

Supporters and opposition turn out to voice opinions

Last week the Department of Homeland Security hosted a hearing on the campus of Kansas State University to unveil their draft environmental impact study on the siting of the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility in Manhattan and get feedback from the public about the report. The session was one of six, which also included the other sites under consideration, Athens, Ga.; Butner, N.C.; San Antonio; and Flora, Miss. Another alternative would be building a new research lab on Plum Island, N.Y., where the existing one is currently located.

State, local and university officials called the lab a natural fit for Kansas, given the state's agriculture economy and research already under way.

"We have a long-standing commitment to this work, we have unparalleled expertise, and we have demonstrated that we can pull people and resources together to make things happen," Gov. Kathleen Sebelius told a panel of three Homeland Security officials who chaired the hearing.

Most of the speakers during the two-hour session spoke in favor of siting the lab on the KSU campus adjacent to the newly constructed Pat Roberts Biosecurity Research Institute.

A few local residents, mostly stockmen and women, opposed bringing the facility to the heartland. Much of the opposition related to the risk of the livestock industry being exposed to pathogens that might theoretically be released from the facility. NBAF is slated to do research on some virulent diseases, including the feared foot-and-

mouth disease, that could devastate the cattle industry which is a significant part of the local and state economy.

Sandy Cravens, a farmer and stockwoman northeast of Manhattan, wore a black visor with "NO BIO" across the bill and carried a plastic pig with "NO BIO" written on a denim patch glued to its side. The pig squeaked when she moved to the microphone to make her formal comments.

She said an accidental or intentional release of foot-and-mouth disease or other pathogens would devastate the region.

Many of the supporters of the site, including Tom Thornton, president and CEO of Kansas Bioscience Authority, said that one of the factors that would make Kansas effective as a location for NBAF was the tie to the university and the potential collaboration with scientists.

"Gone are the days that scientists toiled alone in their labs," he said in comments to several members of the media. "We believe that this facility should be in a research community — and that doesn't mean situated in some industrial park."

In response to several of the comments made in the session that the business community of Manhattan was only interested in the jobs, Thornton bristled. "We need this to protect American agriculture. I take offense at the statement that this is all about the jobs. The most important thing is to protect American agriculture and we can do this and step up to protect the industry."

Jerry Jaax, DVM at KSU and vice president for research compliance, explained that he had worked in level BL3 labs said that he was confident in the level of safety presented in this facility. "If we can't build this lab safely in Manhattan, we shouldn't build this lab anywhere. But, I believe that this lab is safe. There is a greater risk of a pathogen coming in from outside rather than being released from a lab."

Myron Calhoun, a retired Kansas State professor, pointed out several problems with Homeland Security's draft environmental impact statement. For example, he noted, it said Manhattan is more than 640 miles from Topeka and that the Finney County state fishing lake was located on the Kansas State campus. Finney County's lake is more than 200 miles southwest of Manhattan.

Calhoun said such glaring mistakes scared him. He said it suggested that in the event of an accident, Homeland Security would mistakenly send its crews "to the slopes of the Rocky Mountains." "Accidents do happen," Calhoun said.

Comments can still be submitted in writing to the DHS as long as they are received by the Aug. 25 deadline. They can be mailed to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate, James V. Johnson, Mailstop #2100, 245 Murray Lane, SW; Building 410, Washington, D.C. 20528. Comments can also be submitted via the Web by logging onto www.dhs.gov/nbafe (click on public involvement).



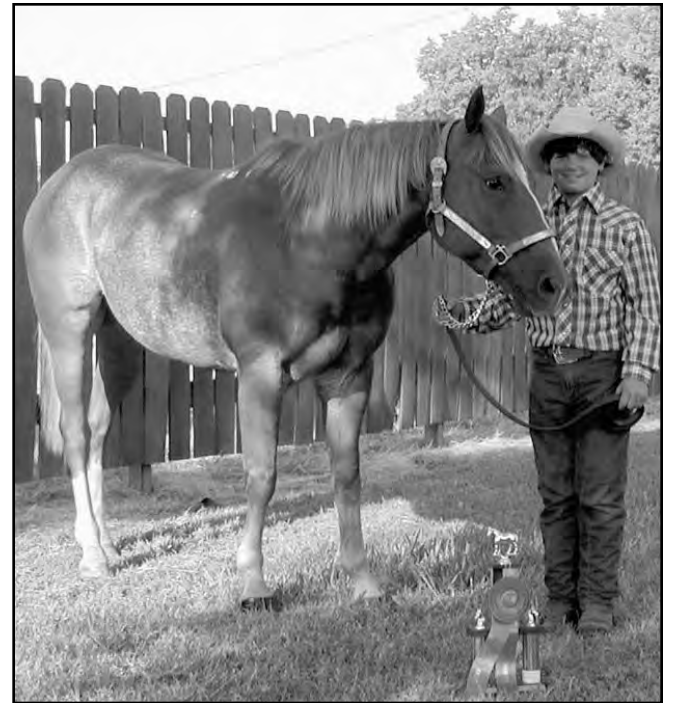
Alison Pilcher is shown with her grand champion 4-H mare at the Ottawa County Fair. She was also the champion 4-H horse showman.



Isaac Kuder showed the grand champion 4-H market steer at the Ottawa County Fair. It was purchased for \$850 by the Ottawa County Feeders.



Supreme champion heifer at the Ottawa county fair was an entry by Lane Hamm, on crutches. Also pictured is Shawn Hamm.



Lane Hamm showed the grand champion 4-H gelding at the Ottawa County Fair.

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Liz Buller	Council Grove	15 blk str	590 @ 121.50
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Pat Oshea	Hoyt	10 blk str	652 @ 116.75
Mark Krause	Westmoreland	6 blk str	572 @ 116.50
Gary & Joan Kolterman	Havensville	8 blk str	628 @ 114.75
Barbara Flores	Manhattan	6 blk str	624 @ 114.75
Liz Buller	Council Grove	11 blk str	674 @ 114.25
Tom Kimball	Manhattan	6 blk str	655 @ 113.75
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Gary Tenbrink	Berryton	26 blk str	852 @ 109.10

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Pat Oshea	Hoyt	5 blk hfr	456 @ 110.25
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Gary Tenbrink	Berryton	11 blk hfr	608 @ 108.50
Tom Kimball	Manhattan	5 blk hfr	646 @ 108.25
Gary Tenbrink	Berryton	5 blk hfr	739 @ 103.25
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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The big news out of the USDA this week was that there will be no penalty free early release of CRP acres. That news supported the new crop futures contracts in the corn, wheat and soybeans because there will be no surge in acres next year coming from the CRP. This news should have been particularly supportive to new crop wheat since the vast majority of CRP acres are in wheat country and most acres that may have been brought out of CRP would have gone into wheat.

