Kansas Livestock Association members gather in Wichita for annual convention



KLA president Barb Downey welcomed members and guests to the annual Kansas Livestock Association Convention in Wichita last week, where the organization celebrated 125 years of service to the livestock industry. Photos by Donna Sullivan



Stephen Russell and Andrew Sylvester took bids for items in the live auction to benefit KLA and its many programs. A wide array of items were up for bids, including a stem cell procedure from Kansas Regenerative Medicine and bull sale credits to benefit KLA PAC 500 from Gardiner Angus, Fink Beef Genetics, Bar S Ranch, Benoit Angus, Dalebanks Angus, Downey Ranch, Harms Plainview Ranch, Judd Ranch, Kniebel Cattle Company, Lyons Ranch, Sandhill Farms, Hanel's Black Simmentals, Jensen Brothers, Jones Stewart Angus Ranch, Mc-Curry Brothers and Mushrush Red Angus.

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STEER CALVES — 275-550 LBS.

Flush	8 blk	505@180.75
/alley Falls	9 bwf	524@174.00
Vanhattan	9 blk	535@165.25
Hoyt	6 blk	548@159.00
Americus	9 Rd Ang	536@150.00
BULLS & S	TEERS — 55	0-975 LBS.
Frankfort	19 blk	599@160.00

Dwight 11 blk 645@155.00 Alma 6 blk Alta Vista 9 blk Linn 9 blk Valley Falls 9 blk Linn 9 blk Flush 8 blk Frankfort 7 Ang Council Grove 14 blk 14 Cross Hoyt Frankfort 22 blk Hoyt 16 blk Americus 8 Rd Ang

556@153.00 630@153.00 614@150.25 737@149.00 776@148.25 810@148.00 598@147.00 585@146.00 721@145.50 665@145.00 625@145.00 Spring Hill 9 blk 650@143.00 Alma 19 blk 663@143.00 Riley 9 blk 816@142.50 7 Heref 615@141.00 Reading Overbrook 6 blk 750@140.00 11 blk Basehor

Council Grove

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614@155.00 Hoyt Hoyt Hoyt Alma **Baldwin City** Hoyt Reading Americus Tecumseh Riley Onaga Waterville Riley 730@140.00 18 blk 721@139.00 Onaga 764@137.50 17 blk Alma 29 blk 706@137.00 Randolph

6 Heref 646@133.50 Reading 6 Heref 698@133.50 8 Cross 725@130.00 Riley Alta Vista 581@123.00 12 mix Council Grove 8 blk 705@121.00 **HEIFER CALVES** 450-550 LBS 7 Rd Ang 467@139.50 Americus 8 blk 480@137.00 7 blk 537@134.00

Alta Vista Council Grove 7 blk 512@132.00 Baldwin Clty Alta Vista 10 Cross 497@113.00 6 Cross 540@113.00 Maple Hill **HEIFERS — 550-825 LBS** Basehor 805@141.75 20 blk Basehor 10 blk 729@137.50 Frankfort 10 Ang 680@136.50

Linn 7 blk 654@136.00 Frankfort 10 Ang 558@135.00 Council Grove 610@135.00 10 blk 19 blk 599@134.00 20 blk 694@133.00 Council Grove 705@132.00 17 blk 13 blk 673@131.25 19 blk 640@130.00 581@129.50 12 blk 14 mix 615@129.00 11 heref 578@126.50 564@125.50 8 Rd Ang 650@122.50 Council Grove 6 blk 6 Heref 630@121.50 674@110.00 7 Cross - 925-1.850 LBS

COWS & HEIFERETTES -1 blk 1005@119.00 1 Heref 1000@99.00 1 blk 935@83.00 Westmoreland 1 blk 1850@70.50 1105@70.00 1 blk 1565@68.00 1 Ang

1 blk

1605@67.00

6 Char 952@136.50 Eskridge 1 blk 1545@65.00 Basehor CONSIGNMENTS FOR DEC.

- 12 Simm cross strs & hfrs, weaned 50 days, pour on, 2 complete rds shots, 500-550 lbs. 225 choice reputation Blk, BWF, & RWF age & source identified strs & hfrs, weaned 60 days/ 2 complete rd shots, 500-650
- 24 blk strs & hfrs, 2 complete rds shots, weaned 35 days, 650-750 lbs.
- 23 home raised Balancer X strs & hfrs, 2 rds shots, poured, weaned 45 days, bunk broke,
- 11 blk strs & hfrs, 2 rds shots incl. Bovishield, weaned, 600-650 lbs.
- 12 Heref strs, wormed, bunk broke, no implants, weaned 60 days, 2 rds shots, 650-850 lbs. 30 blk bwf & Heref strs & OCV hfrs, 2 rds shots, bunk broke, weaned 30 days, 550-650 lbs.
- 10 Hereford & bwf strs, weaned 45 days, 2 rd shots, 450-600 lbs. 54 blk, bwf & Red Angus cows, SS to BB, bred to Angus bulls for March calves.
- 15 choice blk & bwf strs & hfrs, weaned 45 days, 2 rds shots, 500-600 lbs.
- 29 Heref, blk Baldy & Ang strs & hfrs, weaned Sept. 25, 3 rds shots, bunk broke, 600-700 lbs. 11 blk strs & hfrs, 3 rds shots, weaned 60 days, 700-800 lbs.
- 20 blk strs, 3 rds shots, weaned 30 days, 600-650 lbs.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 20

- 37 choice blk strs & hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 650-725 lbs.
- 85 choice reputation SimAngus, 2 copmlete rd shots, weaned 75 days, strs 700-825 lbs, hfrs 650-750 lbs.
- 29 blk strs & hfrs, 2 rds shots, weaned Sept., 600-800 lbs.

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL OF KEVIN HENRY ESTATE CONSISTING OF:

• 27 blk & Red cross Fall calving cows, 3-8 yrs, 22 will have Aug. & Sept. Angus sired calves, balance are Springers. Angus bull turned in October.

BRED 1st CALF HEIFERS

- 25 fancy blk Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs from Wyoming & Sandhills origin, bred registered Traveler & In Focus genetic calving ease bulls for Jan. 17-Feb. 19 calving.
- 32 choice northern origin blk & bwf 1st calf OCV hfrs, pelciv measured, LBW Harms Conrad Angus bull in May 15-July 10 for Mar. & April calves. All shots including 1st round
- 45 choice reputation home raised Angus 1st calf hfrs, Gardiner Genetic Prophet daugh-
- ters, bred to Sons of Sure Fire & Momentum negative LBW bulls May 1 for 90 days. 50 fancy Red Angus 1st calf hfrs, 1 ranch origination, bred to registered Red Angus LBW
- bulls May 1 for 75 day calving period, 1 rd ScourBos 9, Lepto and wormed. 45 blk 1st calf hfrs, bred registered LBW Angus bulls May 1 for 75 day calving period. 1 blk 1st calf hfr bred Angus 6 months.

