decking * (100+/-) pcs 3" steel pipe, flanged, 6'8" long * (2) Smart Move containers 6' x 7' x 7'4" tall with door * (9) 10' x 22' work platforms w/side rails * (60+) 12' x 12" galvanized walk boards/ deck plates * (3) 196" teardrop uprights with (8) 8' crossbars * (2) 15'4" x 42" & (1) 12'4" x 42" teardrop uprights with (8) 9' crossbars * (82) 7' slotted crossbars & braces * (6) 12' x 42" teardrop uprights with (20) 8' crossbars * (5) 12' x 42" teardrop uprights with (16) 8' crossbars * small group racking * roller machine 1/14hp 115/230v * welding cart w/gauges/hoses/torch for large bottles * Lincoln Idealcare 250 welder w/leads * Lincoln Idealcare SP-250 welder w/leads * Western Arctronics mod. 15KVA spot welder * Whitney-Jensen punch machine * Lock Former * Emerson metal cutting horizontal band saw * Weldanpower – 130 w/Kohler engine * Industrialex pallet jack 5000 lb capacity w/load back rest * 2008 Multiquip mod.MC64A trailer mounted concrete mixer 6 cu ft w/Honda 8 hp engine. **STORAGE SHED:** 7' X 8' Storage shed w/wall to wall carpet. **BUILDING SUPPLIES:** 72 bundles 2 ¼ Red Oak flooring 21.26 board foot per bundle * 210 board foot rough cut Hackleberry * many rolls commercial flooring most 79" wide * Sterling furnace "36" x 80" insulated fiberglass wood edge entrance door w/glass insert new in crate. **TOOLS:** Wacker Neuson water pump 240cc Honda engine, hoses * Powerhorse 4000 generator 208cc engine * Rockwell mod.13 planer on stand 220v * Wacker P2 water pump 160cc Honda engine * Empire Abrasive Equipment sand blaster * Skil & Chicago Electric circular saws * B&D pad sander * Craftsman saber saw * Chicago Electric 4" angle grinder * Skil saber saw * drills * bench grinder * electric water pump * Sandusky rolling steel cabinet 46" x 78" x 24" * rolling tool or parts cabinet w/shallow drawers * rolling cabinet w/doors * Craftsman stacking tool boxes * Knipco 150,000 BTU space heater * (2) Dyna-Pro 210,000 BTU space heaters * Black Max 8125 generator Honda 13 hp engine * DeWalt 3750 PSI power washer * Oson Mfg horizontal metal cutting band saw * Craftsman 10" table saw on stand * Onan G.S. RV Gen set mounted on wagon * Sears Roebuck paint sprayer air compressor 2hp 100 psi * Champ Air Pro air compressor 3.5 hp 20 gal * Pro-Tech 8-1/4" slide compound mitre saw * Craftsman 2" x 42" belt – 8" skid sander/grinder 1hp * Pittsburgh Automotive 1-ton engine hoist. **RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT:** (2) Beverage Air bottle coolers * Cornelius chiller w/7-button dispenser * stainless stands & cabinet * stainless steel rolling thermal cabinet * stainless steel lining tray dispenser * Cambro cashier station * Scottsman Ice-Master ice maker * Hobart cooler 56" x 84" x 32" * True reach in coolers (1 sliding doors & 1 single door) * Amana Deepfreeze upright freezer * (2) Hobart refrigerator/freezer coolers 54" x 82" x 32" * (2) True keg cabinets * Howard 3-door cooler * Dixie Narco vending machine.

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES: GE stacking washer/dryer * Whirlpool black w/grey doors side-by-side refrigerator * purple Kitchen Aid Superba side-by-side refrigerator w/water & ice thru door * Kenmore matching front load washer & dryer, both stainless steel inside, stackable * Whirlpool matching washer & dryer * Florence vintage gas range * Maytag electric dryer * Coop Custom 17 chest freezer * Apartment size fridge * Kenmore 700 series gas dryer. **ELECTRONICS:** Roland KC-500 stereo mixing keyboard amplifier * Vizio 32" flat screen TV * Uniden Panasonic 42" flat screen TV * Washington base CB * Philips digital cinema sound center * Logitech sound system * Acer flat screen monitor * Trutech flat screen TV. **EXERCISE & SPORTS EQUIPMENT:** (2) volley ball referee stands * Techrod (like bowflex) exerciser.

HEALTH CARE & INVALID EQUIPMENT: Aluminum modular handicapped ramp – 24" & 12" walkways, ramps, pylons on concrete bases, connecting platforms * Plus III Premier mobility scooter w/charger * NEW Braunability wheelchair lift * (2) Hill-Rom Century hospital beds * Invacare Tracer EX2 portable wheel chair * Nova walker w/seat.