It was interesting to note the reasoning that USDA said they used to decide not to release the CRP. Lower prices and improved weather conditions were the two big reasons. That got traders to thinking that the August supply and demand report would be bearish, which is possible. We will see what happens, but many traders are talking about a higher yield figure in the August report.

The corn market was choppy last week, but had some good gains until Thursday and Friday. Friday's weakness took the corn lower for the week and the December contract lost 1 1/2 cents.

There wasn't enough supportive news to keep the

market moving higher. There was hot and dry weather in the forecast, but not enough to matter and it seemed like the period of hot, dry weather got a little shorter every day. If the forecasts are more threatening this week we could see significant gains, but for now it looks like we will retest the July lows.

Old crop export sales were poor, but the new crop was very good coming in at 825,800 MT. We are nearing the end of the crop year so cancellations and erratic sales totals are common, but if the new crop sales are large I think we have to be happy with demand.

The September KW lost 10 cents last week, but the wheat was essentially sideways. There was some excitement last Sunday night and a few times during the week, but for the most part the wheat shows very little indication that it is going to break out of the trading range. We seem to have reached an equilibrium price. Exports are good enough that there is no reason for lower prices, yet supplies are adequate, which means we don't have to have higher prices to ration demand.

Speaking of exports, our sales were very good at

726,400 MT. We are not doing as well as we did last year at this time, but sales are still very good. If they stay at this pace USDA will have to raise the export estimate in a future crop report.

It is just about time to start talking about buying acres. With the current price structure there isn't much incentive to plant wheat in the SRW area as opposed to waiting and planting corn or soybeans in the spring. In the HRW area there aren't always options to planting wheat, but in the soft wheat country it will be very interesting to see how many acres are lost. We are not out of the woods as far as our domestic supplies go, so we still need good production next year. The problem is that we will for sure need more corn acres next year and we will need as many soybean acres as that market can hold on to. It looks like

Auctioneer wins honors

Herington auctioneer Byron Bina was awarded reserve champion at the Nebraska Auctioneers Association State Bidcalling Championship held Sunday July 27th in Hastings, Neb.

the wheat and the cotton will be the place the acres have to come from.

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Grand champion heifer at the Geary County Fair was a Hereford shown by Kati Fehlman.



Logan Puett led out the reserve champion heifer shown at the Geary County Fair. Also pictured is judge Alan Duttlinger.

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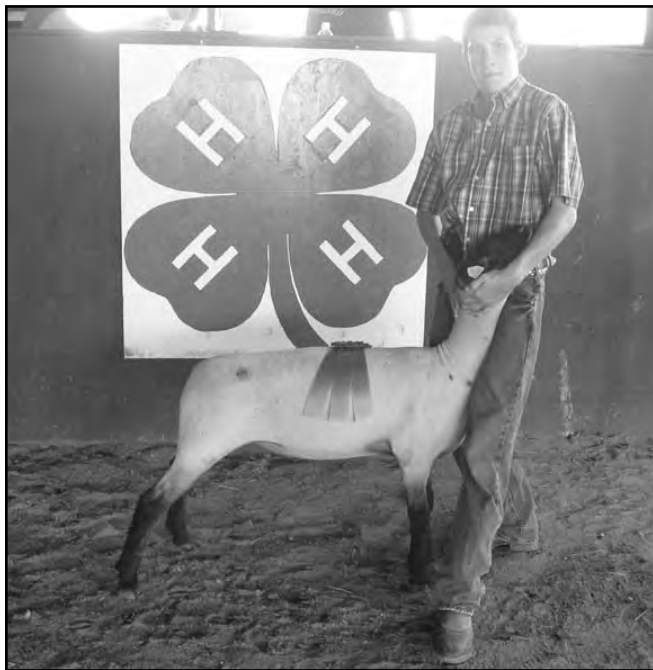


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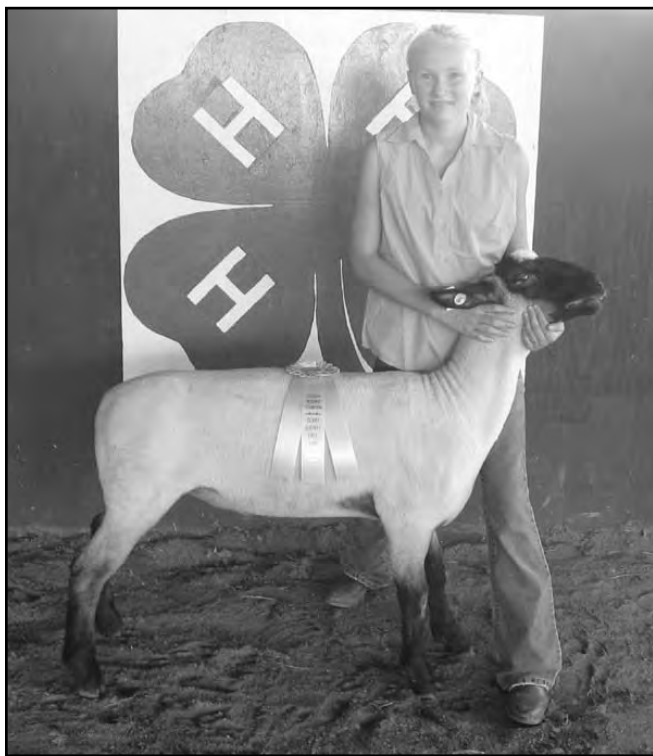


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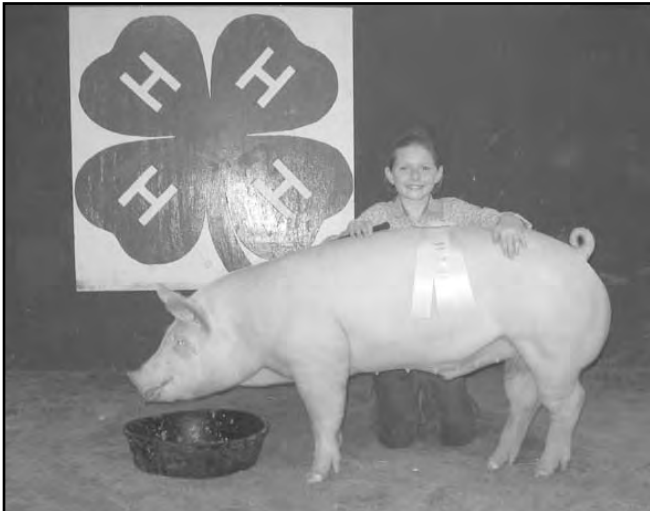
In the market lamb show at the Geary County Fair Trent Langvardt took top honors with his crossbred market lamb.



