

Industry leaders weigh in on COOL meeting

Seventy representatives of more than 30 livestock industry, related groups and organizations gathered recently in Kansas City, Mo., in a meeting organized by the Livestock Marketing Association and co-hosted by the National Meat Association and the National Farmers Union, to tackle a key issue as the federal country-of-origin labeling (COOL) law takes effect Sept. 30.

That issue: agreeing on universal procedures and language for the documents necessary to move livestock origin claims along the custody/ownership chain to harvest, to ensure that meat, covered under COOL, is accurately labeled at the retail level.

That objective was reached with the development of three universal "Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration" statements. These statements are being recommended to the livestock industry to establish and forward origin claims on livestock covered by the COOL law — cattle (including veal), swine, sheep and goats. "This was an unprecedented meeting," LMA President Bobby

Smith said. "And it made sense for LMA to be instrumental in putting it together, since America's livestock markets already move millions of livestock every year, from one owner to another."

"We're pleased to work with our industry partners to develop the language of the necessary origin documentation, so that the ultimate goal of COOL — telling consumers where their meat comes from — is reached."

The three agreed-upon country of origin affidavit/declaration statements are:

A continuous country-of-origin affidavit/declaration. This will allow producers to make a continuous origin affidavit, that would be kept on file by the market, stocker, feeder or harvesting facility, until revoked by the affidavit's signer.

A supporting declaration of origin for specific transactions involving livestock from producers with a continuous affidavit on file, or as a "stand-alone" affidavit/declaration related to a specific transaction. This language could be used on check-in sheets, invoices and/or other sales documents.

The third statement covers direct transactions to packers from producers, marketing businesses and feeders. The COOL law requires packers to maintain country of origin records for one year, and they must be able to obtain records from their immediate suppliers within that period, to substantiate COOL claims. This statement says the livestock supplier will maintain those records for one year from date of delivery of the livestock, and will make them available, as required by the COOL law. Producers are reminded that, in addition to using this new affidavit/declaration of origin process, the USDA is permitting packers to rely on an official ear tag and/or marking on animals that are part of a National Animal Identification System (NAIS)-compliant system, or other official ID system, such as the Canadian or Mexican official systems.

Meeting participants agreed to encourage USDA to permit producers selling live animals to visually inspect their livestock for markings indicating foreign origin. It was agreed that

the presence or absence of such markings would constitute "firsthand" knowledge of those animals' origin, and would support an affidavit of origin.

This visual inspection is particularly important for the industry for the period between July 15, 2008, (all livestock in the U.S. prior to July 15 are considered to be of U.S. origin) and whenever the final regulation is published.

That's because producers have moved livestock, particularly cattle, without all of the origin information that may be necessary, and it would be very difficult, if not impossible to recreate the paper trail on many of these animals, the group agreed.

A letter outlining the conclusions of the Aug. 26 meeting will be presented soon to USDA Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Bruce Knight. He was present at the meeting and urged the group to "be bold" in developing ideas for implementing the COOL law.

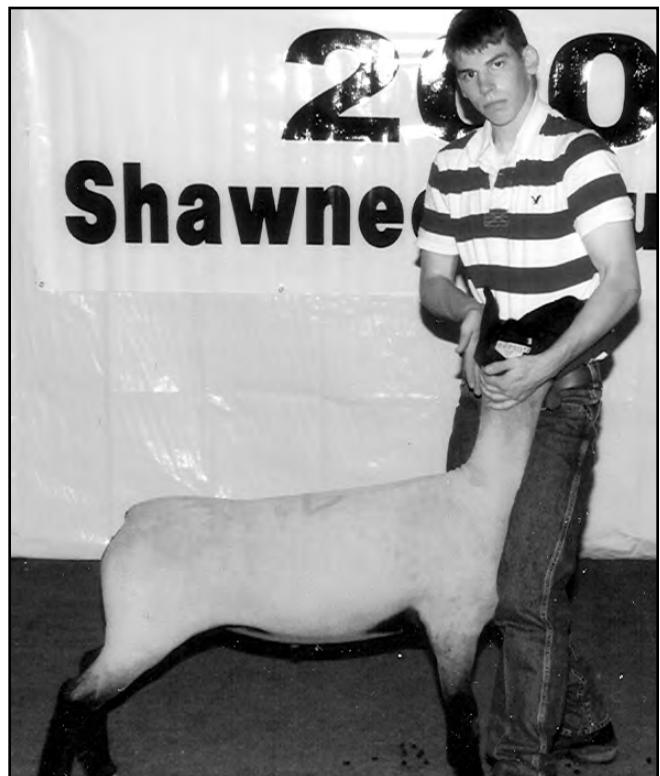
LMA's President Smith said the industry-wide initiatives emerging from the

meeting "do just that, and will benefit both our industry and our consumer customers."

The affidavit/declaration statements, and an "Indus-

try Stakeholder Letter," are available at www.lmaweb.com.

For more information about COOL, see www.countryoforiginlabeling.info.



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FEEDER STEERS — 550-1,000 LBS.

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David Stuewe	Alma	7 blk str	580 @ 119.75
Richard Lindgren	Council Grove	8 blk str	608 @ 119.25
Joe Minihan	Blaine	5 mix str	583 @ 119.00
Gale McDougal	Onaga	8 blk str	591 @ 118.00
Jack Plummer	Westmoreland	4 blk str	586 @ 118.00
Dan Coates	Baldwin City	11 blk str	599 @ 118.00
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Diamond Creek Ranch	Salina	5 mix str	655 @ 116.50
Cosgrove Farms	Council Grove	55 blk str	775 @ 116.10
Cosgrove Farms	Council Grove	15 blk str	653 @ 115.10
Bill Burris	Allen	4 mix str	665 @ 115.00
Bill Burris	Allen	7 mix str	572 @ 114.00
Gale McDougal	Onaga	9 blk str	681 @ 113.00
Joe Minihan	Blaine	6 blk str	646 @ 113.00
Kenneth Leiker	Council Grove	7 blk str	758 @ 112.00
Matthew Russell	Berryton	4 blk str	767 @ 112.00
Richard Lindgren	Council Grove	11 blk str	707 @ 111.50
Dan Hasenkamp	Centralia	10 blk str	706 @ 111.25
Les Schrader	Alma	4 blk str	683 @ 110.50
Rodney Biesenthal	Onaga	9 cross str	644 @ 110.25
Ann Serrault	Bennington	5 blk str	699 @ 110.00
Raymond Fischer	Wheaton	5 blk str	727 @ 110.00
David Stuewe	Alma	6 blk str	650 @ 109.50
Dan Hasenkamp	Centralia	7 blk str	734 @ 108.50
Terry L. Johnson	Olsburg	5 blk str	693 @ 108.00
Larry Cattrell	Cirleville	6 blk str	727 @ 106.75
Matthew Russell	Berryton	11 blk str	829 @ 106.25
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Larry Cattrell	Cirleville	8 blk str	831 @ 105.10
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Larry King	Hoyt	6 bwf hfrs	452 @ 112.50
Larry King	Hoyt	4 bwf hfrs	546 @ 111.50
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Gary Mott	Cottonwoods Falls	7 blk hfrs	514 @ 110.00
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FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-875 LBS.

Joe Minihan	Blaine	7 blk hfrs	570 @ 108.50
Diamond Creek Ranch	Salina	11 mix hfrs	770 @ 106.10
Bill Burris	Allen	4 mix hfrs	572 @ 105.50
Gale McDougal	Onaga	4 blk hfrs	646 @ 105.25
Larry & Ken Thornton	Whiting	8 blk hfrs	700 @ 104.00
Bill Burris	Allen	4 blk hfrs	707 @ 104.00
Joe Minihan	Blaine	15 mix hfrs	623 @ 104.00
Larry Cattrell	Cirleville	5 blk hfrs	659 @ 104.00
Dan Hasenkamp	Centralia	4 blk hfrs	746 @ 103.50
Justin Anderson	Baldwin City	8 cross hfrs	571 @ 103.50
Terry L. Johnson	Olsburg	4 blk hfrs	655 @ 103.50
Bill Tenbrink	Wakarusa	53 mix hfrs	858 @ 103.10
Richard Lindgren	Council Grove	7 blk hfrs	633 @ 102.50
Larry Cattrell	Cirleville	5 blk hfrs	783 @ 102.25
Dan Hasenkamp	Centralia	6 bwf hfrs	815 @ 102.00

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Mission Valley Ranch	Topeka	1 blk bull	2390 @ 75.00
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Sylvester Schmitz	Centralia	1 blk bull	2060 @ 74.00
Byron Biesenthal	Onaga	1 blk bull	1850 @ 73.00
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CF Hewes	Maple Hill	1 blk bull	2285 @ 69.25
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Keith Noe	LeCompton	1 blk bull	2200 @ 66.50
Stallbaumer Bros.	Centralia	1 blk bull	1800 @ 66.00
Greg Steere	Alta Vista	1 blk bull	2050 @ 65.75
Lester Fox	Ashland, NE	1 blk bull	1675 @ 65.25

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Morgan Buttenhoff	Alma	1 blk cow	1180 @ 73.00
Dan/Julie Roggenkamp	Blaine	1 blk cow	1005 @ 66.00
Mission Valley Ranch	Topeka	2 blk cows	1467 @ 62.25
Marlene Fliin	St. George	1 blk cow	975 @ 60.50
D&C Farms	Alta Vista	1 blk cow	1320 @ 59.50
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State's largest livestock show draws youth entries from 90 counties

Youth from across the state have entered 1,548 head of animals for the 76th annual Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). A total of 766 4-H and FFA members from 90 counties will show 128 steers, 313 heifers, 425 hogs, 285 lambs, 35 ewes, 175 wether dams and 187 goats. The competition will take place September 19-22 at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita.