COLLECTIBLES: Antique Monarch Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co Cimarron rosewood w/ivory inlay billiard table made before 1900 * (2) Coors Light 3-lamp pool table lights * antique typewriters collection – Oliver #5 Standard Visible, LC Smith Corona 10", Woodstock ball bearing single-shift, Smith Premier, Remington Standard #10, Underwood Standard # 5, Royal, Royal, Underwood Noiseless, Remington Standard #7 w/hard cover, Remington Portable w/case, Corona Portable w/case, Hammond Multiplex w/case, Oliver Standard Visible Writer #3, Densmore #4 * collectible decanters by Beam, Ezra Brooks, McCormick & others * beer advertising – Coors light lighted sign, Pabst Blue Ribbon lighted sign, Budweiser 75th Sturgis tin sign, Bud Light/K-State tin sign * Approx. (60) pieces of Granite/Enamelware Multi-Colored * Cast iron banks and figurines. **FURNITURE & MISC.:** (2) Elite Ultra pedicure chairs * (36) matching upholstered chairs w/ilt bases * (3) AV carts * Anderson Hickey 4-drawer later file cabinet * southwest pattern sofa * plaid sofa sleeper * dinette table w/4 rolling chairs * entertainment center * cabinet

* (2) large bird/critter cages * large group wood furniture – benches, cabinets, dresser w/mirror, shelves, chairs, stands, drop-leaf table, small china cabinet, pedestal base table, sideboard * set/6 blond dining chairs * 3-cushion sofa * oak rocker w/cushions * set/5 dinette chairs * china & display cabinets * wall mount copper decorative hood 78" x 46" x 13" * Glider rocker w/cushions.

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Corn hybrids with high yields come with more variability

The agriculture industry is in a tough spot; it's simultaneously tasked with feeding a growing population and minimizing its environmental footprint. For corn breeders, that means improving nitrogen-use efficiency and crowding tolerance, all while maximizing yield. The first step, according to a new study from the University of Illinois, is understanding the genetic yield potential of current hybrids.

"Growers and breeding programs need to understand which hybrids have stable yields across environments or are able to produce greater yields with more fertilizer and higher plant populations,"

says Fred Below, professor of crop physiology in the Department of Crop Sciences at U of I and co-author on the study.

A hybrid with high yield stability is less responsive to the environment – it will perform consistently in sub-optimal and optimal conditions. It's a workhorse: dependable, but not flashy. Alternatively, a hybrid with high adaptability will yield like gangbusters when planted in optimal conditions, but may let farmers down in a bad year. It's more like a racehorse: it'll go, but it's finicky.

The problem is that current commercial breeding programs develop their

elite hybrids under optimal conditions – high levels of nitrogen fertilizer and plenty of space between rows – and only test yield responses to different crop-management practices at the pre-commercial stage. That means there is a limited understanding of each hybrid's stability and adaptability under variable conditions.

To fill the gap, Below and his research team evaluated 101 commercially available elite hybrids at two planting densities and three nitrogen fertilizer rates across multiple years and locations.

"The objective was to measure the interactions of the hybrid with the en-

vironment and management style by evaluating an extensive assortment of current maize hybrids for yields and classify them for yield stability and crop-management adaptability to improve future breeding programs," he says.

The researchers found that the amount of applied nitrogen fertilizer had a much greater effect on yield than planting density, but they emphasize that the consistency of the yield response was more important.

Hybrids that combined above-average yield under unfertilized and low-nitrogen conditions exhibited more consistent yields regardless of the environment, even when grown with high rates of nitrogen. These workhorse hybrids would be best used in ni-

trogen-loss prone areas, or when yield stability is more desired.

In contrast, other hybrids yielded more under high-nitrogen than low-nitrogen conditions, but their yields were more variable, due to a greater sensitivity to environmental conditions. These racehorse hybrids have potential for greater yield return when provided the optimal management and environment, but also carry a higher risk of underperformance in yield when faced with less-than-ideal conditions.

"Selecting hybrids with both high yields and yield stability may be challenging, since yield levels under lower nitrogen availability and yield increases with high nitrogen fertilization were negatively correlated," Below

says. "Hybrids that are adaptable to high plant density and nitrogen conditions exhibited greater yield potential, but also greater yield variation."

"Yield stability differs in commercial maize hybrids in response to changes in plant density, nitrogen fertility, and environment," is published as an open access article in *Crop Science* [DOI: 10.2135/cropsci2017.06.0340]. Below's co-authors include Adriano Mastrodomenico, Jason Haegle, and Juliann Seebauer. This research was supported by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture [project NC1200], Illinois AES, Crop Production Services, Growmark, Monsanto, Dupont-Pioneer, Syngenta, Winfield United, and Wyffels Hybrids.

U.S. farmers expect to plant more soybean acreage than corn acreage

Producers surveyed across the United States intend to plant an estimated 89.0 million acres of soybeans in 2018, down 1 percent from last year, according to the Prospective Plantings report released by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Planted acreage intentions for soybeans are down or unchanged in 20 of the 31 estimating states. The largest increase is expected in Indiana with 6.10 million acres, an increase of 150,000 acres from 2017. If realized, the planted area of soybeans in Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin will be the largest on record.

Corn growers intend to plant 88.0 million acres in 2018, down 2 percent from last year. If realized this will be the lowest planted acreage since 2015. Compared with last year, plant-

ed acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 33 of the 48 states estimated.

The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2018 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 82,900 farm operators across the United States. Other key findings in the report are:

All wheat planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.3 million acres, up 3 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919.

Winter wheat planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up slightly from both last year and the previous estimate.

Area planted to other spring wheat for 2018 is expected to total 12.6 million acres, up 15 percent from 2017.

Durum wheat is expected to total 2.00 million

acres for 2018, down 13 percent from last year.

All cotton planted area for 2018 is expected to total 13.5 million acres, 7 percent above last year.

NASS today also released the quarterly Grain Stocks report to provide estimates of on-farm and off-farm stocks as of March 1. Key findings in that report include:

Corn stocks totaled 8.89 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the same time last year. On-farm corn stocks were up 2 percent from a year ago, and off-farm stocks were up 5 percent.