Ashley Evans earned the reserve grand champion market lamb honors with her Shropshire at the 2008 Geary County Fair held recently in Junction City.



Grand champion market hog in Geary County was a crossbred shown by Matthew Haynes. Haynes was also tapped as the champion swine showman.



Reserve champion market hog in Geary County was a Yorkshire shown by Rebekah Thomas. She was also selected as the reserve champion swine showman.



Shelby Hutchinson is pictured with her grand champion market steer shown at the Geary County Fair. Hutchinson was also tapped as the champion beef showman.



Cody Hutchinson earned the honor of showing the reserve champion market steer at the Geary County Fair. He was also the reserve champion beef showman.

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Lightning strikes may be more likely than hunting accidents

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) reports that there were 19 hunting accidents in 2007, with one fatality. This is an increase of two accidents over the previous year but still a very small number considering that approximately 271,000 hunters spent more than 3 million days afield in 2006 (the latest year for which figures are available), agency staff report.

It's also a reflection of how hunting is getting safer. As recently as 1995, the lowest ever-recorded number of hunting accidents in Kansas was 21. In 1988, there were 51. In 1994, KDWP recorded 41 accidents, and in 1999 there were 32. In the eight years from 2000 through 2007, Kansas hunters averaged 18.5 accidents per year.

"By any calculation,

hunting is safe," says KDWP statewide Hunter Education Program coordinator Wayne Doyle. "Any incident — particularly a fatality — is tragic, but the concerted education efforts of our volunteer instructors over the years have made hunting safer than any outdoor activity I can think of. You may be more likely to get hit by lightning." Doyle's appraisal of the lightning-to-hunting risk comparison is accurate. According to the International Hunter Education Association, 19 people were killed nationwide in hunting accidents in 2007, out of 12 million who hunted. According to the National Weather Service, approximately 70 people are killed annually in the U.S. by lightning.

As in past years, swinging on game accounted for most Kansas hunting acci-

dents in 2007 — 10 out of the 19 total. Upland bird hunters were involved in fewer than half the accidents. Two happened on opening weekend of pheasant season, and several accidents involved alcohol. There was only one reported tree-stand accident.

Age apparently was not a factor, with the youngest hunter being 11, the oldest 60, and the average age 33. "All these incidents

were preventable with proper observance of the rules of safe gun handling and common sense," Doyle explains. "And after the conclusion of legal proceedings, we'll know more about the fatality."

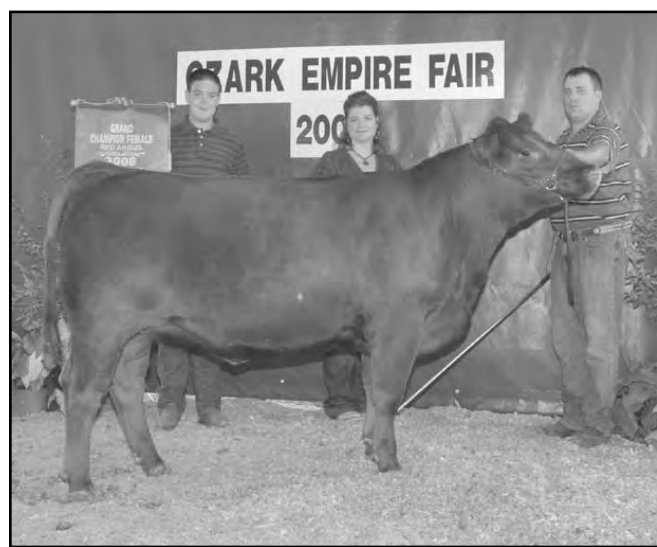
"Hunting is safe and getting safer," reads one of KDWP's slogans, which leads to another often quoted message from the conservation agency: "Pass It On."



Lane Nichols was the grand champion bucket calf showman, and also showed the grand champion 4-H bucket calf at the Ottawa County Fair.



Luke Eckert is shown with his grand champion 4-H meat goat doe at the Ottawa County Fair.



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FARM EQUIPMENT: (11:00 AM) John Deere 2510 gas tractor, WF, 3pt., front weights, 15.5x38 tires 8890 Hrs. with model 148 JD loader 6ft bucket; John Deere model A tractor, electric start, lights, Rollomatic front end, needs repair; John Deere A1450 5 bottom hyd. Adjust width, semi mounted plow; 14ft 1HC model 370 wheel disc good blades; 14 ft. HD Schaffer wheel disc; 9ft John Deere RWA wheel disc; John Deere 16x8 FBB high wheel grain drill w/fert. and grass seeder; John Deere 1240 4 row planter w/fert. and insecticide; 1978 9ft John Deere 1209 pull type swather; John Deere 3pt. model 350 7ft sickle mower; JD 7ft sickle mower 1950's; 5ft John Deere model 127 Gyramor rotary mower; 14ft hayrack w/ 953 JD running gear; 12 1/2 ft hayrack w/ JD W1065 running gear (rocking bolster); Noble 3pt. 4 row Danish tine cultivator; JD 658 10 shank pull type chisel; John Deere 20ft 5 section spring tooth hyd. lift hitch; 2 row JD pull type weeder; 2 row JD lister; 6ft. pull type duck foot w/rope trip; 3pt. JD 2 row cultivator; 10ft. EZ Flow 2wheel grass & fert. Spreader; 2 row JD lister on steel wheels; 1947 1HC model 200 ground drive manure spreader (as is); 9ft. horse drawn road drag; Bazooka 25ft x 6" grain auger w/transport and Wisconsin gas engine; other farm equipment.

R16 used tires; lots of bolts, hardware, and farm related items; 120 hole wood parts bin; (2) 300 gal. fuel barrel w/stands; piles of salvage iron; other items.



CARS: (12 Noon) 1995 Cadillac 4dr. Sedan DeVille 4.9L V8 PFI, automatic, leather seats very well equipped 181,477 miles; 1968 4dr. Ford Galaxie 500 390 V8, auto, AC (runs); 1938 Plymouth 2dr. sedan for parts; 1937 Chevrolet made into a pickup; 1955 2dr. Mercury Monterey V8, auto, car for parts.