Marion County is sending 28 exhibitors to the show, the most of any county in the state. The largest number of steers, eight, was entered by contestants from Republic County. Pottawatomie County youth have entered 26 heifers and seven ewes, the most of any county in those categories. The market hog category is led by Dickinson County, with 26 entries. Johnson County exhibitors lead the market lamb and wether dam categories, with 19 and 11 head, respectively. The largest number of meat goats, 19, was entered by Labette County exhibitors. The 62 head from Dickinson County leads the total livestock category.

When the competition is complete, the top five steers, hogs and lambs, and the top two goats, will sell during the KJLS Auction of Champions, September 22 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to support the event by bidding on livestock in the live auction. In many cases, exhibitors of the winning animals use the money earned from the auction to help fund their college educations and buy next year's livestock projects.

Prior to the auction, KJLS will present a number of scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 to exhibitors who have excelled academically, in community service and in 4-H/FFA. A total of \$226,000 in scholarships has been presented to 191 KJLS exhibitors since the program's inception in 1993. Last year, a total of \$18,500 was awarded to 11 exhibitors. The scholarship program is funded primarily through private contributions and income generated by the Beefeater Barbecue held in the Sam Fulco Pavilion at the Kansas Coliseum prior to the auction. Tickets to the barbecue are \$60 and

can be purchased at the door that evening or in advance by calling Joey Gibling at (316) 264-9990. Persons interested in contributing directly to the KJLS scholarship fund can call (316) 733-2345.

"This youth event has a large number of faithful and very generous supporters, which we hope will continue to grow," said KJLS President Mary Kane of Manhattan. "It is a great way for businesses and individuals to reward young people for their hard work and help them meet their educational goals."

In addition to the selection of livestock species champions, a showmanship contest will reward the top exhibitors. Champion showmen in the junior and senior divisions of each species will receive silver

belt buckles. Prizes also will be awarded for second through fifth place in each division.

The Kansas Junior Livestock Association (KJLA) will sponsor a club calf show and sale during KJLS. Steer and heifer prospects from some of the top club calf producers in the Midwest will be consigned. The event will take place September 20. A portion of the sale proceeds will go toward KJLA scholarships and educational activities.

KJLS is sponsored by the Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas State University and the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition to these groups, hundreds of volunteers from across the state help organize and put on the show.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — 10:00 AM
LOCATION: 413 NW 6th St.
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VEHICLES: (12:00 NOON)
1988 Chrysler New Yorker, V6, auto, AC, leather seats, very well equipped, 94,000 miles, good; 2000 Dodge Intrepid 4 dr., 2.7L V6, auto, AC, PW and PL, 29-30 MPG, 113K miles, good condition.

WELDER: (11:30 AM):
Wisconsin V4 gas engine, recent rebuild, welder/generator with homemade 2 wheel trailer.

TOOLS & MISC.: (10:00 AM):
McCulloch Pro Mac 700 chain saw; MB Century 7 drawer rolling tool cabinet base; metal 11 drawer tool cabinet; HD hyd. floor jack; jack stands; 24" and 25" crescent wrenches; 3/4" drive Williams break over bar; OTC puller; bushing driver; 1/2" drive MAC impact sockets to 1 1/4"; MAC swivel sockets; Blue Point and Snap On tools; MAC combination wrench set; many older quality mechanics tools; Starrett micrometer; Pinion bars; AC gauges; tire bead breaker; chisels; sledge hammer; hand elect. planer; woodworking tools; Service Spec. booklets for 1966-69 Fords; fishing gear; Weber Kettle grill; 5 ft. ornamental windmill; small outboard gas engine boat motor, old; other items and hardware.

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First freeze date affects everyone from farmers to allergy sufferers

As the state climatologist for Kansas, Mary Knapp answers many questions about the weather. But, a particular one always starts surfacing at this time every year.

"The curious want to know when we'll see our first freeze," said Knapp, who runs the Kansas Weather Data Library, based with Kansas State University Research and Extension. "Gardeners are hoping for an extended growing season, and allergy sufferers are hoping for an end to the pollen."

History says this year's first Kansas freeze could come any time now, she said. In Manhattan, the record date for the earliest freeze - when temperatures reached 32 degrees F or lower — is Sept. 13. That happened in 1890 and 1902. Yet, the long-term average freeze date for Manhattan is Oct. 12.

In northwest and north central Kansas, freezing weather can arrive even earlier, Knapp said. For example, Colby and Hoxie have had freezes as early as Sept. 3 — which makes a very short growing season.

On the other hand, the latest date for a first frost in those communities is Nov. 10. That happened in 1998.

Earliest and average frost dates for other Kansas communities include Ottawa, with its earliest freeze date at Sept. 13 (1902) and an average first freeze date of Oct. 20. The earliest freeze in Minneapolis, Kan., was Sept. 20 (1901), but the average there is Oct. 18. Winfield's earliest freeze was Sept. 21 (1995), while its average is Oct. 20. Hays' earliest freeze was Sept. 14 (1945), but it has an average first-freeze date of Oct. 10. The earliest freeze in Ashland, was Sept. 31 (1993), yet its average is Oct. 12.

Landowners can run productive farms while supporting wildlife

The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry (UMCA) believes active and productive farms also can support a wide spectrum of wildlife species for lease hunting, birdwatching and other recreational and enjoyment opportunities.

With this in mind, the center has created a new guide in its Agroforestry in Action series, "Integrating Agroforestry Practices for Wildlife Habitat," by Dusty Walter, UMCA technology transfer specialist, and Bob Pierce, MU Extension wildlife specialist.

"Agricultural practices and other decisions about land use influence wildlife habitat and use of land by wildlife," Walter said. "While larger field sizes and loss of field borders may have a negative impact on habitat, other agricultural-related actions actually can enhance hab-

itats. By implementing agroforestry practices through integrating trees, shrubs and grasses, landowners will see many benefits, including improved water quality, soil stabilization and income opportunities, in addition to creating habitat diversity for wildlife."

The publication gives

landowners and farmers ideas on how to incorporate management of trees, shrubs and grasses with their current farm practices so wildlife will benefit. The guide includes information on habitat requirements of white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, bobwhite quail, waterfowl and mourning doves.

"Agroforestry practices — forest farming, silvopasture, alley cropping, riparian forest buffers and windbreaks — benefit land in so many ways. Creating a diverse landscape to attract diverse wildlife populations is just one of those benefits for landowners," Walter said.

2-DAY TOOL AUCTION

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
10:00 AM BOTH DAYS**

Auction will be held in the Community Center on the South side of the square in JEWELL, KANSAS.

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78, 3, 4, 4 1/2 c, 120, 9 1/4, 60 1/2, 120, 103, 110, 40, 203, 220, 102, 130, 6c, 8c, 118, 5c, 7, 140); Stanley w/cutters (155, 245, 246, 150, fiber-board); Bedrock (604c, 603c, 605c, 605 1/2 c, 608c, 605); Keen Kutter (717 1/2, K5c, 240); Winchester (3025, 3005, 3205c, 3004, W5c, 3010, 3030c, 3026c); 20 wood base planes, many unusual; molding planes; levels inc.: wood,

brass, cast iron; Winchester pliers, brace, bits; Sterret measure tools; bits; bit holders; bit sets (Russell Jennings & Irwin); drawing knives; hammers; hatchets; saws; folding rules; brass markers; Yankee drills; calipers; measures; scrapers; squares; plum bobs; spoke shaves; gauges; markers; wood mallets; can opener collection; 3 rope makers.