1st CALF HEIFER PAIRS

- 5 blk 1st calf hfrs w/ 6 month calves by side, bred back Angus bull, 4-5 months bred, calves worked.
- 24 Fancy blk 1st calf hfrs w/ Oct.-Nov. blk calves, hfrs have breed back shots/poured, calves 1 rd shots and worked, running back Lyons Angus bull since 11/1.
- 10 Angus 1st calf hfrs w/ Fall Angus sired calves by side.
- 12 blk blk Baldy cows, 4-8 yrs w/ 30-90 day calves by side. 3 blk cows, 3-4 yrs w/ 30-45 day Angus calves by side.
- 30 blk cows, running ages w/ 2 mo. calves by side.

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- 45 mostly Red Angus Char X cows, 4-7 yrs old, bred Red Angus bull from May 5th-July 1st. Scourguard.
- 85 blk bwf cows, 3-5 yrs, bred blk Simm & Simm Angus bulls for Spring calves. 15 Red & Red Baldy cows, 3-5 yrs, bred blk Simm & Simm Angus bulls for Spring calves.
- 20 blk & bwf & Cross cows, coming 3 yrs, bred blk bulls for April-June calves.
- 20 blk & bwf & Cross cows, running ages, bred blk bulls for April-June calves.
- 20 Angus cows, SS to BM, bred Angus to start calving Feb. 10.
- 40 choice blk & Red 2nd calf hfrs, registered blk Angus bulls turned in May 1-July 15, Lepto, ScourBos 9 & wormed.
- 60 blk & bwf cows, 3-4 yrs, Wheeler Balancer & Angus bulls turned in May 1. 10 blk cows, 3-5 yrs, bred Angus bulls for Mar. & April calves.

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Kansas Hay Market Repórt

Hay market trade is slow to moderate, demand was slow to moderate, and prices remain steady. Drought continues to plague the western regions of the state. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a new sliver of extreme drought (D3) was added in southwestern Kansas, where several locations have reported less than one-half inch of precipitation since September 1. Reported precipitation values are less than 15% of normal. In the driest areas, winter wheat has struggled to emerge and become established, with the recent cold wave being a complicating factor. The Kansas Forage and Grassland Council is having their annual conference on December 10 in Wichita. Visit their website at www.ksfgc.org for more information and registration. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grinding alfalfa steady to 5.00 higher; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 235.00-245.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-226.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow 160.00-170.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00, Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 150.00-160.00. Sudan: large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat straw: large rounds 40.00-50.00, large squares 65.00-75.00 delivered. The week of 11/17-11/23, 8,591T of grinding alfalfa and 1,631T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, alfalfa pellets, steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 210.00-220.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-225.00, Premium 175.00-200.00, Good 165.00-175.00. Stock cow, 130.00-150.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 95.00-

Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 135.00-145.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 200.00-205.00, 17 pct protein 205.00-220.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 300.00-310.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, good small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large rounds 60.00-70.00, large squares 75.00-85.00. Brome, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large rounds 100.00-110.00, lesser quality 70.00-80.00. Sudan: large rounds 65.00-75.00. Oat hay, 80.00-85.00. Teff: mid to large squares 140.00-160.00. Wheat Straw: small squares 5.50-6.50/bale, large squares 70.00-75.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 11/17-11/23, 8,635T of grinding alfalfa and 863T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

Southeast Kansas Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay

steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 230.00-250.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 160.00-170.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 115.00-125.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 130.00-140.00, good, mid squares 120.00-140.00, large squares, 100.00-120.00, large rounds 60.00-70.00. Brome, good, small squares 125.00-150.00, mid to large squares 120.00-135.00, large rounds 90.00-100.00, lesser quality 75.00-85.00; Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 60.00-80.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 11/17-11/23, *2,596T of grass hay was reported bought/sold. **Northwest Kansas**

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; move-

ment slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 205.00-215.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 150.00-160.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 125.00-135.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.50-10.50/bale. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock Cow, 150.00-160.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00. Ground and delivered 130.00-160.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, mid to large squares 85.00-100.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00. Brome, small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, mid to large squares 115.00-150.00, large rounds 80.00-95.00; Sudan, large rounds 55.00-66.00. Wheat Straw: small squares 5.00-6.00/bale delivered, large squares 100.00-110.00 delivered, large rounds 60.00-70.00. The week of 11/17-11/23, 234T of grinding alfalfa and 450T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

***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, Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709. Posted to the Internet: www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt

Farm Succession Planning Seminar to be hosted in January of Nebraska Harlan Agriis \$10 per person. There is potential family disputes. ing legacy if and when the

Few family farming operations survive an unexpected change to the management ownership of their farming business as well as a family crisis situation and still remain profitable. Implementing a business management contingency plan for ownership succession and the transition of management control to the next generation is crucial for the farm's continued

To help Kansas farmers

and ranchers with developing a contingency plan for the unexpected, a Farm Succession Planning Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8. The regional educational seminar will be held at the United Methodist Church in Downs (1000 N. Morgan) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with supper.

a family rate (three or more members) of \$8 per person. Payment is due at the time of registration and can be mailed or dropped off at any Post Rock Extension District Office. A catered supper will be provided.

Farm families must initiate transition planning strategies for their family farming operation in order to insure a unexpected might happen. Guidelines and risk management strategies will be shared to help find solutions to accomplish a successful transition so that a family farming legacy continues for future generations even if the unexpected happens.

The featured presenter for the evening is nationally and regionally recognized expert, business Professor Emeritus. The Farm Succession

Planning Seminar is hosted by K-State Research and Extension's Post Rock District along with sponsors Osborne County Community Foundation, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Remus Farms, LLC and The Scoular Company.

Pre-registration is requested by January 3, 2020 by either online at www.postrock.ksu.edu or by calling any of the Post Rock District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln. Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center. A minimum of ten registered participants are needed to hold the program. For more information contact Sandra L Wick (785-282-6823) or Ross Weber (785-781-4331) or any Post Rock Extension District Of-

future vision for their farmsuccess as well as avoiding The fee for participation Dr. Ron Hanson, University Soil Health Academy announces non-profit status, opportunities for regenerative ag

After a full year of providing education and support to help farmers and ranchers transition from conventional to regenerative agriculture, the Soil Health Academy (SHA) announced today that it has become a federally recognized, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

"We believe SHA's newly acquired public charity status will allow our organization to more quickly and effectively help farmers successfully grow healthier soil, food and profits," said SHA President and co-founder, David Brandt. SHA's three-day schools feature instruction by Brandt, Ray Archuleta, Gabe Brown, Allen

Williams, Ph.D., Shane New and other technical consultants, all of whom are widely considered to be among the most preeminent pioneers, innovators and advocates in today's soil health and regenerative agricultural movement.