TRUCK & PICKUPS: 1962 Chevrolet C60 283 V8, 4x2 trans., 14ft Anthony Bed & hoist 39,000 miles; 1982 Chevrolet C10 Custom Deluxe pickup 5L V8, auto, AC, PB, PS cruise; 1951 Chevrolet Deluxe cab 3100 pickup runs but dented.

MOWERS & SHREDDER: Craftsman 13.5 HP 42" cut riding lawn mower 6spd.; John Deere 110 riding mower Kohler engine; MTD 12 hp 38" riding mower (as is); 5HP MTD wood chipper-shredder (like new); Gilson 5HP roto tiller needs work.

ANTIQUES: (Approx. 10:45 AM) The Barteldes wooden seed cleaner AF. Ferris Co. (like a Clipper); (2) 12ft. wood wagon tongues; metal 1HC corn sheller w/ hopper; wood chicken feeders & nests; pedal grinder; post drill; hay knife; wood block & tackle; cream cans; galv. tub; watering can; native walnut, oak, & cedar lumber; wood chair parts; many primitives; iron wheels; other collectibles.

FARM ITEMS: (9:30 AM) Danuser 3pt. post hole digger w/11" bit (good); 10ft. 4" auger w/electric motor; Monitor "Power Saver" pump jack (new); David Bradley pump jack; Marquette 180Amp electric Farm Welder; 2 100lb. Propane tanks; round bale feeders; hog panels; 2 rolls barbed wire; Handyman jack; gas engine Gen./alternator w/2 110V outlets; cases of oil & hyd. oil; 15gal. 30W oil; hand farm tools; 4 Michelin LT265/75

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Burdick, 3 blk 650@102.50
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Farmer's Market Week recognizing a nationwide comeback

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer has proclaimed Aug. 3-9 as National Farmer's Market Week.

"We needed one. It will finally recognize an amazing, decades-long growth phenomenon. Or, you could say two growth phenomena, both of which are now nationwide," said Ted Carey, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

The modern supermarkets that appeared after World War II succeeded so well that they drove most of the old-time farmer's markets out of business, Carey explained. Some of those lost were markets that could trace their roots to when pioneer farmers loaded up their wagon on Saturday and drove into town, ready to trade.

"But, then two more trends emerged during the 1970s and began to pick up speed," he said. "One was renewed interest in farm-fresh foods — like the just-picked corn or peaches that Americans used to eat at Grandma's. The other was the result of an evolving change in the structure of agriculture, which had some farmers — especially those without much acreage-scrambling to find new or added ways to earn a better income."

"It didn't take long for each group to see it had a vested interest in the other. Even some communities were quick to realize that a farmers market might also help boost the local economy."

USDA records indicate that by 1994, the number of U.S. farmers markets had climbed back to 1,750.

By July 2008, the number was closer to 4,700.

"Of course, that's just the markets themselves. It's not even close to the number of farmers bringing things to sell or the number of consumers shopping there," Carey said. "Beyond that, those market farmers may not include all of the the producers who now are selling directly to grocery stores, restaurants and cafeteria systems or marketing their produce from a roadside stand or U-pick operation."

Even so, USDA estimates farmers market sales now exceed \$1 billion a year, with most of that going directly to small-acreage family farmers.

"Those sales translate into a wealth of seasonal bounty on the American dinner table. That has to


be putting smiles on some faces at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," Carey said. "The CDC is strongly behind the so-called 5-a-Day program to promote better health."

Eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day undoubtedly can help, he added.

"The thing is, though, both food and horticulture researchers have proved that fresh produce not only tends to taste better but also is more nutritious than fruits and vegetables that have to spend time in storage and shipping," Carey said. "Besides, opinion polls suggest many Americans simply feel safer when buying food from someone local — someone they can see and get to know."



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Mo. House ag committee to study ethanol mandate

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A House committee will spend the summer studying some of Missouri's thorniest agriculture issues, a list to be headlined by ethanol.

Rep. Charlie Schlottach said the committee will discuss ideas for keeping the livestock and biofuels industries sustainable, regulation of large animal feeding operations and other issues affecting the Missouri's farms.

Just two years ago, Missouri lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to require gas stations to sell a 10 percent ethanol blend whenever it is no more expensive than traditional gasoline. But ethanol has created a split in the state's farming community.

Several lawmakers who voted for the ethanol requirement sponsored a bill earlier this year to repeal the biofuels mandate, but the bill did not pass. Republican governor candidate Sarah Steelman is campaigning behind a call for lifting the state's ethanol requirement.

The concern driving the ethanol opposition is higher corn and animal feed prices that have many livestock producers worried about whether they will be able to stay in business.

Other critics worry about the precedent, in which state government creates a guaranteed market for a product. And at least one municipality — Kansas City — cited fears that more ethanol use would make it more difficult to meet federal clean air re-

quirements, in its rebuffed request to be excused from the ethanol mandate.

Schlottach, R-Owensville, said the state should look for ways to make animal agriculture and biofuels each sustainable. He said his committee won't be looking to justify or debunk ethanol — just identify objective facts to help lawmakers in future public policy decisions. But he does acknowledge some worries about using crops as an energy source.

"Agriculture's No. 1 focus needs to be on food and not on energy," he said. "And I think we've taken our eye off the ball."

The Missouri Corn Growers Association, the most vocal defender of the ethanol requirement, said that agriculture should focus on food, but that doesn't mean it must ignore its ability to contribute to energy needs. The commodity groups has touted the ethanol requirement for lowering gas prices and helping corn farmers stay in business.

Ashley McCarty, the

group's director of public policy, said Monday that a weak dollar has driven up prices for all commodities. She said the committee's attention to ethanol is indicative of interest in biofuels more than softening support for requiring their use.

"Ethanol and food are topics that touch everyone, and I'm encouraged that our public policy makers are focusing on this," McCarty said.

The interim legislative committee also plans to tackle the dispute over animal feeding operations that has split the state's farmers.

Much of the controversy surrounding the animal feeding operations has focused on who should be allowed to regulate them. More than 30 cities and counties have adopted their own health and zoning ordinances designed to restrict such farms.

According to documents from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, which grants permits to many of the farms, 529 animal feeding operations were in the state as of January

2008. Of those, just 20 were of the largest category, known as Class 1A.

The number of animals within a feeding operation varies depending on the species. For example, a Class 1A farm could have more than 3,500 horses; 7,000 cattle; 4,900 dairy cows; 385,000 turkeys; or 17,500 hogs that weigh more than 55 pounds.

Supporters of those ordinances blame the farms for odors, dirty water and falling property values. They argue that animal feeding operations are a matter of local control and the rules that govern them should be decided by those living in the area.