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Note: Gene went to auctions for many years, and always brought home a load. There are many of everything. This will be a big day, we will split up part of the day. We will sell guns at 1:00 followed by the machinery. Lunch by Ada Church ladies.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central Tonnage: 12,174/5,343 Last week: 11,639/4,139 Last year: 12,841/2,780 Hay trade is moderate. Demand is strong for dairy and grinding alfalfa, moderate for alfalfa pellets, prairie hay and stock cow quality hay. Most of Kansas has had rain this week, the exception would be the Southwest area. Quite a bit of hay got rained on. As is often the case, the moisture is needed, but making hay is difficult. Alfalfa supplies are tight and in strong hands, grass hay supplies are more plentiful. Army worms are showing up and should be watched especially in new stands of alfalfa. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange website: www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small square, old crop 2007, 180.00-210.00, 2008, 215.00-250.00; Dairy, Supreme 175.00-200.00, Premium 170.00-185.00, Good 150.00-175.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa shipped in 125.00-135.00, at the edge of the field, 135.00-150.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 155.00-165.00. The week of 8/25-30, 12,174T grinding alfalfa and 1,900T 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. Bermuda grass, Good small square 200.00, mid or large square 150.00. The average paid by feedlots on September 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 144.12, up 3.20 from last month, usage was 1,061T/day up 10%, total usage was 32,876T.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa

steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 5.00 higher. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small square 200.00-220.00, 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, 110.00-135.00 delivered. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 120.00-135.00. The week of 8/25-30, 5,343T of grinding alfalfa and 800T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 175.00-195.00; Sun Cured 17% 175.00-205.00; Dehydrated 15% 215.00; 17% 235.00, contracts to 240.00. Straw, good large bales 55.00-60.00. The average paid by feedlots on September 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 126.83, up 4.23, from last month, usage was 373T/day up 17%, total usage was 11.575T.

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- 70.00, 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- 65.00.

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 130.00-140.00.

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 50.00-80.00.
Brome: Good, small square, 100.00-120.00, a little 4.00-4.50/bale, Mid squares, 90.00-120.00, large round, 50.00-75.00, 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.
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2008 Kansas Red Angus Field Day coming to Elmdale

Mushrush Red Angus will be hosting the 2008 Kansas Red Angus field day, 2 p.m., Saturday, October 11, 2008 at their sale facility which is located on Lake Road between Cottonwood Falls and Elm-dale.

A series of informational presentations that should prove useful to cattlemen will be made. In addition the annual meeting will be held and two new board members will be elected along with the next KRA president.

Activities for youth between the ages of 7-18 are being planned.

During the annual meeting a drawing will be held for \$500 KRA Bucks. Only those who have paid their commercial or regular membership dues are eligible.

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Wheat seeding tips for good stand establishment

As the summer months wind down, wheat farmers start gearing up for planting season. Getting a good stand of wheat during the optimum time in the fall is an important first step in getting good yields, said Jim Shroyer, K-State crop production specialist.

"Often, problems with plant growth and development later in the year can be traced back to poor emergence or inadequate root growth and tiller development in the fall and early winter," Shroyer said.

He described important steps producers can take to improve their chances of getting a good stand of wheat:

Proper tractor speed. It is best to use a tractor speed of between 5 and 6 miles per hour in most cases when drilling wheat.

Proper, uniform seeding depth. The ideal planting depth for wheat in most cases is about 1.5 inches.

Firm seedbed. One of the most common problems in wheat stand establishment is planting into loose, fluffy soils. Having a good closing system behind the drill openers, with adequate down pressure, should help.

Plant during the optimum time. In general, wheat should be planted somewhere around the Hessian fly-free date.

Adequate soil fertility. In general, producers should apply at least part of their nitrogen needs before or at planting time to get the plants off to a strong start. If the soil is low or very low in phosphorus or potassium, these nutrients should be applied at planting time as well so that the plants benefit early in their development.

Using a seed treatment. Fungicide seed treatments

may help with stand establishment in certain situations, such as when seed may be infected with loose smut, common bunt, or Fusarium scab. Insecticide seed treatments may be needed for control of soil insects. Under certain conditions, producers may want to use the higher rates of insecticide seed treatments for fall control or suppression of greenbugs and Hessian fly.

Make adjustments for planting into row crop stubble. When planting wheat into grain sorghum stubble, producers will need an extra 30 pounds of nitrogen (N) per acre over their normal N rate. If the wheat is being planted no-till after row crop harvest, N rates should be increased by 20 pounds N per acre over the normal N rate. Seeding rates should be increased when planting wheat late after row crop harvest. It's best to use a seeding rate of 90 to 120 pounds per acre in central and eastern Kansas, and 75 to 100 pounds per acre in western Kansas. When planting more than three weeks after the Hessian fly-free date, producers should use a seeding rate of 120 pounds per acre.

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KLA offering producer affidavits for COOL compliance

The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) is providing ranchers, feeders and others in the livestock chain of ownership documents that will allow them to comply with the new mandatory country-of-origin labeling (mCOOL) requirements. USDA will begin enforcing provisions of mCOOL September 30, 2008.

"All producers should familiarize themselves with the program and make full use of the compliance documents," said KLA President Tracy Brunner, a cattleman from Ramona.

Retailers are required by mCOOL to label covered commodities, including meat products, with information about the item's country of origin. Packers and processors, who sell to supermarkets, must maintain documentation to prove the country of origin of cattle purchased. Cow-calf and stocker producers also are responsible for verifying country of origin

on cattle bought and sold.

KLA was one of more than 30 livestock organizations and companies that met August 26 in Kansas City to develop universal procedures and documentation for mCOOL compliance. The principal goal of the meeting was to create documents that efficiently move origin claims along the chain of livestock ownership from the producer to the processing plant. Cow-calf or stocker operators, for example, can sign a "continuous affidavit" that remains on file with primary purchasers and is in effect unless otherwise indicated. Each of the documents developed by the coalition references "firsthand knowledge" of the origin of livestock.

Firsthand knowledge can come in the form of producer affidavits, participation in programs compliant with the National Animal Identification System or import

markings on the animals. Although the term "first-hand knowledge" is not defined in the interim final regulation, KLA Legal Counsel Allie Devine said a reasonable interpretation would be someone who specifically knows the origin of the livestock because the animals were born on their premises or the person has actual knowledge of where the animals originated.

USDA has stated composite affidavits are acceptable. This means an auction market, feedyard or other point where animals from multiple suppliers are combined could use the affidavits of many producers to support its own affidavit of origin to pass along to the next buyer in the chain.

Devine said the industry

has agreed visual inspection for the presence or absence of foreign origin markings constitutes firsthand knowledge of origin. Such inspections may be used to support an affidavit of origin.

"Visual inspection for markings to support affidavits of origin builds on accepted and known industry practices, avoids burdensome paperwork and is immediately available," said Devine.

Affidavits available on the KLA website are designed for use by cattle owners in all segments and apply to a variety of potential changes of ownership. To access these forms for use in verifying country of origin, producers can go to www.kla.org and print the documents or call KLA at (785) 273-5115.

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Marion, blk	1845@55.00		
Burdick, blk	1205@54.50		
Durham, hol	1825@54.50		
Marion, bwf	1365@54.00		
Canton, hol	1610@53.75		
Canton, hol	1825@53.75		
Woodbine, blk	1240@53.50		
Woodbine, blk	1255@53.00		
		HEIFERS	
		Wilsey, 17 blk	587@107.50
		Herington, 29 mix	750@104.50
		Wilsey, 9 blk	687@104.25
		STEERS	
		Wilsey, 33 mix	671@119.25
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		Wilsey, 15 blk	775@110.25
		Florence, 19 blk	794@110.25
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		Marion, 55 mix	685@108.75
		Council Gr., 6 mix	749@107.50
		Council Gr., 11 mix	821@106.00
		Marion, 51 mix	985@105.00
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Barn raising brings energy to greensburg

An old-fashioned barn raising, bringing neighbors and friends together to build — or rebuild — a barn for someone in need, typically brings a community together to reach a common goal.

Bringing volunteers from two communities — in this case, Greensburg, and New York City, N.Y. — together to replace the 4-H Livestock Pavilion at the Kiowa County, Kan., Fairgrounds is aiming to do the same, a Kansas State University Research and Extension agent said.

The barn raising, which took place Sept. 5-6 in Greensburg, was proposed by The New York Says Thank You Foundation, said Carmen Stauth, a Kansas State University Research and Extension agent working on behalf of the community. The foundation was established after the attack in New York on Sept. 11, 2001, and, since that time, organizes an annual volunteer project to express appreciation for the volunteers who

stepped up to help their city.

Several hundred volunteers from New York and previous beneficiaries of the Foundation's projects are expected to join volunteers from Greensburg, Kiowa County and the surrounding area to complete the building project, she said.