As a nonprofit, Brandt said SHA will be better positioned, long-term, to deliver programs and services to help farmers make the successful transition from chemically dependent conventional farming methods to nature-mimicking regenerative methods. "By receiving direct, charitable funding from philanthropic entities looking to support regener-

ative and climate friendly agricultural practices, we hope to significantly scale up our educational

efforts, for which there has been increasing demand," Brandt said. "We're especially excited about partnering with a wide range of entities to expand our scholarship program for historically underserved farmers and ranchers, as well as our 'train-the-trainer' and multi-media educational

Brandt said SHA's educational model has been effective because it delivers on-farm experiences for producers and also provides on-going support as they implement the principles learned at the school. "Because of that approach, SHA was recognized as a 'top solution in action' in the 2019 Philanthropic Action Guide: Healthy Soils to Cool the Planet publication," he said.

Brandt added that while SHA's nonprofit status offers new opportunities to partner with organizations to address pressing environmental, climate and family farm economic issues, its primary goal will remain the same. "SHA will continue helping farmers first understand, and then effectively apply, soil health-improving regenerative agriculture principles on their own farms and ranchesall of which will improve family farm profitability and revitalize rural economies across the U.S."

"Nature gives us the tools," he said. "SHA shows farmers and ranchers how to use them successfully." For more information about SHA, visit www.soilhealthacademy.org.

working to combat declining turkey numbers

Wild turkey populations are declining across the Midwest and Kansas isn't immune. Though the Sunflower State still boasts one of the strongest wild turkey populations in the region, statewide surveys suggest immediate action is needed if Kansas is to have any measurable impact on slowing the decline.

Leading the charge is Kent Fricke, small game coordinator for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT). Fricke, who chairs the Department's Wild Turkey Committee, has presented on the matter to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission since June 2019. "Our primary concern is

declining nest and brood survival rates, which are influenced by habitat availability and weather," said Fricke. "In recent years, we've observed declines in both habitat quantity and quality, as well as ificant weather events that have negatively impacted nesting and brood rearing seasons. Collectively, these factors are likely contributing to turkey declines."

While Fricke and others

continue to examine potential causes behind the widespread decline, spring flooding is believed to be at the forefront for 2019, as Kansas' estimated statewide turkey production was the lowest on record. In an effort to give popula-

tions an adequate opportunity to recover from this year's hard-hitting spring and reduce long-term declines, staff developed progressive recommendations for the 2020 spring and fall turkey seasons. Though not all staff recommendations were approved as presented, Commissioners approved the following at their Nov. 14 meeting in Scott City:

Bag limits in Turkey Management Units 3, 5, and 6 (Northeast, Southcentral, and Southeast) will be reduced from two turkeys to one turkey beginning with the spring 2020 season; bag limits in Units 1 and 2 (Northwest and

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Northcentral) will remain at two turkeys. Hunters will still be able to purchase a permit, game tag, or combo; however, game tags (which allow the take of a second turkey) will not be valid in Units 3, 5,

An amendment to reduce the fall 2020 season to 41 days for all open Turkey Management Units. Currently, the fall season runs Oct. 1, 2019-Jan. 31, 2020; however, under the new regulation, the 2020 fall season will run Oct. 1-Nov. 10, 2020. Unit 4 remains closed to fall hunting.

Staff recommended suspending the fall season in Units 3, 5, and 6. However, Commissioners were hesitant to agree, for fear of losing fall turkey hunting opportunity indefinitely. An amendment to create a bearded-only fall hunting season was introduced by the Commission, but was AUCHION

unable to gain a majority vote. The fall season bag limit – one either sex permit valid statewide, except for Unit 4 - remains unchanged.

Spring 2021 turkey season dates. Youth and hunters with disabilities – April 1-13, 2021; archery - April 5-13, 2021; and the regular season - April 14-May 31, 2021.

'The Wild Turkey mittee continues to refine and update our Adaptive Harvest Strategy, which provides a consistent and transparent method of developing staff recommendations for spring and fall season bag limits," said Fricke. "Our goal is to maintain a robust turkey population that provides high hunter satisfaction."

Fricke adds that landowners interested in improving turkey habitat on their property are encouraged to con-

Ave., 1 mile south & 1/4 mile east.

tact KDWPT biologists to develop strategies. There are many resources available to assist landowners with habitat improvements, visit https:// ksoutdoors.com/Services/Private-Landowner-Assistance

for more information. To view population data, staff recommendations, or minutes from previous meetings, visit https://ksoutdoors. com/KDWPT-Info/Commission/Past-and-Future-Meet-

ings/Archived-Meetings/2019. To view a video recording of the Nov. 14 public hearing, visit https://ksoutdoors. com/KDWPT-Info/Commission/Current-LIVE-Commission-Meeting.

For a complete list of 2020 and 2021 turkey season dates and Turkey Hunting Units, visit https://ksoutdoors.com/ Hunting/What-to-Hunt/Tur-

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shine and wind reduce the

poison, Roberts says. Cured hay provides a feed lower in toxin compared to grazed fescue.

Users of tall fescue pastures learn management tricks to lower losses from toxic grass.

loss comes from fescue foot The ergovaline in fescue restricts blood flow to cattle's feet. In worst cases, cows' hooves fall off. She can't walk to graze.

Fescue foot shows up in cold weather, but toxins cause problems year-round. Most farmers never see losses. They don't note nursing cows give less milk. Their calves don't gain as fast. Cow herds fail to breed and calve. Losses mount slowly, sight

Roberts, a longtime advocate of replacing toxic tall fescue, says toxin-free or "novel endophyte" fescue

Actually, endophyte has value in making fescue durable. The toxin slows cattle grazing, which extends grass life. Toxins also repel pests of grass. Farmers continue using infected pastures, as they're almost indestructible. However, that value can't offset

It was a long time coming, but novel-endophyte fescue varieties are available. New nontoxic endophyte fungi protect new varieties. Endophyte-free fescue rarely

A drawback slowing conversion is the long process of killing toxic fescue and old fescue must be killed before planting new seed. Missouri scientists developed a working conversion: "spraysmother-spray." A K-31 pasture is sprayed with herbicide. Then a seeded cover crop crowds out toxic fescue remainders. Finally, that cover is sprayed again to kill remaining toxic fescue. New fescue seeding follows.

"The yearlong process is worth it," Roberts says. "You gain benefits of novel-endophyte fescue without losses.'

"Meanwhile, until new novel-endophyte fescue is seeded, you must manage the toxin," Roberts says. "We go

Toxins are hottest in stems and seed heads. Clipping provides a means to manage. That chore is eliminated with novel endophyte.

Ease of management becomes a big advantage of new fescue. Even better, improved grazing and hay improve beef production.