Soybeans stored totaled 2.11 billion bushels, up 21 percent from March 1, 2017. On-farm soybean stocks were up 28 percent from a year ago, while off-farm stocks were up 17 percent.

All wheat stored totaled 1.49 billion bushels, down 10 percent from a year ago. On-farm all wheat stocks went down 26 percent from last year, while off-farm stocks went down 6 percent.

Durum wheat stored totaled 49.2 million bushels, down 7 percent from March 1, 2017. On-farm Durum stocks were down 20 percent from a year ago, while off-farm stocks of Durum wheat were up 14 percent.

The Prospective Plantings, Grain Stocks, and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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| STEERS | | | | | |
|---------|------|--------|-----------------------------|------|--------|
| 1 | 315 | 196.00 | 5 | 383 | 158.00 |
| 2 | 380 | 185.00 | 32 | 456 | 155.50 |
| 7 | 420 | 179.00 | 10 | 516 | 148.00 |
| 5 | 459 | 178.00 | 5 | 527 | 146.75 |
| 5 | 459 | 178.00 | 5 | 548 | 138.50 |
| 5 | 563 | 169.00 | 16 | 595 | 137.00 |
| 32 | 585 | 167.00 | 2 | 615 | 135.00 |
| 12 | 658 | 159.00 | 5 | 706 | 126.00 |
| 8 | 161 | 156.00 | 6 | 753 | 125.50 |
| 5 | 719 | 146.50 | 18 | 892 | 119.75 |
| 36 | 751 | 143.75 | 6 | 1055 | 113.00 |
| 3 | 772 | 129.00 | TOP BUTCHER COW: | | |
| 5 | 881 | 125.50 | \$64.50 @ 1,430 lbs. | | |
| 22 | 877 | 123.75 | TOP BUTCHER BULL: | | |
| 5 | 1003 | 116.00 | \$88.50 @ 1,920 lbs. | | |
| HEIFERS | | | BRED COWS: No Test | | |
| 6 | 357 | 160.00 | PAIRS: No Test | | |

CLAY CENTER LIVESTOCK SALES INC.

Cattle sales Tuesday, 11:00 AM.

Report from April 10, 2018:

| STEERS | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|--------|-----------------------------|-----|--------|
| 4 | 374 | 202.00 | 4 | 523 | 148.00 |
| 3 | 407 | 188.00 | 4 | 559 | 144.00 |
| 16 | 455 | 178.50 | 7 | 727 | 122.25 |
| 17 | 525 | 177.75 | 8 | 804 | 118.50 |
| 12 | 545 | 166.00 | 7 | 883 | 114.25 |
| 5 | 615 | 164.00 | 4 | 943 | 110.50 |
| 18 | 708 | 154.00 | TOP BUTCHER COW: | | |
| 7 | 769 | 144.00 | \$67.50 @ 1,700 lbs. | | |
| 21 | 869 | 128.00 | TOP BUTCHER BULL: | | |
| HEIFERS | | | \$90.50 @ 2,350 lbs. | | |
| 2 | 348 | 160.00 | BRED COWS: | | |
| 3 | 385 | 157.00 | \$810-\$1,250 | | |
| 8 | 459 | 151.00 | PAIRS: No Test | | |

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| BULL CALVES | | | | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|--|
| 11 blk | 404@186.00 | 64 mix | 792@121.35 | | |
| 4 bkbwf | 473@180.00 | 4 mix | 791@121.00 | | |
| 21 mix | 491@175.00 | 15 blk | 803@125.00 | | |
| 6 blk | 603@169.50 | 19 mix | 816@122.50 | | |
| 8 blk | 825@116.00 | 5 blk | 833@121.50 | | |
| HEIFERS | | | 7 mix | 827@120.50 | |
| 5 blk | 387@164.00 | 5 blk | 819@118.00 | | |
| 6 blk | 465@176.00 | STEERS | | | |
| 13 blk | 402@165.00 | 5 mix | 369@175.00 | | |
| 14 blk | 459@162.00 | 10 mix | 431@186.00 | | |
| 8 blk | 439@161.00 | 5 blk | 497@183.00 | | |
| 35 bkbwf | 444@160.00 | 5 blk | 456@178.00 | | |
| 5 blk | 480@160.00 | 15 blk | 441@176.50 | | |
| 25 mix | 487@160.00 | 12 red | 468@174.00 | | |
| 4 blk | 439@158.00 | 4 blk | 479@170.00 | | |
| 8 mix | 403@154.00 | 4 mix | 481@167.00 | | |
| 13 red | 488@153.50 | 5 spot | 409@118.50 | | |
| 6 red | 458@153.00 | 8 blk | 529@189.00 | | |
| 8 blk | 497@149.50 | 9 blk | 519@179.00 | | |
| 11 mix | 554@158.00 | 57 blk | 508@178.25 | | |
| 6 blk | 530@155.00 | 4 blk | 598@175.00 | | |
| 16 mix | 571@154.50 | 10 blk | 581@172.00 | | |
| 7 blk | 528@154.00 | 8 blk | 552@171.00 | | |
| 4 blk | 564@154.00 | 20 bkbwf | 588@170.00 | | |
| 9 mix | 503@152.00 | 4 mix | 534@167.00 | | |
| 4 blk | 566@145.00 | 5 mix | 567@165.00 | | |
| 4 mix | 599@142.50 | 9 mix | 574@164.00 | | |
| 12 bkbwf | 618@157.00 | 5 blk | 592@161.00 | | |
| 4 blk | 625@151.00 | 14 bkbwf | 624@166.00 | | |
| 30 mix | 640@149.00 | 36 mix | 690@162.75 | | |
| 17 bkbwf | 609@142.00 | 5 blk | 635@162.50 | | |
| 16 blk | 657@136.00 | 13 mix | 633@159.00 | | |
| 4 bkbwf | 686@129.50 | 5 bkbwf | 729@155.50 | | |
| 5 mix | 639@126.00 | 7 bkbwf | 758@147.50 | | |
| 40 blk | 727@134.75 | 6 blk | 746@135.00 | | |
| 4 blk | 703@130.50 | 4 blk | 813@136.00 | | |
| 13 blk | 767@128.50 | 13 blk | 848@134.75 | | |
| 7 blk | 761@128.25 | 65 bkbwf | 893@133.25 | | |
| 14 mix | 759@127.75 | 13 mix | 827@131.00 | | |
| 6 blk | 728@127.50 | 7 blk | 821@130.00 | | |
| 7 blk | 702@127.00 | 20 mix | 879@125.00 | | |
| 4 blk | 749@123.50 | 5 blk | 912@120.00 | | |
| | | 10 mix | 947@118.00 | | |