Why a 4-H building?

With respect for a long list of community needs in the wake of the May 4, 2007 tornado, Stauth also considers the 4-H building project important to youth and the future of the community.

Leadership, citizenship and service are important components in 4-H projects, and keeping youth involved in the projects is an asset to the community now — and in the future, said Pam Muntz, a family and consumer sciences agent who shares K-State Research and Extension responsibilities in Kiowa County with Stauth.

Kiowa County 4-H members recognize the

strengths they have developed while participating in the programs and want others to have similar experiences, Muntz said.

Each has a storm story, but each also will participate in the weekend rebuilding project, she said.

Katlin Senst is a junior in high school, member of the Upward Strivers 4-H Club in Kiowa County, and president of the Kiowa County 4-H Council. She is complimentary about her experiences in 4-H, and credits the youth development effort with helping her become a more self-confident young adult.

Senst was attending a forensics meet in Salina, Kan., when her father called to tell her the family's home had been destroyed in the tornado. The family has since rebuilt their home, but Senst said that she "felt lost for the

longest time after the storm."

She also said that she is grateful for others' interests in the community and hopeful the barn raising also will "lift our spirits."

Lindy McKinney weathered the storm in the basement of the family's home with her Dad, Dennis McKinney. The family also lost their home, and has since rebuilt.

Since the storm and destruction of the fair buildings, 4-H livestock has been housed in tents, said McKinney, who credits 4-H livestock projects with teaching her much about animal health, how to accept greater responsibility and organize her time.

"The volunteers have so much energy," said McKinney, a sophomore in high school and member of the Upward Strivers 4-H Club, who also will be volun-

teering during the barn raising.

The Spurgeon family, with son Eric and daughter Elizabeth both participating in 4-H programs, lives on a ranch (outside of Greensburg). They had storm damage, but not damage to their home.

Eric Spurgeon, now a junior in high school, was attracted to 4-H programs because of the livestock projects, which he credits with teaching him responsibility and consistency. He's learned, for example, that it's best to feed steers at the same time each day.

4-H programs have been beneficial to me, said Spurgeon, a member of the Southwestern Royals 4-H Club.

We've lost some 4-H families after the storm, said Spurgeon, who believes that the barn raising — and the enthusi-

asm it has generated for the re-building process — has the potential to have lasting impact in renewing opportunities for youth and families with local 4-H programs.

"The barn raising is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Spurgeon, who will be working alongside volunteers on the building project.

Elizabeth Spurgeon shares her brother's love for animals and 4-H livestock projects and commitment to opportunities in 4-H. She is a sophomore in high school, a member of the Southwestern Royals 4-H Club, and serves as treasurer for Kiowa County 4-H Council.

With an artistic flair, Elizabeth will likely focus on making posters, banners and signs to help others during the barn raising, she said.

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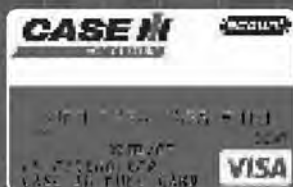
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If you need it, this prof can make it

KINGWOOD, W.Va. (AP)—When he was 9 years old, Jim Dalton traded all that was his in the world a dollar, a hammer and a railroad spike for the gasoline motor from his mom's old Maytag washing machine.

He'd been coveting the motor for weeks. His mom had upgraded from her old gas washer on the porch to a shiny new electric model installed inside their Kingwood Pike farmhouse. His dad, however, fearing the boy's farm chores would suffer, had been reluctant to hand the wondrous thing over.

"I dreamt of getting that motor," Dalton said, leaning back in his swivel chair, a smile on his face.

He was in his office in the WVU Engineering and Science building, but you knew he was really back home on the porch, 50 years ago, seeing the old washer again. Or at least the motor. "That was heavy stuff back then. The Cadillac of washers. The Mercedes Benz. But when she advanced to an electric model, Dad took the motor off. He wanted me to hoe in the garden, not mess with that. "But then my mom talked to him and he finally agreed to sell it to me."

Jim Dalton is a tinkerer. A gadget guy. A vanishing breed.

"What Jim does takes a certain skill," said Dr. Mike McCawley, adjunct professor of civil and environmental engineering at WVU, and a Dalton enthusiast. "People like him are hard to come by. He's self-taught. He started as a kid taking engines apart just to

see how they worked. He's like the professor on Gilligan's Island. He's like a Thomas Edison apprentice. "We used to have a lot more of those people in this country, but they're becoming harder and harder to find."

Dalton's still tinkering. Only these days he tinkers at WVU designing and building things like wind tunnels and fluidized beds.

At home he makes motorized wheelbarrows and carts. He designs clocks. He's built guns from scratch. He developed a way to change a .44-caliber handgun into a pellet gun for target shooting purposes. A patent is pending. For the 2001 Special Olympics, held at WVU, he created a gas torch the athletes could ignite to signify the start of the games. It's still used by the organization today.

There's one invention in particular that Dalton hopes will be of interest to the gardeners of West Virginia and, well, the world.

"It's my Garden Guardian," he said.

Tested and proven successful for eight years, Dalton said the Garden Guardian is patented, in the production process and should be on the market within the next couple years.

Its mission: repel deer and rescue vegetables.

"I never had much trouble with my garden," said Dalton, who still lives on Kingwood Pike with his wife, Judy. "Then I went outside one day and I saw the deer had destroyed it. I said, OK, it's time to do something."

After experimenting

with systems of lights and horns that did little to frighten away the deer, the gadget man got a new idea.

Vibration.

The Garden Guardian, which will run on a solar-powered battery, uses a probe that goes into the gravel and produces a vibration. Triggered by motion, the device is set off as soon as an animal or a person approaches the garden.

"Deer have the ability to adapt," Dalton said. "Deer figure out lights. They figure out noise. They figure out patterns. You've got to give them something they can't internalize, something they can't see or smell."

"They cannot adapt to the vibration because it's never the same."

Dalton, who has been teaching Introduction to Manufacturing at the WVU Engineering School for 25 years, said one of his biggest projects was solving a problem on the PRT the university's transit system during its early years in the 1970s. Without getting too technical, he said, there was an issue with the rails that caused a potential fire hazard.

Dalton designed and built a "power rail washer" that would clean the rails during use, thus eliminating the problem. It was used for two years at WVU until a different rail system was put in place.

He also created the PRT's manual steering system, which is still in use today.

Dr. Jack Byrd, Jr., WVU professor of industrial and management systems engineering, says he has

worked with Dalton for 40 years. He said Dalton has a "practical skill that's rare today."

"I frequently get asked about an idea—a grand idea with no proven reality. I'll send it to Jim and he'll be able to (evaluate) it."

"He's the kind of guy who can look at something, an idea or a concept and say, there's a better way to do this. He looks at it as a kind of puzzle or game to be solved."

"He just understands what it will take to get a job done," said Byrd. "And he does it."

Dalton has worked on numerous projects with Mike McCawley who, in addition to his professorship, coowns a Delaware-based company called Respiratory Management Technology.

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"Jim has worked on virtually all the products we've developed," McCawley said.

"He's an inventor. But he's a developer, too, and that's harder. Everybody and his brother can have a neat idea, but not everybody knows how to take an idea and make it work."

"You have to have a certain sort of mindset and personality. Most people think someone comes up with a great idea, they draw up a sketch, hand it to a manufacturer and they make it. Well, there may be

10,000 (steps) between the sketch and the actual product.

"And you have to love it because it's infuriatingly complex to look at all those details."

Ask Dalton and he'll profess that love profusely.

"I love the challenge," he said. "I love modifying stuff. I like making things do more than they're supposed to. My biggest motivation is when someone says something can't be done."

McCawley described the tinkerer as a sort of Renaissance man.

"He's like Mark Twain's Connecticut Yankee, a jack-of-all-trades," McCawley said.

"If Jim had lived 150 years ago, he'd have been in Tom Edison's lab and the two of them would be making light bulbs together."

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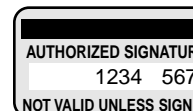
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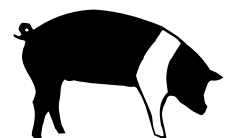
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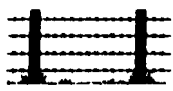
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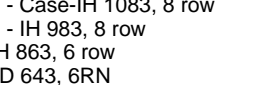
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Satellite phones turn cowboys into 'voice on the mountain'

SILVER CITY, Idaho (AP) — The craggy gullies where Idaho cowboy Paul Nettleton runs 1,200 head of cattle around this living Owyhee County ghost town are often precious minutes from reliable cell phone coverage.