But some of the state's largest farming groups, Gov. Matt Blunt and others contend that the local ordinances have been unreasonable and have Balkanized Missouri's rules for farming. They say inconsistent rules across the state and within a county impede agriculture.



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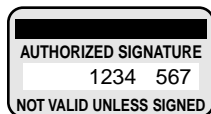
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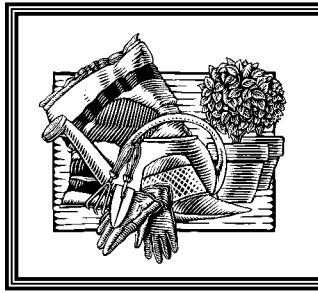


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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Extension Master Gardener class forming

Riley County Extension Master Gardeners assist with many gardening educational projects in the community. They organize the area garden tour, assist with the garden show, work with the butterfly garden at the Sunset Zoo, are involved with area 4th graders in their salad gardens, develop educational materials such as the city park rose garden and much more. To get involved in the program, you need to go through the training. It will begin on September 5th.

Master Gardener trainees go through a series of classroom information on gardening. This basic training covers botany, fruit and vegetable gardening, flower gardening, soils, insects and diseases, landscaping and more. During and following this training, the trainee gives back by assisting our community with projects.

The participant is encouraged to attend all of the classroom sessions. They are offered on Fridays only, beginning September 5th through November 14th. Class is from 9 am to 4 pm. One subject will be discussed in the morning with a new one in the afternoon.

You don't really need to know anything about gardening to become an Extension Master Gardener. The successful Master Gardener has an interest in learning about horticulture and just as important the willingness to get involved in the community. The requirement of the program is to give a minimum of 40 hours helping the community.

If interested, you will need to fill out an application. It is available from the office or on our website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Give me a call if you would like some more information at (785) 537-6350.

Since the first class held in the fall of 1988, more than 250 persons have completed the training to become Extension Master Gardeners of Riley County. Several of these Master Gardeners have come from the surrounding counties. There is usually room to include others besides Riley County residents as long as they volunteer in the Riley County community.

The Extension Master Gardeners just completed an informational booth at the county fair. That is one more example of outreach that the volunteers perform. Hopefully, this program is one that you can fit in to your schedule.

If you would like additional information on the Master Gardener Program or 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 (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.

Many cooks growing, canning produce to save money

TOPEKA (AP) — As the cost of fuel and food rises, people are finding new ways to save, including growing their own produce and canning.

Cindy Evans, a family and consumer sciences research and Extension-Shawnee County, is seeing an increase in the amount of calls she receives concerning canning.

She recently led a canning workshop to share tips with newcomers to canning, as well as people who have been canning for years.

Deanna Newman, of Topeka, said she has been canning for several years but was curious to try some of the tips Evans shared.

"I learned so much today," she said of the workshop. Evans spoke to attendees about the differences between water bath canners and steam pressure canners. Water bath canners, or the boiling water method, is used to process high-acid foods only, such as tomatoes, pears, apples, sour cherries, pickles and blackberries.

A boiling water canner is a large, deep sauce pot equipped with a lid and a rack. They can be found at most retail stores. Any pot that is deep enough to fully surround and immerse jars and caps in water by 1 to 2 inches is sufficient. If a person doesn't have a rack designed for preserving, a cake cooling rack can be used to cover the bottom of the pot, according to the Ball FreshPreserving 101 Process Training manual.

High-acid foods never should be processed in a boiling water canner because it can't reach the high temperature needed to destroy certain bacterial spores and their toxins, the "Ball Blue Book of Preserving" states.

A steam pressure canner is used for low-acid foods, such as okra, carrots, beets, turnips, green beans, asparagus and meats. Most steam pressure canners are equipped with a gauge, pressure regulator, weighted gauge, gasket and rack.

Newman has a water bath canner, but after the workshop, she said she plans to someday invest in a high-pressure cooker, which can cost from \$80 to \$100, Evans said.

Ball conducted a recent survey of 1,800 visitors to its website, freshpreserving.com, and found that more than 70 percent of responders intend to preserve more foods this year in an effort to save money on weekly groceries.

Food prices for basics, such as cereals and grains and fresh fruits and vegetables, has averaged a 5 percent increase from 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The U.S. Department of Labor has determined that food prices have increased each month in 2008.

W. Atlee Burpee and Co., the nation's largest seed company, has sold twice as many seeds this year as last year, said Kristin Grilli, a spokeswoman for the company.

Newcomers to canning don't have to shell out a fortune to begin, Evans said. A water bath canner can be purchased for about \$25, or a sturdy, large pot with a rack can be used.

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Late-planted corn at greatest risk of yield loss from Japanese beetles

After years of being primarily a horticultural pest, Japanese beetles are emerging as a threat to field crops across Missouri, said Wayne Bailey, University of Missouri Extension entomologist.

The beetles are still not a major crop pest in Missouri, Bailey said, but that may soon change as their range continues to expand.

"Their numbers have really started to increase in the past two to three years," Bailey said. "We've had them in Missouri for a few decades, but mainly as garden pests in St. Louis, Springfield, Kansas City and Columbia. What's changing now is they are moving to field crops, and their distribution is changing as their numbers have increased."

Late-planted corn is most at risk this year. Adult beetles feeding on corn silks can disrupt pollination and cause substantial yield loss, Bailey said.

"We have more corn in the silking stage than usual, which is why we're worried," he said. "Usually, corn has silked and pollinated by this time and defoliation is more of a problem. Corn tassels and silks can be severely damaged by adult beetles feeding."

If beetles clip corn silks so that less than one-half inch remains, the ear may die, Bailey said. "If there's one-half inch of silk left, the corn can still pollinate. But pollination may be reduced."

Japanese beetles can defoliate both corn and soybean plants. They often

feed in groups, starting at the top and moving down. Damaged leaves appear lacy or skeletonized. "You can get 30 percent defoliation of soybean without much problem," he said.

Treat soybean when 20-30 percent of plants are defoliated, and corn when silks are clipped to within one-half inch of the husk, he said. "There's enough corn in the silking stage that I'd be looking in fields with green silk to see if there are beetles feeding in your area."

Japanese beetles are identified by their shiny, metallic-green bodies and copper-colored wing covers. They can be confused with adult green June beetles but are smaller — about one-half inch long. Japanese beetles also have five small white tufts on either side of the abdomen and two at the back end, Bailey said. "They look like taillights if you hold the beetles up and look at them."

In Missouri, adults usually start hatching from late May to mid-July, but cool weather has delayed peak emergence by 10 to 14 days, he said.