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House farm bill establishes, funds FMD vaccine bank

The National Pork Producers Council hailed the House Committee on Agriculture's inclusion in its 2018 Farm Bill of language establishing and funding a vaccine bank to combat an outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD).

FMD is an infectious viral disease that affects cloven-hooved animals, including cattle, pigs and sheep; it is not a food safety or human health threat. Although the disease was last detected in the United States in 1929, it is endemic in many parts of the world.

Long-time Farm Bureau president to serve as chair of the Colyer for Governor campaign

Gov. Colyer has announced the selection of former Kansas Farm Bureau president and long-time advocate for agriculture in Kansas, Steve Baccus to serve as campaign chairperson for Colyer for Governor.

"From years of association with Dr. Colyer I know very well how committed he is to serving the people of Kansas and growing our state," said Baccus. "I look forward to helping him continue that service by winning the 2018 gubernatorial election. He is the right person to continue leading our great state forward."

Baccus is a fourth-generation farmer from north Central Kansas, where he has run a significant grain operation since 1977. He has a wide range of experience serving on city and county boards and committees including the 4-H Foundation and Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership. Over the past twenty years he has served in various branches of the local, state and national Farm Bureau associations, most notably serving 14 years as the president of the Kansas Farm Bureau from 2002-2014.

"We could not have asked for a stronger, more qualified individual to join our campaign for governor," said Colyer. "Steve knows Kansas and its people, and cares about our state's success and growth as much as I do. He will be my trusted advocate and advisor as he travels the state listening to the concerns of Kansans and communicating regularly with me on how I can best serve them as their governor."

"I have worked with Steve for many years to advocate for Kansas' rural and agricultural communities. I have complete confidence that he will be a great partner and advisor for Governor Colyer and I, as we travel the state listening to Kansans concerns and working on the issues that matter most to them," said Lt. Governor Tracey Mann, "Steve will help us get that message across and show Kansans that Governor Colyer is the right choice to lead Kansas in to the future."

Gov. Colyer meets with Israeli minister of agriculture

Gov. Colyer met with Israeli minister of agriculture Uri Ariel at the State Capitol on April 9. Colyer and Ariel spoke at length about agricultural issues, water conservation, and the importance of co-operation between our two lands.

"Kansas and Israel have always maintained a great trade partnership and an enduring friendship" said the governor. "We look forward to working with our Israeli partners for years to come." Colyer also spoke about legislation that was recently passed by the Kansas legislature which prevents the state government from contracting with companies that are boycotting the state of Israel. "I don't believe Kansas should be in the business of boycotting a major trading partner, longtime friend, and ally."

Ariel commented

"This is a great first step for the livestock industry," said NPPC president Jim Heimerl, a pork producer from Johnstown, Ohio, and chairman of NP-PC's Farm Bill Policy Task Force. "Right now, we're ill-prepared to deal with an FMD outbreak, which would be devastating for pork producers and other sectors of agriculture."

The agriculture panel's Farm Bill calls for first-year mandatory funding of \$150 million for the vaccine bank, \$70 million in block grants to the states for disease prevention and

\$30 million for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), which provides diagnostic support to assist in managing diseases in the United States. For the other years of the five-year Farm Bill, there's \$30 million in mandatory funding for state block grants and \$20 million to be used at the agriculture secretary's discretion for the vaccine bank, the NAHLN and the states.

NPPC is urging lawmakers to provide annual funding of \$150 million for

the vaccine bank, \$70 million for state block grants and \$30 million for the NAHLN over the life of the Farm Bill.

Currently, the United States does not have access to enough FMD vaccine to handle more than a very small, localized outbreak. According to Iowa State University economists, an FMD outbreak in the United States, which would prompt countries to close their markets to U.S. meat exports – thus creating a surplus of meat on the domestic market –


Wheat groups applaud decision to negotiate for TPP membership

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) are very happy to learn that President Trump is directing U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer and National Economic Council director Larry Kudlow to begin negotiating for the United States to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

"Putting it simply, joining TPP is the best way to avoid a potentially devastating loss of wheat sales to Japan," said USW chairman Michael Miller, a wheat farmer from Ritzville, Wash. "If the United States joins TPP, U.S. wheat should be able to compete on a level playing field with Canadian and Australian wheat, which will soon have a major advantage once TPP is implemented. That would keep U.S. wheat sales that currently represent 50 percent of Japan's total wheat imports competitive in this crucial market."