It's a place where sudden summertime windstorms howl in from the broiling lava fields of eastern Oregon, bringing with them dry lightning that can ignite fast-moving wildfires on sage-and-juniper hillsides. Unchecked, they could quickly turn Silver City's historic wooden buildings to ash.

This spring, Nettleton and six other Owyhee County ranchers who make their livelihoods in some of America's most remote backcountry began carrying satellite telephones provided by the federal Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

It's an effort to turn men whose ranching families have been wedded to this land for more than a century into a high-tech advance guard against wildfires that just a year ago devastated millions of acres in Idaho.

"Minutes count in that country," a mustachioed Nettleton told The Associated Press one morning last week after parking his four-wheeler outside the town's 145-year-old Idaho Hotel. "Right now, it's pretty quiet. But it'll come."

The BLM says Owyhee County — the name comes from South Pacific explorer Captain Cook's spelling of Hawaii and honors Hawaiian trappers who disappeared in the uncharted region in 1818 — is the first place the agency has armed cowboys with satellite phones.

Residents who call Silver City home during the summer feel a little safer, knowing Nettleton is always connected to one of Bethesda, Md.-based Iridium Satellite LLC's 66 satellites hurtling through space, not just the earthbound cell tower on nearby War Eagle Mountain that's often blocked the region's terrain.

"He's kind of our voice on the mountain," said Jim Hyslop, who helps run the local Silver City Fire and Rescue and has family roots here dating to 1916.

After nearly eight years of uninterrupted drought, ample snowfall and spring rains in 2008 left much of Owyhee County's high country greener than normal this year, meaning fire danger has been limited. Those typical summer storms with dry lightning and sudden gales haven't materialized, either; the ranchers have yet to use their new phones.

A year ago, however, 3,000 square miles of Idaho — an area three times the size of Rhode Island — was torched by blazes.

The biggest was the Murphy complex of fires, a lightning-caused inferno that burned for three weeks and became the

largest single fire ever fought by the Idaho BLM at nearly 1,000 square miles. It left behind dead wildlife and livestock, scorched grazing ground and charred habitat for seasons to come for sensitive species such as sage grouse.

As the embers were barely cool, BLM managers and ranchers last fall began discussions about improving communication before the next conflagration.

For an initial agency investment of \$10,000, the seven Iridium satellite phones seemed a reasonable bargain, said Janet Peterson, the BLM's safety manager in Boise — especially considering the Murphy complex alone cost more than \$13 million to fight and will likely set taxpayers back another \$34 million to restore the blackened landscape.

"The ranchers are a pretty key partner," she said. "They know the country."

Iridium has nearly 230,000 commercial and government voice subscribers, along with a unit that supplies equipment for companies and the U.S. Department of Defense to track assets in remote areas where there's no conventional cellular communication. Voice users include soldiers, the maritime industry, oil and gas companies, utilities, construction and mining — "Basically any industry where you've got workers out in the middle of nowhere," Iridium spokeswoman Liz DeCastro said.

Should one of Idaho's cowboys spot a fire and place a call, firefighting planes stationed at the Boise Airport across the Snake River could be scrambled quickly. The ranchers have been told to use the phones in medical emergencies, too. The state's disaster agency, the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, is chipping in for the service costs.

"If you see a fire and have no connectivity, you can't tell anybody," said Col. Bill Shawver, the agency's director. "To have a satellite phone with you, you can make that immediate call and get firefighters mobilized."

The phones were distributed to ranchers based on where they run their cattle and the existing grid of cell phone service. Cowboys call in once a month, to make sure the phones are working.

Ken Tindall, whose family has ranched Owyhee County since 1885, has 1,000 head of cattle on 100,000 acres of private and public land on both sides of the Idaho and Nevada border. In Nevada, he has no cell phone reception at all; his BLM sat phone could come in handy, he said.

"From some of the ridge tops, I can see 80, 90 or 100 miles in any direction," Tindall said. "If I see smoke, I can get it reported very quickly. I could have used it last year a lot, that's for sure."

Entityto focus on rural development

Governor Kathleen Sebelius has unveiled the new Division of Rural Development within the Kansas Department of Commerce, a reorganization designed to assemble a team within the Department of Commerce focused exclusively on rural development to provide easier access to Kansans seeking assistance and encourage more collaboration among existing rural development organizations.

The Division of Rural Development serves as the umbrella for all of the department's rural development entities, including the Ag Marketing Division, Community Development Division

and the Office of Rural Opportunity. The Division will be headed by Carole Jordan, a 30-year veteran of rural and agriculture development with the departments of Agriculture and Commerce. "The challenges facing our rural areas range from a need to recruit and retain more good jobs and provide quality, affordable housing, to difficulties in maintaining basic services," Governor Sebelius said. "Many Kansans are proud to make their homes in rural communities, and the new Division of Rural Development will enhance our commitment to restore vitality to America's heartland."

The creation of the new Division of Rural Development follows the recommendations of a 2007 report by Kansas, Inc., titled Leveraging our Foundations and Designing the Future: A Kansas Economic Renaissance.

"Commerce has longstanding relationships with statewide rural development groups," said Secretary of Commerce David Kerr. "By creating a new Division of Rural Development and linking it with our existing services, the Department is better equipped to tackle the unique challenges faced by rural Kansas."

Paralysis can't keep Nebraska farmer out of his fields, away from life he loves

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — Steven Quandt, 50, of rural Grand Island says he has been farming “since I was a little kid.”

For a man raised on a family farm, working the land and harvesting its bounty has been a way of life. It’s what he knows. It’s in his blood.

“This is my grandpa’s farm,” Quandt said, sitting in his wheelchair, looking out at a crop that’s nearing harvest.

Quandt is planning to harvest silage. But the fact that he will be able to do that is a miracle itself, considering that he was paralyzed from the jaw down for nearly a year.

He was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome in September 2007. Guillain-Barre syndrome is an uncommon inflammatory disorder in which the body’s immune system attacks the nerves, typically causing severe weakness and numbness, according to J.D. Simmons of Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation.

“Eventually, the whole body can become paralyzed, even the muscles used for breathing,” Simmons said. “Steve had a severe case of this syn-

drome and was on a ventilator for over seven weeks.”

What Quandt remembers is waking up one morning with “a real bad headache and a high temperature.”

When he went to see a doctor, Quandt said, he was advised to take “a bunch of aspirin or whatever.”

But the next day, “My temperature was higher and my headache was getting worse.”

When he returned to the doctor that day, “They sent me to the hospital, and I don’t remember anything from there until eight weeks later,” Quandt said.

According to Simmons, Quandt was first taken to St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island and then transferred to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Eight weeks later, Quandt finally begin to grasp what was happening to him.

Quandt was eventually transferred to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln and finally released in January 2008, after four months of hospitalization.

“Steve was at one point

paralyzed from the neck down,” Simmons said. “He has now progressed to where he has use of his upper body, but still has paralysis from the hips down. Steve has continued physical therapy and hopes to be able to walk again, someday.”

Before being diagnosed with a disease he’d never heard of, Quandt said, he farmed 550 acres of the family farm as well as doing extensive custom work for area farmers.

He also operated a farm repair business.

While in the hospital, he was haunted with the thought, “Would I ever farm again?”

Family, friends and neighbors all pitched in to get Quandt’s crop harvested and into the bins.

Quandt and his wife, Anita, have been married for 30 years. They have two daughters, Melissa, 20, and Katie, 14.

In January, Simmons said, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital referred Quandt to the Nebraska AgrAbility Program. Nebraska AgrAbility is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Department of Agriculture run by the Univer-

sity of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and Easter Seals Nebraska, according to Becki Koehler, director of development for the Easter Seals program in Nebraska. Koehler started the Nebraska AgrAbility Program.

She said the program provides comprehensive case management and rehabilitation technology services for farm and ranch family members living with disabilities.

A hydraulic lift was mounted on his flatbed pickup. The lift allows him to move from his wheelchair to his pickup or to access his farm equipment.

Other accommodations provided included hand controls for an all-terrain vehicle and a pickup, as well as a sit-to-stand Easy Stander.

Since coming home to the farm, Quandt said, he has made progress in his rehabilitation. He hopes to be able to stand on his own two feet come planting time next year.

And his plan is to be actively involved in harvest in the upcoming months, starting with cutting silage in the next several weeks.

“I’m going to give it a try,” Quandt said.

Boot exhibit coming to Dodge City, Sept. 17

Coming to the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City is the traveling exhibit Custom Cowboy Boots: The Kansas Story. The exhibit opens Sept. 17 and runs through October 5. This exciting exhibit explores the development of the cowboy boot in Kansas from its earliest appearance on the cattle trails to the present day.

