



Light a candle

By Steve Suther

December brings the winter solstice, the longest night of the year in the northern hemisphere. Across much of the country, frost is settling into the ground. Those inclined to analyze the economy say we are in the midst of some dark times financially, too.

While cow-calf producers have had some good years in this decade, the overall trend has been a reduction in herd operators, down 25% in 20 years. You could worry about the dark side of erratically higher costs and unknown markets. A winter storm could wreak havoc next week.

But this is also the season

of hope. People learned ages ago that this darkness gives way to light, springtime and multifaceted redemption. Yes, we are fewer, our herd smaller in number. But in the balance of supply and demand, that makes beef potentially more valuable as the world's population continues to grow.

We celebrate every birth, from the divine to the ordinary. The anticipation, waiting for these events brings thoughts of the unseen wonders in our lives. To focus, we prepare. We may purchase or craft gifts to welcome a newborn baby or commemorate a world-changing event. Children may even shake a few

wrapped presents to gather data on what's inside.

It's up to adults to make sure the kids understand all the symbolism, but in many families, the exchange of gifts is preceded by hints or even lists. When we know the kids well enough, we can make their eyes light up when they open a gift, in a material-world parallel of the spiritual.

Amidst joyous screaming on a Christmas Eve in Kansas, one parent said to another, "I don't know what it is yet, but that's the reaction you want."

In the cattle world, we may palpate or use ultrasound to peek, and get a better idea of when to prepare for calving. Did we prepare for everything that will follow? Have we been good, followed the Golden Rule of win-win cattle dealings, built up relationships to give consumers what's on their list?

Beginning in the south and working its way north, any day now, the moment will arrive.

She will lay down in the natural shelter of an embankment, windbreak, your calving shed or a clean pasture and bear down for a few

minutes to bring forth an everyday miracle — all the more so if it's her first.

Soon, she stands to encourage the newborn to nurse. It puts a smile on your face when you check her that morning. You don't know what it is yet, but that's the reaction you want.

A moment or two with the ear tagger and a few other formalities and you leave them to strengthen the bond that will last for half the year while you record the facts and go on with your day.

But you keep thinking about the great expectations

Tool helps track finances, available online

You've always resolved to keep better track of your finances, but you've never been able to keep it up for more than a few weeks.

Ohio State University Extension is offering its 38-page workbook, Home Account Book, to help you track a year's worth of income and expenses.

"With the downturn in the economy, this might be a good year for Santa to bring financial tools, and this would be a good one," said Nancy Hudson, family finance specialist with OSU Extension and co-leader of Extension's Healthy Finances Team.

The workbook, Bulletin 723, is available for \$2.25 plus shipping from the OSU Extension at <http://estore.osu-extension.org>. It's also available as a free downloadable PDF file at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/pdf/b723.pdf>, "although the printout wouldn't wrap as nicely as the booklet would," Hudson said.

you have for this year's calf crop. You're getting ready to make sure their next owner has only pleasant surprises. You don't know yet if they will bring less than a dollar or more than \$1.25 per pound when you sell, but you're determined to make them worth the top end bid.

Stocker and feedlot operators expect at least average genetics, health, growth. They drop all sorts of hints, sometimes publish lists and always bid accordingly. Keep their wish list in mind, and understand the ultimate wishes come from con-

sumers. Light a candle for demand.

What have you got wrapped up in your herd? Do all you can to make sure those packages being delivered this season will exceed expectations for all customers down the line. The year starts with very few limits on the good things that can happen if we keep our focus.

Next time in Black Ink, Miranda Reiman will look at ways to cut costs, not quality. Questions? Call toll-free at 877-241-0717 or e-mail steve@certifiedangusbeef.com.

The workbook includes charts to help you:

List monthly income from various sources. Keep track of contributions to and withdrawals from savings and investment accounts. List payments made on an installment basis, such as car insurance paid semi-annually or tax payments due quarterly. List monthly income and expenses.