"It is very encouraging that the president is taking this step," said NAWG President Jimmie Musick, a wheat grower from Sentinel, Okla. "If we can find a way to join this trade agreement, it will go a long way toward helping protect the incomes of every American wheat farmer. We also want to thank the members of Congress who pushed very hard to see this opening."

USW and NAWG look forward to working with the administration to provide any information and support it needs to achieve a successful negotiation that brings the United States back into the agreement. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2oXh4ZR>.



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|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 3 blk bulls | 308@202.50 | 8 hols str | 482@81.50 |
| 6 blk str | 386@201.00 | 3 hols str | 378@81.00 |
| 3 blk str | 365@198.00 | 11 hols str | 688@62.00 |
| 9 blk bwf str | 456@190.00 | 11 blk hfrs | 415@183.00 |
| 5 blk str | 459@187.00 | 5 blk bwf hfrs | 403@178.50 |
| 7 blk str | 473@185.00 | 5 blk hfrs | 414@177.00 |
| 8 blk bwf str | 531@178.00 | 5 blk hfrs | 410@176.00 |
| 7 blk bwf str | 540@176.00 | 6 blk bwf hfrs | 430@175.00 |
| 14 blk bwf str | 571@170.75 | 5 blk bwf hfrs | 432@170.50 |
| 19 blk str | 598@170.00 | 8 blk bwf hfrs | 444@169.00 |
| 12 blk str | 528@169.50 | 6 blk hfrs | 477@161.00 |
| 19 blk str | 614@169.00 | 8 blk bwf hfrs | 481@160.00 |
| 5 blk bwf str | 600@164.50 | 6 blk red hfrs | 493@159.00 |
| 20 blk bulls | 473@163.50 | 9 blk red hfrs | 539@153.50 |
| 8 blk bwf str | 654@161.50 | 10 blk bwf hfrs | 597@147.00 |
| 10 blk bulls | 558@159.00 | 6 blk hfrs | 595@143.00 |
| 4 blk str | 630@157.00 | 5 blk red hfrs | 567@140.00 |
| 5 blk str | 704@153.50 | 5 blk hfrs | 609@139.00 |
| 28 blk bwf str | 682@152.00 | 4 blk hfrs | 565@138.50 |
| 9 blk bwf str | 715@150.50 | 5 blk bwf hfrs | 626@137.50 |
| 5 blk bwf str | 642@150.00 | 7 blk bwf hfrs | 694@136.25 |
| 7 blk bwf str | 684@144.50 | 5 blk char hfrs | 686@136.00 |
| 25 blk red str | 791@136.25 | 5 blk hfrs | 691@135.00 |
| 6 blk bulls | 761@125.00 | 12 blk hfrs | 729@131.25 |
| 60 mix str | 908@125.00 | 5 blk hfrs | 608@130.00 |
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would cost the beef and pork industries a combined \$128 billion over ten years if livestock producers weren't able to combat the disease through vaccination. The corn and soybean industries would lose over a decade \$44 billion and \$25 billion, respectively; and economy-wide job losses would top 1.5 million.

"These costs can only be mitigated if the U.S. can mount a swift and robust response once FMD is detected," Heimerl said. "Including FMD language in the House Farm Bill is a

huge first step in addressing this gap in our disease prevention preparedness. We are very grateful to the House Agriculture Committee for its efforts on this very important issue for livestock agriculture."

The House bill also includes funding for the NP-PC-supported Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development Program, both of which help support exports markets for U.S. goods. The programs are consolidated as the International Market Development Program.

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105 blk (85s-20h)NI hayfed, no grain May bom.475-600#..... Livermont & Tetaylt
60 ..blk, bwf (10 rd Angus) NI450-550#.....Chris & Kris Harvey
200 blk str NI thin.....500-600#..... Harms Cattle Co
85.rd Ang str NI grass type FCCPage & source..625-675#.....Resting Heart CC
60 ..blk str NI850#.... Randy & Chris Huddle
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| 93 bkbwfrbf..... | 6 blk 508@154.50 | 3 bkred 537@151.00 | 10 bkbwf 595@149.00 |
| 3 bkbwf 415@190.00 | 898@136.90 | 13 bkbwf 539@140.00 | 6 bkbwf 723@133.50 |
| 7 blk 453@189.00 | 17 bkChr 781@133.00 | 4 bkbwf 778@128.00 | 5 bkred 911@126.50 |
| 8 blk 544@175.00 | 29 bkbwfrbf..... | 58 mix 923@117.75 | |
| 4 blk 504@173.00 | 972@127.75 | | |
| 3 blk 512@168.50 | 6 blk 903@126.80 | | |
| 18 bkChr 585@167.00 | 5 blk 837@125.50 | | |
| 4 blk 618@166.50 | 37 mix 990@122.50 | | |
| 8 bkred 618@162.00 | 4 Jersey 1030@92.25 | | |
| 8 bkChr 663@149.50 | 11 DairyX 949@92.00 | | |
| 11 bkbwf 741@149.25 | HEIFERS | 3 bkred 380@165.00 | 4 bkred 491@154.00 |
| 27 bkbwfrbf..... | 3 blk 400@168.00 | 2 blk 718@131.50 | |
|853@141.00 | 6 blk 538@156.00 | | |

Butcher Cows: \$45-\$74, mostly \$63-\$70, steady, very active.
Butcher Bulls: \$75-\$94, mostly \$87-\$92, steady, very active.