Cowboys typically purchased their boots when they received their wages at the end of the trail, in such Kansas towns as Abilene, Wichita, and Dodge City.

Although no single boot maker can accurately claim to have created the cowboy boot, research indicates that the high-heeled, below-the-knee boot was actually a collaborative process between cowboy and boot maker.

This exhibit examines changes in boot fashion, beginning with the plain work boots of the nineteenth century, to the fancy, colorful boots worn by the singing cowboys of the early twentieth century. It concludes with a section focusing on the current boot makers who continue the tradition of making custom cowboy boots in Kansas.

Custom Cowboy Boots: The Kansas Story was produced by the Kansas State Historical Society with major funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, and is being toured by the Kansas Interpretive Traveling Exhibit Service.

Visit or call Boot Hill Museum, Front Street, Dodge City 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday (620) 227-8188.

Admission to the exhibit and related programming is free.

Horse show to draw 250 entries

More than 250 4-H horse project participants and their horses are expected to compete during the 4-H horse show at the 2008 Kansas State Fair, Sept. 12-14, said Anna Muir, show coordinator.

Events are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Expo Center, said Muir, a former Crawford County, 4-H member and horse show participant. She is now a Kansas State University Research and Extension agent in the Phillips-Rooks District.

The competitive events are respectful of age and skill-building activities that are consistent with educational 4-H programs, she said.

The annual state show is typically one of the highlights of the year’s activities, but is a small part of the 4-H horse project, which teaches much about the characteristics of different breeds of horses, animal health, including food and nutrition, care, training and safety, Muir said.

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September deadlines set for SURE buy-in, other programs

A calendar turned to September means one thing to many farmers: it will soon be time to plant winter wheat. This year, however, September is the month for a couple of key deadlines.

Sept. 16, for example, is the deadline for producers to request a waiver and pay a "buy-in fee" if they do not carry the necessary crop insurance to qualify for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments, or SURE — a new disaster program included in the 2008 Farm Bill. Because the 2008 Farm Bill was not finalized until deadlines had passed to sign up for crop insurance, USDA is offering the one-time waiver in exchange for the "buy-in fee."

Art Barnaby, Kansas State University agricultur-

al economist and risk management specialist, says that in Kansas, "Crops are not crops until they are in the bin. Therefore, for growers with 2008 wheat losses or if they expect to have a large number of fall harvested crop acres, the best suggestion is to pay the \$100 NAP fees on pasture and other uninsured crops."

NAP refers to the federal non-insured crop disaster assistance program.

Farmers should check with their U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to make sure all of their crops are covered with either crop insurance, NAP or Catastrophic Risk Protection, also called CAT.

"There is a real lack of information for farmers try-

ing to make informed decisions before paying 2008 NAP and CAT fees to be eligible for SURE payments on 2008 crop losses," he said.

"It is important that producers have all fees paid to maintain eligibility for SURE coverage on their fall 2008 crops. Clearly, there are still weather perils that could destroy fall harvested crops and the SURE payment would be helpful," he added.

Barnaby said he is telling producers that saving a couple of hundred dollars is not worth the risk: "That is about two tanks of gas for your pickup," he said of the premiums to ensure the coverage.

SURE, which could be viewed as free disaster aid,

covers 2008 crops and 2009-2012, Barnaby said. Yet, to be eligible for crops next spring, farmers must pay the NAP for uninsured crops, such as hay, pasture and forages.

SURE has the potential to be a very good risk management tool for farmers who primarily grow one crop, and less advantageous for diversified farmers who grow a number of crops.

"Because there are so many unknowns and one will likely not have answers before the Sept. 30 (wheat) signup deadline, the best suggestion I have is to buy the level and type of crop insurance you planned to buy on wheat without considering SURE," he said.

More information on these and other risk management topics are available on the K-State Agricultural Economics Web site: <http://www.agmanager.info>.

Wheat growers should also be advised that the 2008 sign-up period for the program that offers producers direct and counter-cyclical payments ends Sept. 30. Also, the sign-up deadline for crop insurance for fall-planted wheat falls on Sept. 30.



Gabe Schultz led out the grand champion market beef at the 2008 Jackson County Fair.



Reserve champion market steer at the Jackson County Fair was shown by Lyndee Patterson.

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Herbicide-resistant grain sorghum trait developed at Kansas State University

Weed management is one of the biggest concerns for grain sorghum producers, but Kansas State University scientists are finding ways to remedy the problem.

"Research has shown that heavy weed infestations can reduce grain sorghum yields by 50 percent," said Kassim Al-Khatib, K-State professor of weed physiology. "In addition, weeds may decrease grain quality, increase insect and disease pressure, and increase harvest difficulty."

Now, however, K-State researchers have developed a herbicide-resistant grain sorghum line, Al-Khatib said. It is tolerant to such acetolactate synthase (ALS)-inhibitor herbicides as Steadfast, Accent, Resolve, and Ally. This tolerance seems likely to give grain sorghum growers a new tool in their efforts to control weeds.

"This technology has excellent potential for controlling broadleaf and grassy weeds in sorghum, using post-emergence

herbicides," he said, adding that he expects producer acceptance to be high because no post-emergence herbicide is now available for managing grassy weeds in sorghum.

K-State's work is moving forward to developing ALS-resistant sorghum with several seed companies. The university team involved in the project is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's program for Minor Use Pesticides, as well, to register the use of Steadfast herbicide on ALS-resistant sorghum.

"In addition, we are currently evaluating several herbicide programs to identify the most effective ones for Kansas," Al-Khatib said.

The K-State team is planning to use this year's research to refine the recommended herbicide program before the herbicide-resistant hybrids can be available in the market, he said.

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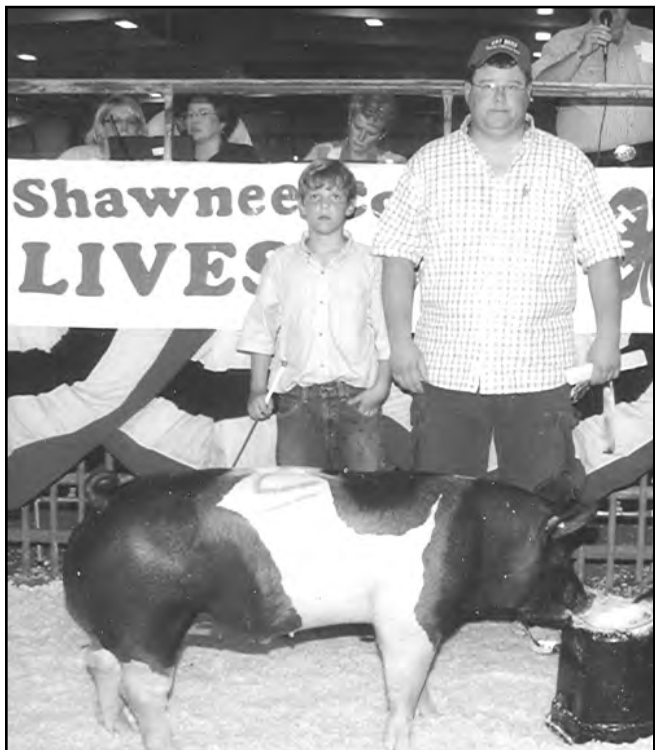
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Reserve champion market hog in Shawnee County was shown by Derek Gentry. The entry was purchased in the premium auction for \$300 by Farmer's Co-op.

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The program awards grants to farmers and ranchers for on-farm research, demonstrations, and education projects. By providing funds ranging from \$6,000 per individual grant to up to \$18,000 for grants awarded to groups of three or more, NCR-SARE helps facilitate essential agricultural research and development.

Cal Adams of Beloit is a 2007 grant recipient. With the cost of commercial fertilizer mirroring the price of oil this past year, producers like Adams are looking at other options to build soil nutrients. He will research the question of how to maintain optimum production of cool season pastures while decreasing costs and improving late season forage quality. Many have tried to include

alfalfa and sweet clover into the grass mix, but haven't been able to maintain persistent and productive stands of legumes or forfeiting grass production or quality.

Adams is working with Keith Harmoney of Kansas State University, and Dwayne Rice, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service, to look at the effects of adding legume crops such as grazing-tolerant alfalfa, birds-foot trefoil, hairy vetch, and others to his pastures.

NCR-SARE grants are awarded based on applicants' ability to describe how their project will be sustainable in terms of their long-term profitability, being good for the environment, producing healthy foods, being socially responsible and supporting their community.

Last year NCR-SARE funded 50 Farmer Rancher grants totaling \$394,229. Five projects totaling \$26,064 were funded in Kansas. This year, farmers and ranchers throughout the North Central Region will again have the opportunity

to apply for roughly \$400,000 in grant assistance.