The workbook also includes a page to help you calculate your net worth. With this beginning data, you can assess changes at the end of the year and set goals for the future.

Plus, it offers a page spread for a month-by-month expense summary to let you view expenses from throughout the year at a glance. By filling in the first six months of data midyear, you can assess your financial situation and make any adjustments you deem necessary.

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STEER CALVES — 525-550 LBS.

Blanche/Richard Murphy	Bonner Springs	6 blk str	530 @ 98.75
Terry Bottom	Soldier	7 mix str	541 @ 95.00

FEEDER STEERS — 550-1,025 LBS.

Greg Hermes	Seneca	12 blk str	558 @ 103.00
Winston Amick	Alma	6 blk str	581 @ 97.75
Harold McElfresh	Emporia	11 blk str	605 @ 96.75
Winston Amick	Alma	5 blk str	619 @ 96.00
Dean Altenhofen	Westmoreland	12 blk str	581 @ 95.75
Greg Hermes	Seneca	11 blk str	636 @ 95.00
Harold McElfresh	Emporia	30 blk str	719 @ 94.00
Dean Altenhofen	Westmoreland	6 blk str	639 @ 93.75
Miller Feedlot	Wamego	124 blk str	845 @ 91.40
Glen Swartz	Alta Vista	60 cross str	1004 @ 91.00
Steve Ingala	Olathe	8 blk str	715 @ 91.00
Kocher Brothers	Onaga	21 wf str	965 @ 90.40
John Fairbanks	Onaga	5 cross str	937 @ 90.25
Terry Bottom	Soldier	5 blk str	640 @ 89.50
Greg Deters	Centralia	8 mix str	870 @ 88.00

HEIFER CALVES — 375-550 LBS.

Terry Bottom	Soldier	5 blk hfr	390 @ 87.00
Terry Bottom	Soldier	5 cross hfr	511 @ 86.50
Tony Akin	Manhattan	5 herf hfr	449 @ 79.00
Tony Akin	Manhattan	6 herf hfr	547 @ 73.50

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-625 LBS.

Bing Miller	Eskridge	8 blk hfr	587 @ 86.25
Terry Bottom	Soldier	8 blk hfr	605 @ 83.75

HEIFERETTES & COWS — 800-2,000 LBS.

Travis Hynke	Hanover	1 cow	1125 @ 64.00
Marvin Abitz	Onaga	1 bwf cow	1160 @ 63.50

Bar H Ranch	Agenda	1 blk cow	800 @ 59.00
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	2 blk cows	1002 @ 58.50
Richard Runnebaum	Berryton	5 cross cows	1428 @ 48.00
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	3 blk cows	1308 @ 43.00
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	1 blk cow	1270 @ 42.50
Donna Olson	Alta Vista	1 hol cows	1630 @ 42.25
Don Froberg	Waterville	4 cows	1345 @ 39.25
Berges Ranch	Onaga	1 char cow	1765 @ 38.50
A&E Gray	Manhattan	1 cross cow	1560 @ 38.25
KSU AS&I Dairy	Manhattan	1 hol cow	1990 @ 38.25
Dennis Braddock	Olsburg	1 bwf cow	1430 @ 38.00
Steve Milne	Wetmore	1 bwf cow	1205 @ 37.00

For our special cow sale Wednesday, December 19 we had several offerings of quality cows and 1st calf heifers. Buyers were paying close attention to type and size. Following is a partial listing.

COW/CALF PAIRS

			AGE	
Galen Reinecke	Baileyville	5 blk cows	2	@ 1450.00H
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Tom Sweargin	Lawrence	6 blk cows	5	@ 1400.00H
Milbourn Ranch	El Dorado	5 bwf cows	2	@ 1250.00H
Milbourn Ranch	El Dorado	5 cows	2	@ 1200.00H
David Stackley	El Dorado	7 cows	2	@ 1175.00H
Milbourn Ranch	El Dorado	4 bwf cows	2	@ 110.00H