For now, delay hay feeding to use stockpiled pasture. Hay in barns loses toxins during the first month stored. Fall-grown stockpile fescue pasture has no seed stems or seed heads, plus delayed grazing lowers toxins in fescue pastures. Use winter

prevents losses. ing seasons. The most forage The most visible livestock reseeding new. Every sprig of from managing grass to mangrazing. Soil fertility in southeast Kansas: Dr. Dorivar Ruiz Diaz interview wit

By James Coover, crop production agent, Wildcat District

The further into southeast Kansas, the more different the soils are from the rest of the state. The corners of the four state area are dominated by clay, thin topsoil and heavy plow pans. The soils here are older and more acidic, with a different fertility background. While much of the soil fertility research recommendations done outside the area can apply to soils here as well, there are some adjustments that need to be made. K-State Research and Extension Soil Fertility Specialist Dr. Dorivar Ruiz Diaz states, "Some of the things we tend to think about more here in southeast are nutrients like potassium due to the heavy clays that are naturally deficient in potassium. pH is another variable in fertility that can drive the availability of other nutrients. The southeast, in comparison to the rest of the state, pH can be low in the subsoil as well." The pH recommendations for the southeast area start at pH below 6.0 but we have to be more watchful for acidic soil than the rest of the state. Dr. Diaz says that, "Ideally we want to have pHs above 6.4 but we are more likely to see actual yield response to liming soils that were below 6.0. When we get into pHs around 5 to 5.5 we are at risk for aluminum toxicity." The importance of proper pH is also dependent on crop. Soybeans are more sensitive to acidic soil than corn, however, Dr. Diaz states that it is important to lime soil

The background levels of secondary and micronutrients in

closer to 7.0 for before planting a high input crop like alfalfa.

the southeast area are also unique. Here in the southeast is the only place in Kansas with a possible recommendation of boron, which is naturally present in higher levels in other areas of the state. The test is not well calibrated to show yield response, but it's still a concern of deficiency for some crops. However, it seems that iron background levels tend to be more commonly tested for in soil packages, but knowing these levels normally won't provide a useful fertilizer recommendation with our clay soils. Dr. Diaz states that, "One thing in particular about iron is that it's really a variable dependent on soil pH. Anything that is below the 7.0 to 7.4 range, iron availability is typically not a problem." One secondary nutrient he does recommend testing for is zinc. Zinc can be highly variable throughout a field and is a good one to test for during a grid sampling to determine a localized soil deficiency.

As for mobile nutrients like nitrogen, sulfur, and chloride, we have some challenges with these as well. Due to the difficultly of profile testing in our shallow soils, much of the time the mobile nutrients go untested, so a standard fertilizer quantity is applied. Of course nitrogen is the main focus, but there is a need to keep in mind sulfur and chloride levels. Dr. Diaz states, "Sulfur is of most concern in crops of corn, wheat, and sorghum. Many producers are putting on sulfur fertilizer without knowing soil test levels. 15 to 20 lbs of sulfur per acre are usually sufficient for corn." Fertilizer like ammonia sulfate will provide sulfur

faster but cheaper fertilizer like gypsum can provide sulfur for multiple years if applied at a higher rate.

When it comes to taking the soil samples, there are a few tips to follow. Dr. Diaz describes that first off, there are two types of variability. Small scale variability is why we need to take 15 to 20 soil cores per sample, regardless of field size or even when grid sampling. When it comes to large scale variability, taking multiple samples per field depends on the history of the field or soil type. A soil sample can represent a 40 acre field that is even and uniform with a known management history.

If you have any questions about soil fertility and would like more information from Dr. Diaz, please contact one of the Wildcat Extension offices. Also, on Dec 17th, K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District will have our annual Agronomy Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Independence. The main speaker will be, Dr. Mike Stamm, speaking on bringing canola to the southeast area. I will cover a short presentation on soil fertility issues. Agronomy Night is a free program, we will serve dinner and is sponsored by Bartlett Co-op, Frontier Farm Credit, Corner Post Crop Insurance, Community National Bank and Trust, Hometown Crop Solutions, Prairieland Partners, Roger D. Janzen Farm, Pro-Ag Services and Caney Agri Service. If interested, please contact K-State Research and Extension Independence Office at 620-331-2690.

Soy Transportation Coalition re-elects officers, visits ultimate destination of supply chain during annual meeting The Soy Transportation cessor of soybeans and other

Coalition (STC) re-elected its officers, discussed its strategy for 2020, and visited the ultimate destination of the U.S. soybean supply chain during the organization's annual meeting on December 2-3 in Merida, Mexico.

During the annual meeting. Mike Bellar of Howard. Kansas, was re-elected chairman for a second year. Bellar previously served as the STC vice chairman from 2017-2018 and secretary-treasurer from 2015-2016. Mike and his wife, Peggy, have five kids and raise soybeans, corn, wheat, and cattle. Mike is also a director on the Kansas Soybean

"I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve as chairman of the Soy Transportation Coalition." said Bellar "During this period of uncertainty, we need to do all we can to promote a transportation system that allows farmers to remain competitive. I look forward to continuing to help the Soy Transportation Coalition's strategy and agenda move forward.'

and corn farmer from Tyler, Minnesota, was re-elected vice chairman. Schreurs previously served as STC secretary-treasurer from 2017-2018. He has four children. Schreurs is also a director on the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association and the American Sovbean Association. "The Soy Transportation

Coalition strives to be nimble

Joel Schreurs, a soybean

and responsive to the opportunities to improve our supply chain," said Schreurs. "Ultimately, if we assist in making our transportation system more cost-effective, reliable, and competitive, we will be successful. I appreciate the opportunity to continuing to promote this important work." Jonathan Miller of Island,

Kentucky, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Miller and his wife, Cindy, have two kids and raise soybeans, corn, and wheat. He is also a director on the Kentucky Soybean Association. "Given the current chal-

lenges confronting U.S. soybean exports, it becomes all the more essential for our system of rural roads and bridges, highways and interstates, freight railroads, inland waterways, and ports to assist with our competitiveness, rather than be an obstacle to it," says Miller. "I look forward to 2020 being a year in which we continue to move the needle

for the benefit of our fellow soybean farmers."

During the meeting, the

STC board discussed and emphasized the various strategies and initiatives the organization seeks to continue to advance in 2020. These initiatives in-Playing a significant role

in the deepening of the lower Mississippi River project becoming activated Assisting two to three ad-

ditional states in implementing rural bridge testing projects Further developing the

concept for transporting soybeans and soy products via container on the inland waterway system - working with American Patriot Holdings and Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District Advancing increased semi

weight limits at the federal and Increasing awareness, un-

rstanding, and motivation of innovative and economical methods for repairing and replacing rural bridges Providing tangible value in

promoting the greater use of the Missouri River for the soybean industry Promoting the greater use

of soy-based products in the transportation space In addition to the meeting, the STC board of directors vis-

ited Grupo Logra - a soybean and grain importer located at Puerto Progreso along the Gulf of Mexico north of Merida. The group also visited the Merida location of Proteinas y Oleicos – a Mexico based pro-

"While the work of the Soy Transportation Coalition is focused primarily on the roads, bridges, railroads, waterways, and ports here in the United States that accommodate soybeans and soy products, it is very beneficial to learn firsthand from importers and international customers of the U.S. soybean industry," explains Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Sov Transportation Coalition. "This is where our multi-step supply chain ultimately concludes. While we continue to enjoy success in the Mexican market, we must do all we can to ensure we are the most reliable and economical supplier to our valued customers. Just because we earned their business today does not mean we are entitled to it tomorrow."



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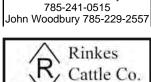
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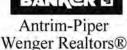
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Flooding at Kansas state parks costing state millions

(AP) – The toll of massive flooding in Kansas is proving to be high for the agency that operates state parks.