Japanese beetles are also a problem in southwest Missouri and Rolla, Kirk said. "We don't have traps there, so we can't get exact numbers. But they're in and they're a problem."

In rural areas, Bailey said, the beetles will initially appear in low numbers. "It may take two to three years before they start causing real damage. But once they show up in a field, they're usually a pest every year after. They'll feed and then go back underground."

The insects are year-round inhabitants, which aids their spread. While Japanese beetle adults will die in cold weather, the grubs burrow into the soil and emerge the next year when the soil warms up, Bailey said.

On-farm energy costs increased dramatically before \$4 diesel

Even before 2008's repeatedly record-high oil prices, energy was rapidly escalating Kansans' cost of doing business on the farm.

For non-irrigated crop farms in the Kansas Farm Management Association, last year's average energy-related costs per acre were 37 percent higher than their previous five-year (2002-06) average. In contrast, total crop production costs for 2007 were 29 percent higher, according to Michael Langemeier, agricultural economist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

"To keep this in perspective, though, you've got to remember that in addition to price changes, technology and crop mix can impact per-acre energy costs," Langemeier said. "Adopting no-till or reduced tillage systems, for example, is a change in technology. Adoption of those systems

has increased in recent years. And, as a result, this on-going change in tillage systems actually dampened the impact that 2007's energy price hikes had on energy-related cropping costs."

The percentage rise in fertilizer costs was even higher than the one for energy, he said. In part, that's because a large part of fertilizer's entire 2002-07 cost increase occurred just last year.

"Compared to the per-acre average for non-irrigated crop farms from 2002 through 2006, last year's fertilizer costs were 60 percent higher," Langemeier said.

More information on general farm management, as well as past production costs for crop and livestock farms, is available on the K-State Extension Agricultural Economics website (www.agmanager.info).

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR 8-7-08

20 BLK STRS/HFRS	400-500#
15 BLK STRS/HFRS	500-550# W
50 BLK & XBRD STRS/HFRS	500-750# WvX2
40 BLK HFRS	600-700# Wv
20 MIX STRS/HFRS	600-700# V
25 BLK STRS/HFRS	600-700# Wv
15 BLK STRS	600-750# WvX2
60 BLK STRS/HFRS	600-750# Wv
25 WF STRS/HFRS	650-750# Wv
20 WF STRS/HFRS	600-800# Wv
45 BLK STRS/HFRS	650-800# Wv
27 BLK & RED STRS/HFRS	750-775# Wv
59 BLK STRS/HFRS	750-900# WvX2
60 BLK HFRS	800-850# WvX2
61 BLK HFRS	800-850# WvX2
60 MIX STRS	850-875# WvX2
60 BLK STRS/HFRS	800-900# WvX2
55 BLK STRS	925-950# Wv
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Kansas Hay Market Report Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central Tonnage: 11,491/4,043 Last week: 10,985/4,114 Last year: 10,779/3,191 Hay trade is moderate. Demand is strong for dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa, moderate for alfalfa pellets, prairie hay and stock cow quality hay. Once again the forecast is for hot, dry, favorable hay curing and baling weather. Prairie hay producers continue with haying and alfalfa producers are working on third cutting. Many tests on timely cut alfalfa are coming back in the 170-180 RFV range and 190 RFQ range. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the service of the Hay and Pasture Exchange website: www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement: Ground alfalfa moderate, Dairy alfalfa active. Alfalfa: Horse, small square, 180.00-215.00; Dairy, Supreme 175.00-200.00, Premium 170.00-185.00, Good 150.00-175.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa shipped in or at the edge of the field, 130.00-140.00, an instance 150.00, a little 155.00 delivered. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 150.00-160.00, contracts to 165.00. The week of 7/21-26. 11,491T grinding alfalfa and 2,975T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, good large bales 55.00-60.00, or 65.00-72.00 delivered, some 85.00 ground and delivered. Bermudagrass, Good small square 200.00, mid or large square 150.00. South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 5.00 higher. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small, mid or large square 185.00; Dairy, Supreme 170.00-195.00; Premium, 160.00-180.00, Good 145.00-170.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 100.00-120.00, 110.00-125.00 delivered. Ground and deliv-

ered locally to feedlots 120.00-135.00. The week of 7/21-26. 4,043T of grinding alfalfa and 1,117T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 170.00-180.00; Sun Cured 17% 175.00-195.00; Dehydrated 15% 210.00; 17% 225.00, contracts 230.00. Straw, good large bales 55.00.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, small square 180.00-200.00, mid square 220.00. Dairy alfalfa, Supreme 185.00, Premium 175.00, Good 130.00-150.00. Bluestem: Good, small squares 90.00-110.00, mostly 100.00, mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00, Mulch, large round 50.00. Brome: Small square Good 100.00-110.00, Good mid and large squares 85.00-100.00, an instance 145.00. Good large round 50.00-60.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small square 175.00-200.00. Dairy, Premium-Supreme 175.00-185.00, Good 165.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 90.00-110.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 120.00-140.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse small square 185.00-200.00, Mid square 165.00-185.00; Dairy, Supreme 170.00-200.00, Premium 140.00-170.00. Utility-Fair

grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 70.00-80.00, contracts to 90.00, alfalfa ground-on-the-truck 90.00-100.00. Grass hay: Bluestem small square, Good 100.00, Mid square 80.00-90.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00. Brome: Good, small square, 100.00-120.00, a little 4.00-4.50/bale, Mid squares, 90.00-120.00, large round, 50.00-60.00, some horse quality 45.00/large round bale delivered, stock cow 36.00/bale delivered. Straw small square 3.00-3.50/bale, large bales 50.00-55.00/T, some ground and delivered 92.00.

***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.

*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).

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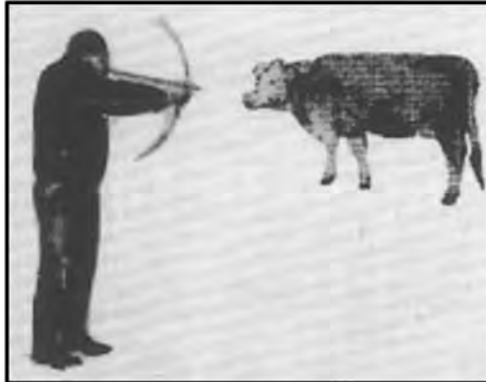
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Representative sales for last week, July 30.