COWS BY THE HEAD

			AGE	MO.	
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	25 blk cows	3	6	@ 1200.00H
Marvin Abitz	Onaga	9 blk cows	2	7	@ 1175.00H
Ed Livingston	Mahaska	20 blk cows	2	6-7	@ 1135.00H
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	13 blk cows	3	6-7	@ 1125.00H
Zach Blair	Atlanta	15 blk cows	3	6-7	@ 1125.00H
Ed Livingston	Mahaska	10 blk cows	2	6-7	@ 1125.00H
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	11 blk cows	3	6-7	\$ 1100.00H
Zach Blair	Atlanta	30 blk cows	3	6-7	@ 1100.00H
Faron Strahm	Sabetha	39 blk cows	2	6-7	@ 1100.00H
Ed Livingston	Mahaska	4 blk cows	2	6-7	@ 1100.00H

Harold Heinen	Denton	12 simm	2	6-7	@ 1100.00H
Ed Livingston	Mahaska	20 blk cows	2	6-7	@ 1075.00H
Berges Ranch	Onaga	12 blk cows	4	6-7	@ 1000.00H
Bar H Ranch	Agenda	15 blk cows	4	5	@ 950.00H
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	17 blk cows	7-8	6-7	@ 925.00H
Bar H Ranch	Agenda	9 blk cows		6-7	@ 925.00H
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	4 blk cows	3	6-7	@ 875.00H
Josh Ohlde	Linn	3 char cows	3	5	@ 825.00H
Todd Sheppard	Olsburg	7 blk cows		6	@ 810.00H
Bar H Ranch	Agenda	11 blk cows	6-8	6	@ 800.00H
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	8 blk cows	SS	6-7	@ 760.00H
Travis Hynke	Hanvoer	2 cows	SS	6	@ 635.00H
R.E. Carson Trust	Holton	6 blk cows	BB	6	@ 625.00H

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45 choice blk str & hfrs, weaned in Oct., 2 rds shots, 650-775 lbs.

40 choice reputation blk str, weaned Oct. 15th, 3 rds shots, 625-775 lbs.

30 fancy black steers, longtime weaned, shots, 700-750 lbs.

From all of us at the Manhattan Commission Co. we would like to wish everyone a Very Blessed Merry Christmas.

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KOMA beef conference slated for producers in four states in January

The 2009 KOMA Beef Conference is scheduled for Jan. 8 at the Community Center on the Labette County Fairgrounds in Oswego.

The KOMA conference — so named for the four states from which it draws participants: Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas — will begin with registration at 2:30 p.m. The program will start at 3 p.m.

Program sponsor is Kansas State University Research and Extension.

The program will cover a range of topics, including: Cow/Calf Economic Considerations for the Upcoming Year, Kevin Dhuyvetter, K-State Extension agricultural economist; Economic Impacts of Cow Biological Type, Bob Weaver, University of Missouri Extension beef-cattle genetics specialist; PI-BVD Testing the Herd, Larry Hollis, K-State Extension veterinarian-beef cattle; Cut the Bull, Karl Harborth, K-State Extension livestock production specialist; Inter-seeding Legumes, Doug Shoup, K-State Extension crops and soils specialist; and Cow/Calf Mineral Nutrition, Justin Waggoner, Extension livestock production specialist.

Organizers request that conference-goers call (620) 431-1530 before Jan. 8 to pre-register and help ensure that enough food will be available. The event's registration fee of \$20 will then be payable at the door; it includes the cost of the conference's planned barbecue beef dinner.



UPCOMING

AUCTIONS





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MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 10 A.M.