KCUR reports that the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism will lose millions of dollars as the result of park closures, property damage and washed out

In much of the state, heavy rains began in early spring and flooding was widespread into the summer. High water levels at reservoirs, where many state parks are located, inundated campgrounds, boat docks and

Parks Director Linda Lanterman said the timing was especially bad because May through August are the "Million-Dollar Months," when revenue is at its highest. This year, state park revenue fell short in those four months. Consider June: Revenue was \$568,743 compared to revenue of nearly \$1.6 million in June

Even now, parts of a few state parks in eastern Kansas remain flooded, preventing the department from fully assessing the damage. Most parks

opened by mid-July.

Repairing damage will be a daunting task. Floodwaters cracked boat docks, washed away gravel from roads, filled restrooms with silt and removed chunks of land underneath concrete campsites and picnic table pads.

Flooding also is killing many trees, preventing the roots from getting needed ox-

"We can see clearly they are starting to decline and go downhill," said Ryan Armbrust, a state forest health specialist with the Kansas Forest

The impact extends beyond trees, to the entire ecosystem. Armbrust said trees provide shade and homes for animals and reduce air pollution. That won't come back until the next generation of trees.

He's also worried about what will grow back in place of the lost trees. Instead of oak and hickory, it might be lesser trees or invasive species such as bush honeysuckle.

"We're still going to be having impacts from that flood event for some time," Armbrust said.

K-State beef cattle experts discuss tips for raising stocker cattle

Cow-calf producers, stocker operators and feedlot managers all have the same end goal in mind: raise high quality beef profitably. Experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute say there are many ways that producers can do that successfully.

Stocker cattle are typically newly weaned calves weighing between 300 and 800 pounds. They are often co-mingled with other calves and developed on a forage-based system with some feed supplementation before moving to the feedlots for finishing.

"Successful stocker operators do a good job of buying and selling the cattle, while keeping them healthy at an effective cost of gain," said

professor Bob Larson.

In respect to the markets, agricultural economist Dustin Pendell advises stocker operators to follow a buy low, sell high strategy. "There are a lot of considerations to include such as pricing inputs, output price and marketing strategies," he said. "Producers need to have a risk management strategy when purchasing inputs and selling calves."

Once the cattle arrive, identifying the appropriate feedstuffs is also going to be key to an operator's success, according to Larson. "It is not just pricing feed on a per pound of feed basis, but looking at how much growth can come from that feed source."

may be more cost-effective to calculate a slower rate of gain by feeding a forage-based diet. and for others more feed supplementation may be needed to provide adequate nutrients

for a faster gain.

K-State Research and Extension cow-calf specialist Bob Weaber also said there is another reason for supplementation. "Following a higher rate of gain may also allow operators to meet a marketing window due to the seasonality of feeder calves," he said.

Along with market price considerations and feeding strategies, the experts agreed that it is vital to follow a health protocol for the calves.

a logical plan of first and second treatments," Larson said. "The veterinarian is going to help select an antibiotic that is a good match for the bacteria that is causing the disease."

Another part of the plan is to outline treatment frequency, and establish a second protocol for those that don't respond to the initial treatment.

Larson stressed the importance of sticking with the treatment plan. "This is a protocol. Treat every animal the same so we can evaluate if this protocol is working," he said.

More information on this topic is available on a weekly podcast produced by the Beef Cattle Institute.

late gestation does Managing

By Adaven Scronce, diversified agriculture and natural resource agent, Wildcat Extension District

As a child during the month of December I would be anxiously waiting for Christmas, excited to see what presents I would find under the tree Christmas morning. Now, I get just as excited for kidding season and for the first set of kids to hit the ground in the spring. I would guess that many goat producers feel the same way. While anxiously waiting for the first set of spring kids to hit the ground in the coming months, now is the time to make sure the nutrient requirements of does are being met to help ensure strong, healthy

kids and does in the spring. While making preparations for kidding season, ensuring that there is adequate shelter for does and kids and that you are stocked up on all the supplies you may need, it is also important to ensure that does are receiving the nutrients they need during the last four to six weeks of gestation, also referred to as late gestation. During late gestation about 70% of fetal growth occurs, as the fetuses grow and take up more room, rumen capacity will decrease. While the energy and protein requirements of the doe increase during late gestation, her rumen capacity decreases because of there is not enough space in the rumen for the doe to meet the higher nutrient requirements by consuming more feed. Instead, the doe has to consume higher quality, more nutritious feed. Due to increased energy demands to support fetal growth, supplemental nutrition is usually required, especially for does that are carrying multiple fetuses (twins, triplets, quads). As a result, the doe's nutritional requirement of both energy and protein will increase. Meeting the nutritional needs of the doe by ensuring the doe has access to good quality forage along with supplementing with grain if needed, will help ensure does are consuming adequate nutrients to support fetal growth, help prevent pregnancy toxemia (ketosis) and milk fever, and help ensure the arrival of strong, healthy kids.

Nutrient requirements will vary by age, weight, body condition, number of kids, and weather. To meet the increased nutrient requirement of late gestation, it is usually necessary to supplement with grain, especially if the quality of available forage is low. Generally, does require 12% protein and 60% TDN during late gestation. To find out the amount of protein and TDN in your hay you can send in a hay sample in to be tested. Pregnancy toxemia (ketosis) is caused by decreased blood glucose levels (blood sugar) and a rapid breakdown of fat to maintain blood glucose levels and meet energy requirements. Not meeting the nutrient requirements of does can result in pregnancy toxemia, low birth weights, weak kids, and poor milk production. Calcium is also an important part of the diet for pregnant does as it is needed for bone development in kids and milk production,

needing around .4% calcium in their diet. If goats do not receive enough calcium in their diet or have too much calcium during late gestation, it can result in milk fever. The ratio of calcium to phosphorus should range from 2:1 to 1:1 for pregnant and lactating does. Milk fever (hypocalcemia) is a blood calcium deficiency due to the body's system not being able to activate and mobilize calcium, which most commonly occurs in dairy does right before or after kidding. While it is important to

make sure the nutritional requirements of does are met, it is also important to make sure does are not over fed, as overfeeding can result in overweight does that have an increased risk of difficult births due to larger kids and pregnancy toxemia. It is important to meet the doe's nutritional needs, but not exceed those nutritional needs by overfeeding grain. Meeting the nutritional requirements for does includes managing the way they are feed as well as what they are fed. When supplementing with grain, weigh the grain to ensure they are being fed the correct amount to meet their nutritional requirements. Do not feed on the ground, make sure the feeders are clean and feed is not going to waste, ensure there is adequate space at the feeder(s) for all does to eat at a feeder at the same time. Feed does that need supplemental feeding separately from does that do not need extra feed. Encourage exercise by placing feed and water in different areas of the pasture

grain to increase the amount they are being fed gradually. It is also important to remember that water is the most important nutrient and water requirements increase during pregnancy, almost doubling during the last month of pregnancy. Water should be clean and icefree to ensure adequate intake, if animals do not drink enough water it can reduce dry matter