STEERS			HEIFERS	
5 508	122.00	19	959	107.25
3 572	121.00	3	523	110.75
8 571	120.75	2	499	110.25
6 618	119.00	13	535	109.00
11 584	117.50	17	636	108.75
6 737	115.00	10	637	108.75
54 870	114.25	12	627	108.00
11 748	114.25	17	682	107.25
8 703	114.00	17	752	106.00
8 726	113.00		Fat hog top was \$55.00	
62 832	112.25		SOWS	
59 922	110.60	640		29.00
19 909	109.85	395		23.25

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

100 mixed steers & heifers, 600-650, weaned . . . E. Bachura
100 blk steers, 700-800M. Anderson
90 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 600-700Donahue Ranch
70 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 650-700K. Meseke
60 blk, blk steers & heifers, 650Theel Farms
40 blk, bwf, 600-700F. Mulle
24 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 600-700J. Shur
17 blk cross steers & heifers, 700-800R. Zerbe
25 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 650-700K. Luthi
30 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 650-750Rock Hill Ranch
100 blk steers, 700-800
65 blk, bwf steers, 725-775J. Litke
42 blk cross steers, 750Tenbrink
30 blk, bwf steers, 800-875J. Hurd
40 blk, bwf heifers, 750-800J. McClure
10 blk & red first calving fall bred heifers, bred to Angus; 20 blk & red cross cows fall bred, running age, calve in Aug. & Sept.D-K Ranch

More consignments by sale time.

CLAY CENTER LIVESTOCK SALES INC.

Cattle sales Tuesday, 12:00 PM.

Results from July 29. Seasonal run of quality cattle sold on a steady to active market.

STEERS			HEIFERS	
10 566	123.00	1	370	116.50
2 560	114.50	2	448	116.00
9 680	113.25	4	511	112.00
3 735	110.50	1	585	106.00
2 823	107.50	2	755	103.00
10 887	106.75			

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

178 blk cross steers, 800-850 lbs.
100 blk steers, 775-850 lbs.
120 blk cross steers, 850-900 lbs.
70 blk steers, 800-850 lbs.
70 blk steers, 750-850 lbs.
40 cross steers & heifers, 750-800 lbs.
15 blk steers & heifers, 725-850 lbs.
39 blk cross heifers, 750-800 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

We sold 1,100 sheep, goats and lambs at our monthly sale August 2. Next Sale First Saturday of Month September 6.

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Industry leader speaks to importance of marbling

To start a lively discussion amongst a group of cattlemen, just utter the word, "marbling." It's been called one of the most emotive words in the beef industry. From those who dismiss it as unimportant to the staunch defenders, opinions will vary.

A presentation at the American Society of Animal Science annual meeting earlier this month focused on the science behind the word. Larry Corah, vice president of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), shared research related to the value of marbling.

"Nearly all beef scientists and connoisseurs indicate that there are three key attributes to beef palatability: tenderness, juiciness and flavor," he said.

If it's not met, tenderness is the most important.

"It is clearly a threshold trait," Corah said. "The good news is that most researchers agree the beef industry has made great progress in both understanding and improving tenderness issues."

Studies show marbling accounts for between 8% to 18% of the variation in tenderness, but Corah said it's more significantly tied to juiciness and flavor.

Two separate multi-city studies proved that, when tenderness was held constant, consumers buy meat based on flavor.

"Data out of Texas Tech University tells us that flavor is 2.5 times as important as tenderness when it comes to consumer acceptability," he said. "The taste they look for is a direct result of at least 80 to 90

days on a high-concentrate diet."

The consumer preference for marbling isn't isolated from the market price of beef, said Corah.

"In the last 10 years, market differentiation has developed as a result of the demand for enhanced beef quality," he noted. "Colorado State University studies show that if beef tastes great, people are not only more likely to buy it but more likely to pay more for it."

That's why over 40% of all fed cattle are marketed on quality-based grids, and those that make Premium Choice add more than \$500 million per year to the industry.

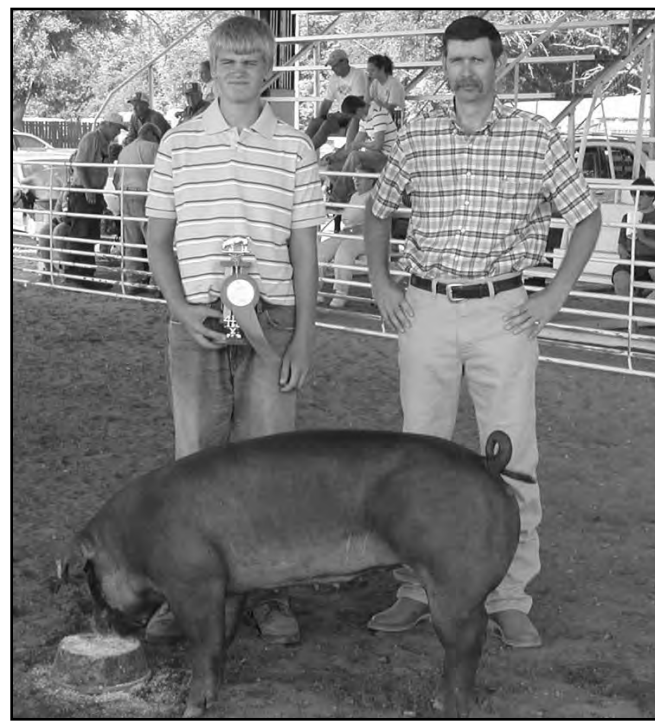
"The research not only says that marbling is important, but it's also complicated," he said, noting factors

like genetics, nutrition, breed and environment.

"I would argue that there have been three major technologies in the past 50 years in our business: implants, ionophores and beta-agonists," Corah said. None have a positive effect on marbling, and a few—aggressive implants and Beta-II agonists—can be detrimental.

"We really need more research to understand the mechanism in which these management practices affect marbling," he suggested. "The National Beef Quality Audit says we're leaving \$26.81 per head on the table in lost quality. That's a lot."

"As we continue to make great strides in tenderness, the ultimate driver for beef demand will be flavor," Corah predicted.



Dylan Crosson showed the grand champion 4-H Market Pig at the Ottawa County Fair. Sunflower Veterinary Service purchased the pig for a premium of \$525.