| BUTCHER COWS | | BUTCHER BULLS | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 blk 1170@74.00 | 1 blk 1210@70.00 | 1 Brangus 1480@72.50 | 1 Brangus 1830@94.00 |
| 1 Brangus 1570@72.50 | 1 blk 1360@70.00 | 1 blk 1115@72.00 | 1 blk 2280@92.50 |
| 1 blk 1530@71.50 | 1 blk 1975@92.50 | 1 blk 1170@71.00 | 1 blk 2160@92.50 |
| 1 blk 1170@71.00 | 1 blk 2075@92.00 | 1 blk 1135@71.00 | 1 blk 2235@91.50 |
| 1 blk 1310@71.00 | 1 blk 2090@90.50 | 1 blk 1315@70.50 | |
| 1 bwf 1585@70.50 | | | |

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300-400 lb. steers, \$130-\$195; heifers, \$125-\$179; 400-500 lb. steers, \$125-\$191; heifers, \$125-\$162; 500-600 lb. steers, \$125-\$171; heifers, \$120-\$150; 600-700 lb. steers, \$120-\$167; heifers, \$120-\$140.50; 700-800 lb. steers, \$120-\$142.50; heifers, \$115-\$123. Trend on Calves: Choice steer & heifer calves, steady. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Not enough feeder steers & heifers for a good market test. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows: \$57.50-\$64; Avg. dressing cows: \$50-\$57.50; Low dressing cows: \$30-\$50. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$75-\$90. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Butcher Cows, \$3-\$5 lower; Butcher Bulls, \$3-\$5 lower.

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House ag committee introduces Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

On April 12 House ag committee chairman Mike Conaway rolled out the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018. The farm bill reauthorization was immediately attacked by Democrats as a pursuit of partisan ideology that has little chance of passage. Conaway says the legislation will save taxpayers more than \$112 billion in budgets savings projected under the current law while at the same time providing certainty for ag producers.

"Rural America is hurting," Conway said. "Over the last five years, net farm income has been cut in half. Natural disasters and global markets distorted by predatory trade practices of foreign countries, including high

and rising foreign subsidies, tariffs and non-tariff barriers, have resulted in huge production losses and chronically depressed prices that are today jeopardizing the future of America's farm and ranch families."

Changes in the nutrition title, or SNAP, are the main sticking points for many Democrats. According to Conaway, more than 35 improvements are made to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, including strengthening existing work requirements. Unless exempted, recipients will be required to participate in a fully funded, guaranteed Employment and Training program.

"The farm bill also keeps faith with these families by not only maintaining SNAP benefits but

by offering SNAP beneficiaries a springboard out of poverty to a good paying job, and opportunity for a better way of life for themselves and their families," Conaway said.

"This bill attempts to change SNAP from a feeding program to a work program," said Collin Peterson, House ag committee ranking member. "The bill rejects the testimony of 89 witnesses, and instead includes ideological language that will force people off of SNAP to pay for massive state bureaucracies that won't work and are a waste of money. This legislation is based on false perceptions and ignores reality."

Conaway maintains the changes are geared only toward work-capable adults, with an emphasis on giving them the train-

ing and skills to lift themselves out of poverty. "It is also important to note that for nearly two-thirds of SNAP recipients who are currently exempt from work-related programs, nothing will change," he said. "That group includes seniors, those who are mentally or physically disabled, children and various other individuals who would not be subject to our proposed modifications to work."

On the farm policy front, the bill makes improvements to the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) options through 2023. Producers will have the chance to make a new selection between the two programs. Improvements according to their fact sheet include allowing a new yield update opportunity for producers who were facing drought during the previous yield update, allowing reference prices to adjust to improved market conditions, and prioritizing the use of RMA data for administering ARC to minimize disparities between counties. The bill makes some improvements to crop insurance, but according to the fact sheet, "doesn't fix what isn't broken."

The Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 received criticism from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition for what it called the "wholesale elimination of the country's largest conservation program - the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)." In the bill, features of CSP are combined with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a move designed to increase investment in other conservation practices like the use of cover crops. "The elimination of CSP means fewer options for voluntary conserva-

tion, more pollution, and less resilient farms and ranches," NSAC said in their statement.

The bill does increase the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment cap from 24,000,000 acres to 29,000,000 by the end of 2023 and includes increased funding for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) and Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives (FINI) program.

Another feature of the legislation is the establishment of a new National Animal Disease Prepared-

ness and Response program and a new U.S.-only vaccine bank for the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine.

Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said he applauds Conaway and the House Ag Committee for their diligence and hard work in crafting the farm bill. "The trend of low commodity prices over recent years and headlines about trade disputes have caused anxiety among agricultural producers these days, so this legislation is critically important to give them some much-needed reassurance," Perdue stated.

Scholz named Don and Jane Good Outstanding Senior

Leah Scholz, Lancaster, has been selected as the 2018 Don and Jane Good Outstanding Senior. Craig Good, Don and Jane's son, presented the award April 7.

While an undergraduate student in Animal Sciences and Industry at Kansas State University, Leah was a member of the 2017 National Champion Meat Animal Evaluation Team and the 2017 Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Team. She was named an All-American.

Leah was also active in several campus organizations, including Block and Bridle, Collegiate Farm Bureau and K-State's Transfer Ambassador Program. She serves as Block and Bridle corresponding secretary and reporter.