Along with ensuring the nutrient requirements of does are met, it is also important to check does during late gestation to see if the need to be dewormed. To determine which females need to be dewormed. check their FAMANCH score. evaluate their body condition and hair coat and/or collect a fecal sample for a fecal egg count. Three to four weeks before kidding does should be vaccinated for colstridal diseases and tetanus, as late gestation vaccinations are important to protect lambs and kids against enterotoxaemia (clostridium perfringins type C). To vaccinate does, CD/T or Covexin-8 can be used. When kids are born they do not have a fully functioning immune system, by giving the doe a CD/T or Covexin-8 booster before kidding, it will protect the doe and the kids will receive passive immunity through the colostrum and milk. Also remember when working does during late gestation, to handle them in a low stress environment to make the process the least stressful for

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If you would like additional information on a horticulture topic, please contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu. edu and at www.riley.ksu.edu

Trump's l S-Japan trade deal wins Japan parliament approval likely to come up in the talks. agreement, negotiated by the

(AP) - Japan's Parliament last Wednesday approved a trade deal that was agreed upon by President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe earlier

The deal cutting tariffs between the countries takes

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year. It cleared Japan's upper house Wednesday after clearing the more powerful lower house earlier.

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U.S. farmers have felt they were at a disadvantage compared to Australian or Canadian counterparts.

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When the trade deal was reached in September, Trump said it means opening Japan's market to about \$7 billion in U.S. farm goods, with tariffs lowered or scrapped on American beef, pork, wheat, cheese, corn and wine.

Abe has called the deal a "win-win," prompting criticism from the opposition. Japanese farmers form a large support base for Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Japan has long had protectionist policies on agricultural imports, especially rice.

USMEF issues statement on approval of U.S.-Japan trade agreement

Last week the Upper House of the Japanese Parliament approved the U.S.-Japan trade agreement, which will greatly improve access for U.S. red meat in Japan. Key provisions of the agreement, which was approved by Japan's Lower House on Nov. 19, were released in October by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR).

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) President and CEO Dan Halstrom issued this statement:

With the U.S.-Japan trade agreement now approved by the Japanese Parliament, the U.S. beef and pork industries look forward to expanded opportunities in Japan, which is already the largest value destination for U.S. pork and beef exports (combined export value in 2018 was \$3.7 billion). This agreement is one the history of red meat trade, as no international market delivers greater benefits to U.S. farmers and ranchers, and to the entire U.S. supply chain, than Japan.

USMEF thanks President Trump, USTR and USDA for prioritizing and securing this agreement, which is a major breakthrough for U.S. agriculture. We also extend our appreciation to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his administration for taking unprecedented steps to expand market access for U.S. red meat. In addition to the benefits provided to the U.S. industry, Japanese consumers will now enjoy more affordable access to a

wider range of U.S. products. USMEF's projected impact on U.S. beef and pork exports

With tariff rates mirroring those imposed on major competitors, USMEF's forecast for 2020 is for U.S. beef and

pork exports to Japan to reach \$2.3 billion and \$1.7 billion, respectively. Export volumes are projected to be roughly 360,000 metric tons for beef and 410,000 metric tons for pork. Volume and value projections are based on reduced tariff rates being in place for the full year.

USMEF projects that by 2025, U.S. red meat exports to Japan will approach \$5 billion - roughly \$2.8 billion for U.S. beef and more than \$2 billion for U.S. pork - as consumption of U.S. red meat increases due to greater access for Japanese consumers and the U.S. gaining market share. The agreement also opens new opportunities for value-added and processed red meat products, with tariffs on these products phasing to zero, which contributes to the overall growth in U.S. exports to the high-value Japanese market.

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portunity to increase their **Schuler Manufacturing** Vermeer Corporation an nounces acquisition of

With a strong vision to provide the most comprehensive suite of hay harvesting, processing and feeding equipment to farmers and ranchers across North America, Vermeer Corporation recently announced it has purchased Schuler Manufacturing, a family-owned and operated manufacturer of high-quality feeding solutions based in Griswold, Iowa.

Founded by Dorland Schuler in 1964, Schuler Manufacturing offers a full line of high-quality equipment serving the beef cow-calf, feedlot and dairy industries with TMR (total mixed ration) mixers and feed wagons. Known for premium quality and performance, Schuler's TMR mixers are available in trailed, truck-mounted and stationary options. The feed wagon product line includes hay and bunk style options and are purpose-built for handling higher roughage rations.

long-term vision to continually introduce new product innovation for cattle producers across the entire hay and feeding value stream," said Mark Core, executive vice president of Vermeer Forage Solutions. "By bringing Schuler's feeding solutions into the Vermeer product family, farmers and ranchers can further depend on Vermeer to help them care for their livestock and operate efficiently, whether they are making hay or mixing feed."

"For us being a family-run company that's built high-quality equipment for the cattle industry for more than five decades, joining another family-owned and run company, located in Iowa, simply makes sense," said Reggie Schuler, president of Schuler Manufacturing. "As we become part of the Vermeer family, we are excited that our team in Griswold will be closely connected to a host of additional resources including manufacturing, engi-

producers with our proven solutions."

The current line-up of Schuler-made TMR mixers and feed wagons will continue to be produced in Griswold and sold through existing Schuler and now select Vermeer distribution partners focused on feeding solutions expertise. Products will initially be sold under the Schuler brand, with an intentional transition to Vermeer as the two companies fully integrate. Louis Norton, a 30-year Vermeer team member with strong experience in engineering, operations, continuous improvement and business partnerships, will serve as general manager of the Schuler Manufacturing operation and facilities in Griswold and will guide the integration into the Vermeer family. Several Schuler family members will continue to play important roles in sales,

manufacturing and support areas of the business. "The addition of Schuler's feeding equipment strengthens our neering, sales and additional distribution so we can reach more tighter margins, revenue pressures in 2020 Grain elevators facing

Grain elevators face significant challenges in the year ahead as they buy basis on corn, sovbeans, and wheat at the highest levels seen in years. Basis for all three of the major grains is significantly tighter across the country from strong end-user bids, limited pipeline supplies, and lack of farmer selling amid an uncertain fall harvest, according to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange divi-

"In addition to hav-

ing to buy more expensive basis, grain elevators are being compelled to offer farmers a range of incentives to sell bushels," said Tanner Ehmke, manager of CoBank's Knowledge Exchange division. "Lower rates on storage, free delayed pricing, and free grain drying are among those incentives, which are eating into the elevators' revenues."

Grain quality issues resulting from high moisture at harvest and frost damage on immature crops will also raise management costs for elevators, potentially resulting in greater losses to shrinkage and spoilage. A propane supply shortage in some regions is also driving up the cost of drying grain for many grain elevators.

futures market for corn, soybeans, and wheat is trending smaller as basis strengthens. Futures carry on the Minneapolis soft red winter wheat contract has fallen nearly to zero amid a shortfall in supplies, while the Kansas City

Meanwhile, carry in the

hard red winter wheat contract, which in recent years offered reliable profits for grain elevators, has also fallen sharply amid tight basis, the expectation for falling acreage, and a new variable storage rate.