'04 John Deere 8420 tractor, '04 John Deere 9660 combine, '04 John Deere 9760STS combines, '04-'08 Wilson 43' grain hopper trailers, 2004 John Deere 936D 36' draper header, '04 John Deere 893 8 row corn header, '04 John Deere 930D draper platform with pick-up reel, and more





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1997 JD 7410, CA, PQ, 3 pt., PTO with JD 740 ldr., Good
1997 JD 6200 synchro, 3 pt., PTO, 900 hrs., Clean
1993 JD 6400, CA, MFD, 3 pt., PTO, 5,000 hrs.
1993 JD 5300, 3 pt., PTO, 2,794 hrs.
1983 JD 4650, CA, PS, MFD, 3 pt., PTO, 18.4x42 duals, Nice
1982 HD 4240, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, 7,600 hrs.
1981 JD 4640, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, 7,000 hrs., 18.4x42 duals, Nice
1980 JD 2040, 3 pt., PTO with JD 145 ldr., Good
1980 JD 4240, CA, PS, 3 pt., PTO, 7,200 hrs.
1979 JD 4640, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, 8,800 hrs.
1977 JD 4430, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO
1973 JD 4030, synchro, 3 pt., PTO
1968 JD 4020, 3 pt., PTO, 4,500 hrs.
1967 JD 4020, synchro, 3 pt., PTO with Westendorf WL-42 ldr.
1966 JD 3020, 3 pt., PTO, Needs work
1964 JD 4020, LP, synchro, 3 pt., PTO
JD 4444, CA, PS, 3 pt., PTO, 700 hrs. on trans. overhaul
JD 4440, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, with GB 900 ldr.
JD 4040, CA, quad, 3 pt., PTO, 6,700 hrs., Good
JD 3020, gas, 3 pt., PTO, Clean
JD 2030, gas with belly mower
JD 2030, gas, 3 pt., PTO
JD 755, 3 pt., PTO, MFD with front broom-front blade, 300 hrs.
1989 CIH 7130, CA, MFD, 3 pt., dual PTO, 18.4x42 duals
1981 IH 1586, CA, 3 pt., PTO
1975 IH 1066, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 5,800 hrs.
1974 IH 666, gas, FH, PTO
IH 584, PTO, side mnt. mower, needs trans. work
IH 756, FH, PTO
IH 706, gas, NF, FH, PTO with ldr.
IH 460 gas, FH, PTO with ldr.
1986 FORD TW-25, CA, MFD, 3 pt., dual PTO, 3,467 hrs., Good
1985 FORD 6610, 3 pt., PTO, Rops, with ldr., 3,000 hrs.
1952 FORD 8N, gas, 3 pt., PTO
FORD 545-A with ldr., salvage
FORD NH 3910?, MFD, salvage
1980 WHITE 2-105, CA, 3 pt., PTO
1976 WHITE 2-85, CA, 3 pt., PTO with dual ldr., good, 5,000 hrs.
MF 85, gas, 3 pt., PTO
1975 AC 7040, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 8,100 hrs.
AC XT-190, PTO, Clean
AC 5040, 3 pt., PTO

HAY EQUIPMENT

GEHL 1710 rd. baler
NH 268-T sq. baler
JD 348 sq. baler
HESSTON 1091, 9' swather
NH 469, 9' swather
CIH 8330, 9' pull type swather
CIH 8350, 12' swather, Clean

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JACOBSEN HR-15 mower, CA, hydro., Good
DEW EZE MC-70 riding mower
2 Honda 110, 3 wheelers
HONDA 90, 3 wheeler
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CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

1963 CAT D-6B hyd. dozer, SN44A6615, Good
CAT D-4 hyd. dozer
1997 BOBCAT 863 skid loader, 1,800 hrs. Clean
1999 CASE 1845-C skid loader, 2,800 hrs., Good
1980 CASE 480-C, cab, loader-backhoe, 5,500 hrs.
1989 CASE W-14-B articulated loader, cab, Cummins engine, 4,300 hrs.
CLARK-MICHIGAN 35-A cab, wheel loader with grapple, Good
1978 CASE W-14, open rops, articulated ldr., Needs eng. work
MF 4500 forklift, 6,000 lb., Good
GALION S4-6A roller
2 LOWE hyd. post hole diggers for skid loaders, New
Scaffolding, Like New