Applications for the 2008 NCR-SARE producer grant program are now available.

To review the program and discuss grant writing basics, the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops and the Kansas SARE Program are sponsoring a seminar on Sept. 22 beginning at 7 p.m. Registration is limited to the first 40 people. The online seminar, also called a Web cast, is accessible via a computer browser such as Internet Explorer with Internet requirements of at least DSL/cable connection (dial-up modem will not work). To learn how to participate in the Web cast, participants

should go to the Web cast page, <http://www.kansasustainableag.org/grantwriting.htm>. Before participating, they should follow instructions on the Web cast page to be sure they have the appropriate software and connection.

Grant proposals are due in the NCR-SARE office by Dec. 1, 2008. Interested applicants may contact Kansas SARE Coordinator, Jana Beckman at (785) 532-1440 or beckman@ksu.edu or the NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, Joan Benjamin at (402) 472-0809 or ncrsare@umn.edu.

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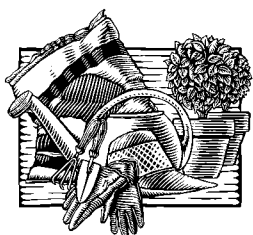
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

A Fragrant Theme — Landscape

September is a great month to do lawn work, soil preparation, and landscaping. If you want some help with landscaping, I'm teaching a class through the UFM Learning Center beginning Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. It is followed by two more sessions on September 17 and the 24th. Register by calling (785) 539-8763 or on line at www.tryufm.org.

The class consists of developing a base map from the site analysis. This is where you take an inventory of your property and put it down on paper. You and your partner measure the property so that you have a birds-eye view of it to scale on paper. I will have a large sheet of paper for your use.

A theme for the landscape is where most students get bogged down. I haven't yet had a class where everyone has determined a theme for their

landscape. My theme is a fragrant landscape. It isn't always adhered to but it moves me from total stalemata to some direction.

Landscapes are mostly appreciated by their visual appeal. In other words, curb appeal. However, the landscape can engage our other senses. For feel it can be the use of textures, hearing by the rustling of cottonwood leaves, taste if you use edible plant material and my favorite is smell with an assortment of fragrant flowers and leaves.

Gardeners, like me, spend time working in the garden perhaps more than enjoying it. The fragrant theme works well for me since I don't take enough time to look at each plant. I do have to take a breath and smell whatever is in the air. Sweet smells are preferred.

Spring fragrant flowers are numerous. There are some fragrant plants coming

on now. Heptacodium or Seven-Son Flower is a large shrub with white flowers. My Glossy Abelia with its white flowers will bloom now until frost. Roses, honeysuckle and garden phlox continue their bloom. The chocolate mint leaves are always ready to release their scent when tramped on along the walk.

Landscaping is rewarding when you have a plan. Plans don't always work out but they do cause for some action. This September, create some action in your landscape.

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 (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.



AVF Sara 1027 won reserve grand champion female at the 2008 Nebraska State Fair Angus Show, August 23 in Lincoln, Neb. Cody Theis, Leavenworth, owns the October 2007 daughter of Schurrtop MC 2500. She first won senior calf champion. Tyler Norvell, Tuttle, Okla., evaluated the 80 entries.

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5 blk	604@118.00	25 mix	818@108.75	5 blk	797@107.75
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11 r Ang	587@116.25	13 wf	838@107.75	32 mix	620@106.80
14 blk	654@115.00	7 r chr	1009@106.00	12 blk bwf	862@104.80
11 blk	675@115.00	11 br gry	766@105.00	6 char	598@104.25
14 blk red	688@114.25	7 blk	432@115.50	7 blk bwf	662@98.00
7 bk bwf	729@114.00	16 blk	552@112.00	5 brangus	994@95.50
10 blk	722@113.50	12 blk bwf	571@111.00	4 brangus	1144@85.50
7 blk	781@112.75	7 blk	669@109.50	3 blk	365@129.75
8 bk red	701@112.50	20 blk bwf	700@108.75	6 char	662@110.00
11 blk	721@111.50	15 blk bwf	439@108.50	7 char	526@105.00

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The second workshop is set for Calvin Adams' ranch near Beloit on Monday, September 29, Christian said. Orchard of Bozeman, Montana, is a nationally-known expert in rangeland monitoring and health. Each workshop site features a mixed grass prairie ecosystem so ranchers and landowners from every part of the state should be able to relate to the plants found in the pastures. The techniques learned are applicable in any grazing land setting.

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4 hrs	@320#	\$111.00	3 str	@625#	\$116.25
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11 hrs	@849#	\$103.25	35 str	@904#	\$109.85
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4 str	@520#	\$119.00	14 str	@926#	\$107.75
2 str	@505#	\$116.50	17 str	@1005#	\$106.60
6 str	@542#	\$113.50	51 str	@952#	\$104.85
9 str	@522#	\$111.00	10 str	@945#	\$104.50
3 str	@588#	\$108.25	5 str	@1083#	\$104.25
4 str	@610#	\$118.50			

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SHELLS: \$40 & Down	BULLS: \$66.50-\$74.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

- 25 mix steers & heifers, 400-600 lbs.
- 60 mix steers & heifers, 600-800 lbs.
- 125 mix heifers, 775-850 lbs.
- 41 black & red steers, 800-875 lbs.
- 30 mix steers & heifers, 800-900 lbs.

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- 400 steers, mostly black, 750-950 lbs.
- 450 heifers, 700-750 lbs.
- 120 steers, 800 lbs.
- 260 steers, 850 lbs.
- 75 steers & heifers, 700-900 lbs.
- 175 steers & heifers, 600-625 lbs.
- 150 steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs.
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4 blk red str	337@130.00	2 blk hfr	352@119.00		
4 mxd str	365@128.50	13 blk bwf hfr	401@119.00		
2 blk red str	417@127.00	4 blk red hfr	278@118.00		
9 blk bwf str	489@119.75	2 char hfr	327@116.50		
3 blk str	500@119.00	6 mxd hfr	531@112.00		
10 blk herf bulls	461@117.50	2 bwf hfr	430@111.50		
4 blk bwf str	555@117.25	7 blk bwf grwf hfr	582@110.00		
11 blk str	691@117.10	69 mxd hfr	661@109.85		
5 blk str	642@117.00	4 bwf rwf red hfr	546@109.50		
5 blk str	650@116.50	7 blk bwf hfr	592@108.75		
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7 hols str	577@82.00	9 l.h. hfr	532@53.50		
5 hols str	480@79.00				

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AUCTION 6 P.M.

80 mix s&h 350-600	18 blk bwf s&h 450-650
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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith

The Bottom Line



Not long ago I was talking on the phone to an editor in New York, who is also a good friend. I mentioned that when I speak to library groups around the country, I'm frequently asked "Why can't we get more West-erns?" I had a pretty good idea of the answer already, and he verified it. Libraries are an important, but a comparatively small part of the book market. The sales to libraries are not large enough to influence the publisher's choices on what to publish. In other words, they can make money, but not enough money, on traditional cate-gory fiction. Then my friend, with long experience in the industry, made an odd state-ment:

"It's a heck of a note, when editorial decisions are being made by account-ants, isn't it?"

That really startled me. "Hey," I told him, "that's ex-actly why I got out of the practice of medicine, a few years back."

There may be people who read this column, who are unaware that I did prac-tice medicine for quite a few years, and closed my of-fice to write and lecture full-time (Not to "retire," as some assumed. I'm still writ-ing and it's a full time job). The reason I closed my of-fice doors? I'd often diag-nose the patient's problem, know the cure, know that I could handle it. I would be prevented from doing so by the "guidelines" in the pa-tient's medical plan, insur-ance, HMO, or Medicare. In simplest terms, "If you do it that way, you won't be paid, and neither will the hospi-tal." The medical decisions were, (and are) being made

by people with accounting degrees.

After hearing the same complaint in an entirely dif-ferent field, I began to think about it in more depth. It's certainly true in sports. Pro-fessionals who are skilled at playing kids' games are paid millions of dollars. They may be dysfunctional drug addicts, but no matter, if they can pull in the crowds, who will pay ridiculous amounts for tickets to watch (dysfunctional) grown men play children's games. Role models? Yes, a few, like McGwire and Sosa in base-ball, Jordan in basketball, Michael Phelps in swim-ming (It is nice to open the paper now and see the name Phelps in the news and know it's not our nut-case from Kansas). The ones who get the headlines are the ones who bring in the money

with publicity, making news in one way or another. Usual-ly, illegal or immoral. Is there any doubt that the dol-lar operates the Interna-tional Olympics? Even at college level, it became ap-parent that the post-season bowl games were not driven by athletic achievement but by financial goals ... the bot-tom line again.