Lindquist family establishes two funds in College of Ag

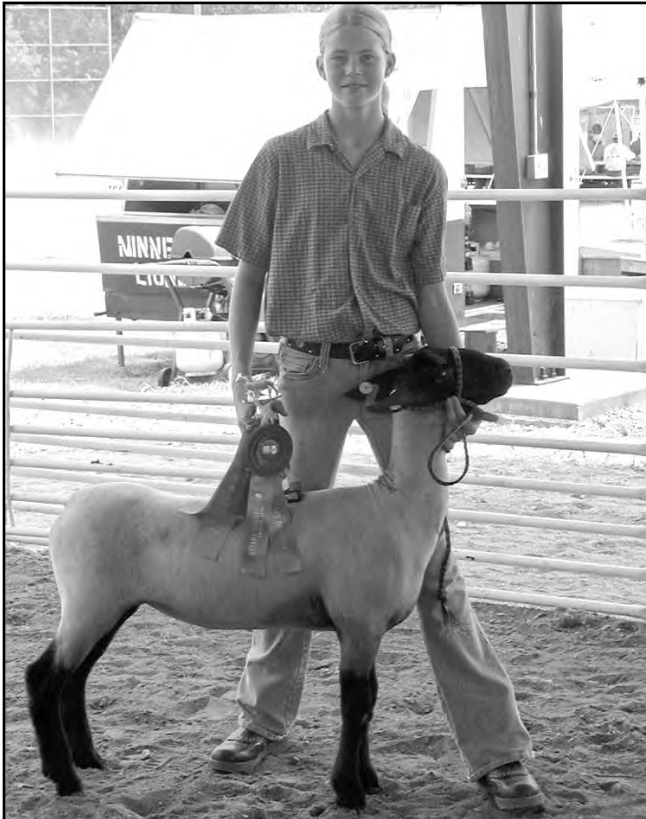
Jim Lindquist, Manhattan, has made a gift of \$50,000 to establish two funds in K-State's College of Agriculture, the KSU Gardens/Lindquist Family Annual Flower Fund and the Jim and Mary Lindquist Extension Administrative Leadership Fund. Both funds honor the Lindquist family and perpetuate the memory of Jim's late wife, Mary (Heidrick) Lindquist.

The KSU Gardens/Lindquist Family Annual Flower Fund will recognize the longtime commitment of the Lindquist family to the KSU Gardens. The endowment will generate funds to provide support for the annual flower beds in front of the visitors' center at the gardens.

The Jim and Mary Lindquist Extension Administrative Leadership Fund will be used for professional development for extension professionals in K-State Research and Extension.

Jim Lindquist is a native of Waterville. He earned three degrees from K-State: a bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1973, a master's degree in adult and occupational education in 1974 and a doctoral degree in adult, occupational and continuing education in 1987. He is assistant director of K-State Research and Extension with responsibility for extension field operations. Jim is a member of Presidents Club, a KSU Foundation philanthropic leadership organization for friends and alumni of K-State.

Mary Lindquist was a native of Beloit. She graduated from K-State in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in life sciences. She was an active member of the Friends of KSU Gardens for many years. Mary died in July 2007.



Shaelyn Martin was the grand champion 4-H Sheep showman, and exhibited the grand champion 4-H market lamb at the Ottawa County Fair. The lamb was sold for a premium of \$550, and was purchased by the Bank of Tescott and Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Co.



Ashlyn Macy is shown with her champion 4-H meat goat at the Ottawa County Fair. It was purchased by Bennington State Bank for a premium of \$550.

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1 blk str	275 @ 127.00	57 blk/char str	904 @ 109.50
1 blk str	405 @ 125.00	10 blk/red str	839 @ 109.35
1 bwf str	375 @ 120.00	13 blk str	768 @ 108.75
1 blk str	435 @ 116.00	55 mix str	918 @ 108.75
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS		24 blk/sim str	757 @ 108.25
2 blk str	550 @ 116.00	16 blk/sim str	863 @ 107.75
36 bwf/blk str	684 @ 115.10	5 x-bred str	926 @ 107.75
16 blk/char str	681 @ 114.75	61 mix str	926 @ 107.00
69 mix str	729 @ 114.25	5 blk/sim str	873 @ 106.25
8 bwf/blk str	613 @ 114.00	6 blk str	987 @ 106.00
9 bwf/blk str	729 @ 113.50	53 mix str	965 @ 104.00
5 blk/sim str	628 @ 113.00	HEIFER CALVES	
62 mix str	811 @ 112.85	2 blk hfr	350 @ 112.00
9 bwf/blk str	644 @ 112.75	1 blk hfr	315 @ 111.00
10 blk str	652 @ 112.75	1 bwf hfr	170 @ 111.00
63 mix str	821 @ 112.50	9 bwf/blk hfr	506 @ 109.00
58 mix str	822 @ 112.35	4 bwf/blk hfr	434 @ 107.00
8 blk str	721 @ 111.75	1 x-bred hfr	365 @ 106.00
2 blk str	613 @ 111.00	1 blk hfr	270 @ 103.00
9 bwf/blk str	770 @ 111.00	1 blk hfr	490 @ 103.00

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS		1 bwf cow	1415 @ 56.50
13 blk/red hfr	701 @ 109.75	1 blk cow	1460 @ 56.00
54 bwf/blk hfr	653 @ 108.75	1 blk cow	1135 @ 55.50
1 blk hfr	550 @ 107.00	1 hol cow	1725 @ 55.00
7 blk/char hfr	827 @ 106.00	1 bwf cow	1390 @ 54.00
41 bwf/blk hfr	847 @ 105.50	1 blk cow	985 @ 54.00
9 blk hfr	806 @ 105.00	1 bwf cow	1315 @ 54.00
18 mix hfr	904 @ 104.75	1 hol cow	1370 @ 52.50
3 blk hfr	593 @ 100.00	1 hol cow	1305 @ 52.00
4 x-bred hfr	626 @ 100.00	1 red cow	1220 @ 52.00
2 bwf/blk hfr	653 @ 97.50	1 hol cow	1375 @ 49.00
4 x-bred hfr	781 @ 91.00	1 hol cow	1240 @ 47.00
7 x-bred hfr	767 @ 89.00	2 blk cows	1050 @ 45.50
COWS		1 x-bred cow	1195 @ 45.00
1 sim cow/cf	@ 620.00	BULLS	
1 blk cow	1400 @ 60.50	1 blk bull	1880 @ 75.00
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 40 mixed heifers, 800-900 lbs.
 82 blk, bwf heifers, 750-800 lbs.
 120 blk, bwf steers, 800-900 lbs.
 58 blk cross steers, 900-925 lbs.
 65 blk, bwf steers, 850-900 lbs.
 125 blk, bwf steers, 850-875 lbs.
 125 blk cross steers, 800-850 lbs.
MANY MORE BY SALE TIME

SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
 55 Angus-Sim cross steers & heifers, 550-700 lbs., weaned, vac.
 63 blk steers, 875-900 lbs.
 65 blk Char cross steers, 775-800 lbs.
MANY MORE BY SALE TIME

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