COLLECTOR TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

1961 JD 4010 standard, PTO, Clean
JD 40 gas, 3 pt., PTO, NF, over-hauled
JD 50 gas, straight
JD 70 diesel, straight
JD 801, 3 pt. hitch
IH C gas, NF, 3 pt., PTO, Nice
IH W-6 gas, PTO, straight
FARMALL H gas, PTO
FARMALL A, gas with Woods 5' belly mower
CASE 730 standard, 3 pt., PTO

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

GEHL 750 chopper with 3x30 head and hay head
DEW EZE flatbed hyd. bale un-roller
DEW EZE roto cut hay processor with conveyor, Good
KELLY RYAN 4x10 feed wagon
KELLY RYAN 5x12 feed wagon
KELLY RYAN 4x12 feed wagon
Pride of Farm creep feeder
MANURE SPREADERS:
NEW IDEA
KELLY RYAN 4x10
JD 40, Glean with slop gate
SCHULER tandem axle

WAGONS

GRAIN-O-VATOR Horizontal auger wagon
HEIDER horizontal auger wagon
KORY gravity
CLARK gravity
A&L 750 bu. tandem grain cart
A&L 650T grain cart
KILBROS 350 gravity
KORY 300 gravity
2 Parker gravity boxes

TILLAGE

CIH 3900, 32' disc
CIH 496, 24' disc
IH 496, 21' disc
IH 470, 16' wing disc
IH 47, 12' disc, Nice
IH 37, 10' disc
JD 210, 14' disc
JD RW 12' disc
SUNFLOWER 1130, 24' disc
KRAUSE 1404, 20' hyd. fold disc
KRAUSE 4906-A, 23' disc, Nice

KRAUSE 1907, 25' disc
KRAUSE 14' offset disc
KING KUTTER 6', 3 pt. disc
MF 6', 3 pt. disc, Nice
JD 980, 27' field cult., Nice
JD 960, 30' field cult.
BAKER 9200, 42' field cult.
WILRICH 2500, 20' field cult.
IH 4500, 24' hyd. fold field cult.
IH 45, 18' field cult.
BUFFALO 8x30 no till cult. with guidance-lift assist.
CIH 183, 6x30 danish tine cult.
3 section drag harrow
2 section drag harrow
COOK 11 spring shank, 3 pt. chisel
GLENCOE 10 shank pull type chisel
FORD 6', 3 pt. chisel
JD 8' spring shank, 3 pt. chisel
JD 100, 9 shank pull type chisel
Springtooth, 12', 3 pt.
FORD 2 btm., 3 pt. plow, Nice
MF 3 btm., 3 pt. plow
IH 3 btm., FH plow
CA, SC 3 btm. plow
CASE 4 btm. plow

TRUCKS & TRAILERS

1999 IH 9200, N-14 Cummins 10 sp., 51" sleeper, air ride, tandem
2 - 1995 GMC Topkick, Low Pro, 3116, CAT auto, C&C
1995 DODGE 2500, Cummins auto, 4x4 with hyd. bale bed
1993 FORD L-8000, 8.2 Cummins 9 sp., twin screw with 10' rock bed and snow blade
1992 PETERBILT 11.1 Detroit 9 sp., air ride, tandem with 10' rock bed
1992 KENWORTH T-800, 350 Cummins 9 sp., air ride with 15' rock bed
1989 FREIGHTLINER 120, 315 Cummins 9 pd., air ride, tandem day cab, 475,000 mi., Clean
1988 WHITE-GMC, N-14 Cummins 9 sp., air ride, tandem
1984 IH S-1700, 9 shot, auto, single axle with 8' rock bed
1971 CHEVY C6, 427, 5x2, single axle, semi
1970 IH 1600, 345, 4x2, C&C
2003 FORD F-250, 5.4, auto, 4x4, ext. cab, Good
1997 DODGE 3500, Cummins, 5 sp., Good
2001 FORD Focus, 4 cyl., auto, 120,000 hwy. miles, Clean
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Gooseneck gravity box
KAR-TOTE car caddy

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

GARDNERS-DENVER air compressor with JD engine
DANUSER 3 pt. post hole digger
RHINO SPHD post hole digger
AA no-till 30' toolbar, Dickey
John cold flow
WINPOWER PTO generator

MISCELLANEOUS

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IH FH to 3 pt. adapter
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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

We ended up having another good week in the ag commodities. Traders managed to ignore the weakness in the crude oil and generally acted independently of the stock market. From a technical standpoint we are close to turning the long term trend indicators up in a number of commodities. We traded above the 50-day moving average in the wheat, corn, and deferred feeder cattle. Just a little bit of follow through strength next week and the charts of markets will look very friendly.