At Allen County Community College, she was active on the livestock judging team, served as president of the Collegiate Farm Bureau and was a member of Phi Theta



Kappa Honor Society.

During the summer of 2017, Leah interned in Argentina for the El Volcan Ranch during the Palermo Exhibition. She was asked to return in 2018 for an extended period - to help at the ranch prior to Palermo and then stay through the show.

Leah has accepted a position with AgriBeef. After graduating in May 2018, she will relocate to Parma, Idaho, to begin the management trainee program at the Boise Valley Feedyard.

Grass & Grain Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Sunny
High: 62 Low: 39

THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 65 Low: 42

FRIDAY
Scattered Rain
High: 58 Low: 35

SATURDAY
Few Showers
High: 56 Low: 33

SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 35

MONDAY
Scattered Rain
High: 49 Low: 26

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 58 Low: 47

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 62°, humidity of 31%. West northwest wind 11 to 15 mph. The record high for today is 91° set in 1987. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 39°. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 37°.

| Date | Hi/La | Normals | Precip |
|------|-------|---------|--------|
| 4/6 | 42/24 | 65/39 | 0.00" |
| 4/7 | 45/19 | 65/39 | 0.00" |
| 4/8 | 47/34 | 66/40 | 0.00" |
| 4/9 | 50/30 | 67/40 | 0.00" |
| 4/10 | 73/22 | 67/41 | 0.00" |
| 4/11 | 82/53 | 67/41 | 0.00" |
| 4/12 | 88/48 | 68/42 | 0.00" |

Rainfall 0.00"
Normal rainfall 0.58"
Departure -0.58"
Average temp 46.9°
Average normal 53.4°
Departure -6.5°

Today's Local Outlook

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Washington 63/44 | Blue Rapids 59/37 | Seneca 57/37 |
| Clay Center 61/39 | Mahattan 62/39 | Wamego 60/38 |
| Ogden 64/40 | Junction City 62/39 | |
| Abilene 63/40 | | Council Grove 62/41 |

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

| | Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------|
| First | Wednesday | 6:45 a.m. | 8:07 p.m. | 8:47 a.m. | 11:10 p.m. | Last |
| 4/22 | Thursday | 6:44 a.m. | 8:08 p.m. | 9:33 a.m. | Next Day | 5/7 |
| | Friday | 6:42 a.m. | 8:09 p.m. | 10:25 a.m. | 12:17 a.m. | |
| | Saturday | 6:41 a.m. | 8:10 p.m. | 11:24 a.m. | 1:19 a.m. | |
| | Sunday | 6:40 a.m. | 8:11 p.m. | 12:27 p.m. | 2:16 a.m. | |
| | Monday | 6:38 a.m. | 8:11 p.m. | 1:33 p.m. | 3:05 a.m. | |
| | Tuesday | 6:37 a.m. | 8:12 p.m. | 2:40 p.m. | 3:49 a.m. | |
| Full | | | | | | New |
| 4/29 | | | | | | 5/15 |

Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Weather History

April 18, 1953 - A dust devil near Draut, Mass. lifted a small child three feet into the air, and rolled two other children on the ground. Fortunately none of the three were hurt. The dust devil was accompanied by a loud whistling sound as it moved westward.

Growing Degree Days

| Date | Degree Days | Date | Degree Days |
|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 4/6 | 0 | 4/10 | 0 |
| 4/7 | 0 | 4/11 | 17 |
| 4/8 | 0 | 4/12 | 18 |
| 4/9 | 0 | | |

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| STEER & BULL CALVES | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 4 blk str | 294 @ 198.00 | 11 blk/bwf str | 624 @ 164.00 |
| 6 blk/bwf str | 400 @ 195.00 | 3 blk/bwf str | 600 @ 163.00 |
| 5 blk str | 404 @ 195.00 | 3 blk str | 668 @ 159.00 |
| 2 blk str | 378 @ 193.00 | 3 blk/sim str | 573 @ 156.00 |
| 13 blk str | 416 @ 192.00 | 3 blk/red str | 565 @ 150.00 |
| 14 blk str | 438 @ 190.50 | 3 blk/char str | 650 @ 146.00 |
| 29 blk/bwf str | 503 @ 190.25 | 3 blk str | 738 @ 145.50 |
| 6 blk str | 433 @ 190.00 | 22 blk str | 763 @ 137.25 |
| 12 blk str | 492 @ 187.50 | 61 blk/bwf str | 909 @ 129.85 |
| 20 blk str | 516 @ 187.50 | 26 mix str | 863 @ 128.00 |
| 4 blk str | 366 @ 185.00 | 60 mix str | 874 @ 127.00 |
| 3 blk str | 492 @ 183.00 | 54 blk/char str | 886 @ 126.50 |
| 9 blk str | 527 @ 182.50 | 57 mix str | 872 @ 126.00 |
| 2 blk str | 515 @ 180.00 | 55 mix str | 930 @ 125.25 |
| 4 blk str | 475 @ 179.00 | 9 blk str | 821 @ 125.00 |
| 2 bwf bulls | 438 @ 179.00 | 9 blk/char str | 786 @ 124.50 |
| 12 blk str | 532 @ 177.50 | 60 mix str | 987 @ 119.85 |
| 9 mix str | 469 @ 176.50 | 18 char str | 999 @ 119.50 |
| 3 bwf str | 492 @ 173.50 | | |
| 12 blk/bwf str | 497 @ 173.50 | | |
| 2 blk str | 410 @ 173.00 | | |
| 2 blk/bwf bulls | 393 @ 171.00 | | |
| 17 blk/bwf str | 515 @ 170.00 | | |

| STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| 3 blk/bwf str | 568 @ 173.00 | | |
| 4 blk str | 606 @ 171.00 | | |
| 11 blk/red str | 593 @ 170.00 | | |
| 5 blk/bwf str | 553 @ 169.00 | | |
| 6 blk/red str | 564 @ 169.00 | | |
| 19 blk/bwf str | 580 @ 167.00 | | |
| 4 blk/bwf str | 591 @ 165.00 | | |

| HEIFER CALVES | | | |
|----------------|--------------|--|--|
| 7 blk/red hfr | 416 @ 194.00 | | |
| 8 blk/sim hfr | 271 @ 171.00 | | |
| 17 blk hfr | 426 @ 171.00 | | |
| 4 blk hfr | 444 @ 171.00 | | |
| 2 blk/bwf hfr | 465 @ 170.00 | | |
| 6 blk/red hfr | 452 @ 169.00 | | |
| 14 blk/bwf hfr | 456 @ 169.00 | | |
| 5 blk hfr | 423 @ 168.00 | | |
| 2 blk hfr | 425 @ 167.00 | | |
| 5 blk hfr | 385 @ 166.00 | | |
| 8 blk/bwf hfr | 399 @ 165.00 | | |
| 8 blk/red hfr | 383 @ 164.50 | | |
| 2 blk hfr | 460 @ 164.00 | | |

| STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| 7 char hfr | 607 @ 154.00 | | |
| 3 blk/bwf hfr | 563 @ 153.00 | | |
| 18 blk hfr | 562 @ 152.25 | | |
| 23 blk/bwf hfr | 581 @ 150.00 | | |
| 11 blk/bwf hfr | 633 @ 148.00 | | |
| 8 blk/bwf hfr | 563 @ 146.50 | | |
| 5 blk/bwf hfr | 553 @ 145.00 | | |
| 5 blk/bwf hfr | 665 @ 144.50 | | |
| 3 blk/red hfr | 605 @ 140.00 | | |
| 3 blk/red hfr | 595 @ 139.00 | | |
| 4 blk hfr | 650 @ 139.00 | | |
| 6 blk hfr | 634 @ 138.50 | | |
| 5 blk/bwf hfr | 634 @ 132.00 | | |
| 20 blk hfr | 758 @ 132.00 | | |
| 9 char hfr | 706 @ 130.50 | | |
| 35 blk hfr | 775 @ 129.00 | | |
| 4 wf hfr | 609 @ 127.00 | | |
| 12 blk hfr | 739 @ 126.75 | | |
| 4 blk hfr | 714 @ 126.00 | | |
| 41 blk/bwf hfr | 804 @ 123.75 | | |

| COWS & HEIFERETTES | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 1 blk hfr | 1090 @ 105.00 | | |
| 1 blk hfr | 1100 @ 104.00 | | |
| 8 blk hfr | 1120 @ 87.50 | | |
| 1 blk hfr | 1105 @ 85.00 | | |
| 1 blk hfr | 1015 @ 81.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1425 @ 70.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1310 @ 70.00 | | |
| 1 sim cow | 1220 @ 69.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1495 @ 68.00 | | |
| 1 bwf cow | 1455 @ 67.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1285 @ 66.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1455 @ 66.00 | | |
| 1 red cow | 1340 @ 65.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1360 @ 64.50 | | |
| 1 bwf cow | 1405 @ 64.00 | | |
| 1 wf cow | 1510 @ 62.50 | | |
| 2 blk cows | 1375 @ 61.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1080 @ 61.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1185 @ 60.50 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1090 @ 60.00 | | |
| 1 bwf cow | 1420 @ 59.50 | | |
| 1 red cow | 1040 @ 59.00 | | |
| 4 blk cows | 1284 @ 58.50 | | |
| 1 bwf cow | 1670 @ 58.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1315 @ 57.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | 1090 @ 56.50 | | |

| BRED COWS | | | |
|------------|-----------|--|--|
| 1 blk cow | @ 1220.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | @ 1110.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | @ 1110.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | @ 1100.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | @ 1060.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | @ 1050.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow | @ 875.00 | | |
| 1 red cow | @ 710.00 | | |
| 2 blk cows | @ 700.00 | | |

| COW/CALF PAIRS | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 2 blk cows/cvs | @ 1485.00 | | |
| 6 blk/bwf cows/cvs | @ 1410.00 | | |

| BULLS | | | |
|------------|--------------|--|--|
| 1 blk bull | 2230 @ 87.50 | | |
| 1 blk bull | 1835 @ 84.50 | | |
| 1 blk bull | 2210 @ 84.50 | | |
| 1 blk bull | 1840 @ 84.00 | | |
| 1 blk bull | 1925 @ 82.00 | | |

| BWF COWS | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 1 bwf cow/cf | @ 1400.00 | | |
| 1 bwf cow/cf | @ 1375.00 | | |
| 4 mix cows/cvs | @ 1300.00 | | |
| 2 x-bred cows/cvs | @ 1275.00 | | |
| 2 bwf cows/cvs | @ 1235.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow/cf | @ 1225.00 | | |
| 1 sim cow/cf | @ 1185.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow/cf | @ 1185.00 | | |
| 3 blk/bwf cows/cvs | @ 1125.00 | | |
| 2 blk cows/cvs | @ 1100.00 | | |
| 1 blk cow/cf | @ 1075.00 | | |

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