I watched on TV recently a short interview with Paul Newman about his movie, "Message in a Bottle." He was talking about the "good old days" in movie making. It used to be fun, he said. Everybody knew each other, respected the abilities of the entire crew, and enjoyed the creative process. He couldn't believe, he related, that they'd actually get paid for something they enjoyed so much that they'd have done it anyway.

Now, he said, "They don't shoot movies, they shoot schedules and release dates," and how they can plan it for the most publicity and to pull in the most tick-et sales. They'll postpone or advance the release dates to avoid or coincide with cur-

rent events. The important thing is no longer quality, he implied, it's scratching to-ward the top of that weekly ticket sales list. It was pretty sad to watch an aging Paul Newman, a great actor with a successful career of hard work to his credit. He was bemoaning the fact that his profession, as well, is more obsessed with the dollar than with quality and work-manship. Here, too, the driv-ing force is the bottom line.

It's pretty scary. Even more so, when we see hints in the news about people considering a run for the Presidency. One of the first

concerns mentioned is usu-ally whether he/she can raise the millions necessary to buy the publicity it will take to get elected (integrity, obviously, is no longer a fac-tor, nor is the source of the millions).

There was a feature in the news once, about the re-opening and refurbishing of the Washington Monument. The pictures showed the structure with scaffolding in place around it. I was great-ly relieved when they said it was a scaffold. I thought they were crating it to ship to China or somewhere.

See you down the road.

USDA downgrades Montana's brucellosis-free status

The Montana Department of Live-stock has announced that the U.S. De-partment of Agriculture's (USDA) Ani-mal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has officially downgraded the state's brucellosis status from Class Free to Class A.

The interim rule downgrading Mon-tana's status was published today in the Federal Register. Montana had been brucellosis-free since 1985, but the disease was found in a Bridger cat-tle herd in May 2007. Per APHIS rules, the state had to remain brucellosis-free for 24 months after that discovery to maintain Class Free status. The process of downgrading Montana's sta-tus was initiated in June 2008 after a cow in Paradise Valley was found to be infected with the disease.

Zaluski said the department has been working on a brucellosis action plan, and will reapply for Class Free status as soon as possible, on

May 27, 2009.

"We've been working internally, as well as with individual producers and producer groups, to develop a compre-hensive brucellosis plan," he said. "No one is happy about losing our bruce-llosis-free status, but we're optimistic that, by working together, we can de-velop practical approaches that re-duce the risks of transmitting the dis-ease to cattle."

The plan will include, among other items, vaccination of livestock, im-proved animal traceability and dis-ease surveillance, and increased em-phasis on maintaining spatial and tem-poral separation between livestock and wildlife known to carry the dis-ease. The Montana Board of Livestock has also directed the department to create a brucellosis task force.

The department will additionally be working with state and federal wildlife managers to address disease

concerns related to wildlife. Zaluski said more information is needed on the prevalence of brucellosis in Greater Yellowstone Area elk. The downgrade means Montana's livestock producers will, at a minimum, be required to test all sexually intact cattle more than 18 months of age within 30 days of export. Exempt from the testing requirement are cattle sent directly to harvest, from certified brucellosis-free herds and from ranch of origin to an approved market facility.

The USDA has four classifications for brucellosis: Class Free, Class A, Class B and Class C. Restrictions on the interstate movement of cattle become less stringent as a state approaches or achieves Class Free status. Class C de-signation is for states with the highest rate of brucellosis, and requires a fed-eral quarantine. Class A and Class B fall between the two extremes of Class Free and Class C status.

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2 bwf/blk str	398 @ 127.00	57 bwf/blk str	905 @ 111.60
10 blk str/bulls	448 @ 127.00	6 blk/red str	646 @ 109.00
3 bwf str	478 @ 126.50	60 mix str	894 @ 107.10
3 bwf/blk str	487 @ 126.50	9 blk/char str	639 @ 106.50
3 blk str	428 @ 125.50	10 char str	979 @ 105.00
39 blk str	515 @ 123.50	13 blk/sim str	797 @ 104.75
3 bwf/blk str	518 @ 122.00	60 mix str	927 @ 104.00
2 x-bred str	468 @ 121.00	HEIFER CALVES	
2 blk bulls	495 @ 119.00	1 blk hfr	305 @ 119.00
2 x-bred str	538 @ 117.00	4 blk hfrs	388 @ 117.00
3 blk bulls	493 @ 115.00	1 blk hfr	410 @ 116.00
6 blk/char str	541 @ 114.00	4 bwf/blk hfrs	454 @ 114.50
3 x-bred bulls	498 @ 110.00	32 blk hfrs	469 @ 113.00

STOCKER & FEEDER		2 blk hfrs	468 @ 112.50
STEERS		2 blk hfrs	440 @ 111.00
65 bwf/blk str	741 @ 116.60	3 bwf/blk hfrs	462 @ 111.00
98 bwf/blk str	791 @ 115.50	4 bwf/blk hfrs	429 @ 110.00
14 bwf/blk str	599 @ 115.00	3 blk hfrs	540 @ 106.50
30 bwf/blk str	738 @ 114.85	2 shtn hfrs	398 @ 106.00
50 blk/char str	796 @ 114.85	5 bwf/blk hfrs	544 @ 105.00
46 bwf/blk str	784 @ 114.50	2 blk hfrs	405 @ 104.00
121 bwf/blk str	807 @ 113.85	2 blk/char hfrs	445 @ 103.00
5 blk str	778 @ 113.75	2 red hfrs	518 @ 103.00
4 bwf/blk str	739 @ 113.50	4 x-bred hfrs	485 @ 101.00
6 x-bred str	661 @ 113.00	STOCKER & FEEDER	
23 mix str	814 @ 113.00	STEERS	

21 bwf/blk hfr	682 @ 109.85	2 blk/bwf cows	1395 @ 52.00
9 blk hfr	561 @ 109.00	1 blk cow	1340 @ 51.50
8 x-bred hfr	663 @ 108.00	1 bwf cow	1620 @ 51.00
151 bwf/blk hfr	814 @ 107.60	1 char cow	1220 @ 50.50
10 bwf/blk hfr	768 @ 106.75	1 sim cow	1735 @ 50.00
5 blk hfr	721 @ 106.00	1 blk cow	1315 @ 49.50
37 blk/red hfr	834 @ 105.50	1 bwf cow	1130 @ 49.25
9 blk/sim hfr	596 @ 104.75	1 blk cow	1215 @ 49.00
9 bwf/blk hfr	591 @ 104.50	1 bwf cow	1365 @ 48.50
30 mix hfr	814 @ 104.50	1 blk cow	1325 @ 48.00
6 bwf/blk hfr	642 @ 103.25	1 x-bred cow	1370 @ 47.50
10 blk/char hfr	614 @ 102.50	1 wf cow	1210 @ 46.00
3 blk hfr	603 @ 102.00	1 char cow	995 @ 45.00
14 mix hfr	685 @ 101.50	1 blk cow	1410 @ 43.50
2 blk hfr	893 @ 100.50	1 wf cow	1080 @ 42.50
6 wf hfr	918 @ 97.00	1 blk cow	1145 @ 42.00
5 blk hfr	1157 @ 87.00		

COWS		BRED COWS	
2 blk cows	1375 @ 57.00	1 blk cow	@ 810.00
1 blk cow	1605 @ 55.00	1 blk cow	@ 800.00
2 blk cows	1738 @ 54.75	3 blk cows	@ 725.00
1 wf cow	1750 @ 54.50	1 blk cow	@ 550.00
1 bwf cow	2035 @ 54.00	BULLS	
1 bwf cow	1685 @ 53.50	1 blk bull	2255 @ 67.50
1 bwf cow	1450 @ 53.00	1 blk bull	1320 @ 66.50
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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY, SEPTEMBER 9
58 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs., weaned, vac.
54 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 650-800 lbs., weaned, vac
40 blk, bwf steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs.
28 blk cross heifers, 750-800 lbs.
100 blk, bwf heifers, 800-825 lbs.
120 blk cross heifers, 750-800 lbs.
65 blk, bwf steers, 800-825 lbs.
125 blk cross steers, 800-850 lbs.
105 blk, bwf steers, 800-825 lbs.
60 blk, Char cross steers, 800-825 lbs.
61 blk cross steers, 900-925 lbs.
More consignments by sale time.

SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 • 1:30 PM
500 Hereford steers, 800-900 lbs.
425 Hereford heifers, 750-800 lbs., all off one ranch, home raised, no implants, heifers OCV
75 black cross steers, 750-775 lbs.
Call for more information or to consign for special early advertising.

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In conjunction with regular sale. Call now to make consignments for special advertising

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