Weather continues to be the major challenge for both farmers and grain handlers. Corn and sovbean harvest in some regions of the Corn Belt will likely last into winter with total new-crop bushel inventories likely to remain unknown through

However, grain elevators also have an opportunity to improve margins in an otherwise stressful year. Basis will likely soften as more bushels come to market as harvest operations conclude, giving grain handlers an opportunity to potentially buy cheaper basis. In regions where farmers harvested record yields, elevators can use the volume to make up the loss in margin.

"While grain elevator

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margins generally are expected to be down in the year ahead, grain handlers can profit from blending newcrop supplies with existing old-crop inventories, and those with reliable access to propane can profit from drying grain," said Ehmke.

Watch a video synopsis and read the report, "Grain Elevator Outlook: Tight Basis Squeezes Grain and Oilseed Margins" at cobank.

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too tasty not too toxic, not of the poinsettia." A human reactions to the flavor have

Scientific studies have declared the poinsettia harmless, but the plant is still dogged by its reputation as a grave menace to children and pets.

Poinsetti

"It's a myth that poinsettias are toxic," said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. The myth dates back to a

1920 academic article about poisonous plants in Hawaii that included an unconfirmed account of a two-year-old who died after eating poinsettia leaves. A 1944 textbook repeated the tale, and soon the poinsettia's toxicity was enshrined as scientific truth.

"Well-meaning people in quite popular publications list certain holiday plants that are toxic and should be kept away from children," Trinklein said. "Poinsettia is often on the list.'

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would have to devour several pounds of poinsettia to get an equivalent dose. The rats appeared to be fine: Scientists observed "no mortality, no symptoms of toxicity nor any changes in dietary intake or

general behavior pattern."

In the 1990s, researchers in Pittsburgh analyzed almost 23,000 cases of poinsettia ingestion reported by poison control centers. More than 92% of patients showed no ill effects at all, and no one died or became critically ill.

That's not to say you would want to brighten your salads with poinsettia leaves. Some people might have severe allergic reactions to poinsettia sap, which has several proteins in common with natural latex rubber. It's also possible, though unlikely, that the leaves could contain trace amounts of pesticide residue, Trinklein said. Among thos high doses of various portions who have tasted poinsettia, **Holton Livestock Exchange, Inc.**

ranged from "not very good" to "indescribably awful."

Some holiday greenery is genuinely poisonous, Trinklein said. Holly berries are somewhat toxic, as are the leaves and berries of mistletoe. The English yew contains toxic alkaloids used in chemotherapy to kill cancer cells. English ivy is toxic in large amounts and can cause severe skin irritation.

At first glance, the familiar red structures on Christmas poinsettias might look like flower petals. They are actually a type of leaf, called a bract, that has evolved to attract pollinators to the plant's unassuming flowers. Bracts spend most of the year looking like normal green leaves.

The plant needs at least 12 hours of interrupted darkness each day for the bracts to change color. Today, poinsettias are available in a variety of colors, including white, pink and marbled.

The poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), the first United States ambassador to Mexico. He failed in his assignment to secure the purchase of Texas, but he did bring home colorful plants that Franciscan priests in the town of Taxco used in nativity procession-

The scientific name of the crevice spiny lizard, Sceloporus poinsetti, also is named after Poinsett, but these desert reptiles are not used for holiday decoration.

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The December supply and demand report is coming up, but since that doesn't usually amount to much, we are still going to have to wait until January for fresh market moving data. We are in the holiday stretch where we can see low volume, but violent swings, but the swings will be based on rumors and money flow. This week we had various rumors about trade with China that were a little friendly, but nothing we hadn't heard before and, as usual, nothing concrete. Phase I could be signed by December 15th, or not, and that is how it goes.

So, fresh news is sparse. Corn harvest still isn't done and weather conditions in the North are still poor. Everybody knows this, and the market is not concerned. The USMCA should be passed, and signed, very soon, but the focus of the House is on impeachment, so it probably won't happen. Demand for ag products from Mexico has been great without it, so maybe we don't need it.

Demand in general for ag products has been good. There have been some holiday hiccups, but overall, one can't complain much unless it is about corn. We have seen years where the bulk of the corn export demand comes after the first of the year, so hopefully we end up with a scenario like that. Otherwise, the corn market is in trouble. We aren't anywhere near a normal pace on corn export sales, but we are amongst the cheapest sources, so if demand is going to improve, it should be now.

On the charts, both corn and soybeans are trending lower. Both markets have tried to post recoveries in the past couple of weeks, but neither effort has lasted long enough to be considered anything other than a bear market correction. We are holding above the September lows, which is very important both technically and psychologically, so those key levels have to be respected. Failure at those support levels would likely result in fresh fund selling and then pressure into the January supply and demand report.

The wheat market, on the other hand, is still grinding higher. It was a poor week for the wheat, but basically what we saw was a move down from the top of the trading channel to the bottom of the trading channel. Our export sales pace is good enough to support the market on breaks, but speculators aren't willing to chase rallies when we have a billion bushels of ending stocks, so our rally is a slow

Live cattle futures had a sideways week. The market doesn't want to break far from the highs, and the fact is, it can't with the cash market steady to higher each week. The delivery period is upon us, which means that we could see the December futures catch up with the February, and a new high in February or April futures would suggest we will see another leg higher. It looks like we can still be patient with hedges.

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USDA opens sign-up for Conservation Reserve Program

Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture opened sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on December 9, 2019. The deadline for agricultural producers to sign up for general CRP is February 28, 2020, while signup for continuous CRP is ongoing.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres. This means farmers and ranchers have a chance to enroll in CRP for the first time or continue their participation for

CRP Enrollment Options General Signup

CRP general signup will be held annually. The competitive general signup will now include increased opportunities for enrollment of wildlife habitat through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

Continuous Signup

While some practices under SAFE will remain available through continuous signup, CRP continuous signup will focus primarily on water quality within the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative. The 2018 Farm Bill prioritizes water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands and a new prairie strip.

USDA will also be working with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) partners to relaunch CREP continuous options in each state under new statutory provisions. CREP will continue to target high-priority local, state or regional conservation concerns.

Grasslands Signups

CRP Grasslands signup helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. A separate CRP Grasslands signup will be offered each year following general signup. The sign-up period for CRP Grasslands in 2020 runs from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

Pilot Programs Later in 2020, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will roll out pilot programs within CRP: CLEAR 30, which allows contracts expiring with CLEAR practices to be reenrolled in 30-year con-

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tracts and in the Soil Health and Income Protection Program (SHIPP) in the prairie pothole region. More information on these programs will be announced in the new year.

Land Transition

The CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP) is an option for producers interested in transitioning land to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group to return land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production. CRP contract holders no longer need to be a retired or retiring owner or operator to transition their land. TIP participants may have a lease less than five years with an option to purchase, and they have two vears before the end of the CRP contract to make conser-

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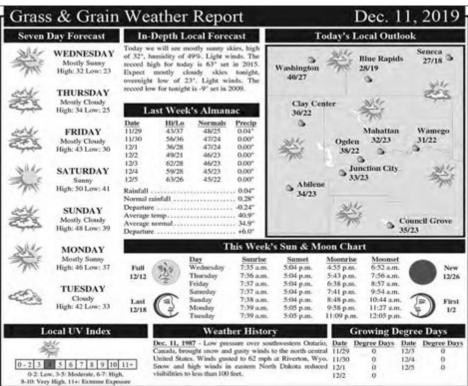
maintained. **CRP Rates and Payments**

FSA recently posted updated soil rental rates for CRP. County average rates are posted on the CRP Statistics webpage. Soil rental rates are statutorily prorated at 90 percent for continuous signup and 85 percent for general signup. The rental rates will be reviewed annually. Under continuous signup, producers also receive incentives, including a signup incentive payment and

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813 @ 146.00

578 @ 145.00

638 @ 145.00

788 @ 145.00

686 @ 144.00

965 @ 144.00

754 @ 143.25

681 @ 143.00

824 @ 142.50

646 @ 142.00

984 @ 140.75

654 @ 140.50

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STARTING TIME

4 blk/bwf hfrs

10:30 AM

We sold 2231 cattle December 3. Steer & heifer calves were in good demand & sold steady to \$5.00 higher. Feeder steers & heifers were steady to \$2.00

18 red/blk strs

26 blk/bwf strs

12 blk/red strs

10 red/blk strs

60 mix strs

64 mix strs

9 mix strs

6 blk strs

15 blk strs

61 mix strs

13 blk strs

5 blk strs

4 blk strs

60 mix strs

30 mix strs

lower. Cows & bulls were steady to \$3.00 higher. STEER & BULL CALVES 5 blk strs 422 @ 182.00 16 blk strs 424 @ 177.00 2 blk strs 463 @ 175.00 3 blk strs 285 @ 173.00 24 blk/bwf strs 487 @ 172.00 12 bwf/blk strs 529 @ 169.50 476 @ 169.00 5 blk strs 433 @ 165.00 2 blk strs 2 char strs 528 @ 165.00 539 @ 162.50 4 blk strs 425 @ 161.00 3 blk strs 433 @ 161.00 6 blk/char strs 8 blk bulls 486 @ 161.00 521 @ 160.50 31 mix strs 2 blk strs 393 @ 160.00 2 blk strs/bulls 490 @ 155.00 4 blk/bwf strs 355 @ 152.00 2 bwf bulls

2 blk bulls

11 blk strs

13 blk strs

34 blk strs

61 blk strs

162 mix strs

4 blk/red strs

57 blk/bwf strs

11 blk/bwf strs

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65 mix strs 488 @ 139.00 503 @ 130.00 **STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS** 580 @ 159.00 721 @ 154.00 818 @ 152.10 760 @ 151.75 618 @ 151.00 656 @ 150.00 774 @ 150.00 804 @ 148.75

960 @ 139.00 5 blk/char strs 60 mix strs 971 @ 138.10 101 blk strs 1003 @ 138.10 **HEIFER CALVES** 3 blk hfrs 415 @ 153.00 16 blk hfrs 475 @ 153.00 29 blk hfrs 414 @ 152.75 505 @ 150.00 21 mix hfrs 8 blk hfrs 406 @ 146.00 507 @ 146.00 3 blk hfrs 408 @ 144.00 4 blk hfrs 265 @ 142.00 3 wf hfrs Our CONSIGNMENTS can now be viewed after 12 Noon on Mondays by going to WWW.Grassandgrain.com & logging onto the online subscription

426 @ 141.00 11 blk hfrs 527 @ 140.00 11 blk hfrs 544 @ 137.00 9 blk/char hfrs 434 @ 136.00 3 blk hfrs 510 @ 135.00 522 @ 135.00 3 blk hfrs 2 blk/bwf hfrs 503 @ 133.00 6 blk hfrs 508 @ 130.00 519 @ 130.00 689 @ 143.00 557 @ 142.50

8 mix hfrs STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS 75 blk hfrs 62 blk/char hfrs 70 mix hfrs 711 @ 140.00 52 blk/bwf hfrs 605 @ 139.00 65 blk hfrs 838 @ 139.00 63 blk/bwf hfrs 855 @ 139.00 127 blk/bwf hfrs 863 @ 139.00 19 blk hfrs 679 @ 138.50 8 blk/bwf hfrs 752 @ 132.00 620 @ 131.00 6 blk/red hfrs 17 blk/bwf hfrs 594 @ 130.50 11 blk hfrs 582 @ 130.00 638 @ 130.00 16 mix hfrs 4 blk hfrs 560 @ 129.00 795 @ 129.00 5 blk/char hfrs 14 blk/char hfrs 923 @ 127.50 10 mix hfrs 614 @ 127.00 12 blk/red hfrs 637 @ 125.50

4 blk hfrs 689 @ 124.00 **COWS & HEIFERETTES** 1 bwf hfrt 1150 @ 86.00 1 blk hfrt 1025 @ 83.00 1135 @ 79.00 1 bwf hfrt 1 blk hfrt 1080 @ 72.00 1605 @ 63.00 1 bwf cow 2035 @ 62.00 1 bwf cow 4 blk cows 1669 @ 60.00 2 wf/blk cows 1545 @ 59.00 1 blk cow 1595 @ 57.50 1 wf cow 1220 @ 57.00 1235 @ 55.50 1 bwf cow 1 blk cow 1720 @ 55.00 2 blk cows 1580 @ 54.50 2 blk cows 1483 @ 54.00 1 bwf cow 1420 @ 53.50 5 blk cows 1345 @ 53.00 1365 @ 52.50 1 blk cow 1403 @ 52.00 2 red/bwf cows 1210 @ 51.50 1 bwf cow 1600 @ 51.00 1 blk cow 1395 @ 50.00 2 blk cows 1 hol cow 1375 @ 48.50 1355 @ 48.00 1 blk cow 1650 @ 47.50 1 blk cow 1 blk cow 1375 @ 46.00 1595 @ 45.50 1 red cow 656 @ 125.00 3 blk/bwf cows 1085 @ 45.00 680 @ 125.00 1 wf cow 935 @ 44.00

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CONSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 10: 50 SimAngus strs & hfrs, 550-700 lbs., weaned, vacc. 21 blk strs & hfrs, 650-700 lbs., weaned, vacc.

• 60 blk strs & hfrs, 575-625 lbs., 60 days weaned, vacc. 30 blk strs & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.

• 44 blk steers & heifers, 750-800 lbs.

• 65 black Charolais steers, 875-900 lbs.

120 black steers, 950-975 lbs.

161 blk & red Angus strs, 800-900 lbs., homeraised

• 180 blk CharX steers, 850-875 lbs.

60 blk Charolais steers, 875-900 lbs.

30 blk SimAngus hfrs, 650-700 lbs., weaned,

CONSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 17: 60 black steers, 775-800 lbs.

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