The energy sector does not look very friendly at this time. Crude oil was under heavy selling pressure this week, particularly the January contract, which went off the board this week. The word is that there is nowhere to store the crude so the market now has a huge amount of carry in it. The heating oil and unleaded, as well as the natural gas, were rela-

tively strong compared to the crude oil, but still don't look bullish. We are at a time of year where we should see a seasonal low, so I look at the current price level as an opportunity to forward price fuel needs or own call options.

The March corn only gained about seven cents this week, but any sort of gain is still encouraging. Export sales could not maintain last week's good pace and were back below the level we need to see each week. It is likely that we see another cut in the export estimate, though it may not be until the February report.

The March corn made one close above the 50-day moving average, but could not hold the gains. Next week we will probably see a test of trend line support, which will come in near the \$3.75 level on Monday. If that support can hold through the week, our next upside objective will be-

come the \$4.40 area. The net long Index fund position has not made a new low in four weeks and has been relatively stable for six weeks. That is a very good sign that the liquidation is over. The trading funds are still net short, but with the market looking much better from a technical standpoint we are starting to see those short positions covered and some new buying come along.

Wheat futures look the best on the charts right now. We have had two consecutive closes above the 50-day moving average and we have seen a fair amount of fund buying. Kansas City futures gained just about 50 cents this week.

Export sales were less than 10 million bushels again, but this is still more than what we need to see each week. The USDA is still too low in their export estimate. There is also a feeling that the US could start seeing export business

improve soon. The southern hemisphere should have fewer exportable supplies than last year and eastern Europe should be nearly sold out of wheat. We have seen numerous tenders recently, but to this point we have missed out on any big sales. However, if we start doing any more than just our regular business we may finally have the fundamental spark needed to move the wheat market significantly higher.

January soybeans gained about 14-cents this week. At times it seemed like the beans struggled when the crude oil was weaker, but obviously not so much that they couldn't close higher for the week. Also hurting the soybeans is the fact that Index funds continue to liquidate their long positions. It will be much easier for the soybean market to move higher when that liquidation stops.

Export sales continue to be extremely good. This week's total was over three times what we need it to be each week and all indications are that next week's total will be good as well. Weather in southern Brazil

and in Argentina is still less than ideal, so our exports this summer may be much better than the USDA is planning on. I continue to look for the USDA to increase the export estimate as we move through the crop year. The one problem that we are still dealing with is the poor crush figures. Fewer animals being fed means we need less soybean meal and the increase in bio-diesel demand is not enough to increase the crush rate. At the moment it looks like further cuts in the crush estimate are likely.

Cattle futures had a good week with significant gains in both the live cattle and feeder cattle futures. I will be watching the feeder cattle charts closing in the next week or so. If we see two closes above the 50-day moving average, cattle feeders have to have long positions. Cattle on feed numbers are very tight right now at only 94% of a year ago and placements were at only 95%, which means the on feed number is going to stay tight for a while longer. Eventually this is going to be bullish for the

live cattle, which in turn will cause a significant recovery in the feeder cattle. We haven't quite turned the trend indicators up, but we are very close and need to be prepared to take action.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 — 9:30 AM

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: (Approx. 11:00 a.m.) 19" x 15" Charles B. Rogers "Rhythmic Reachings" water color painting; Zula Kenyon, river scene picture; "A Little Bit of Heaven" baby picture by Gutmann; Lady draped in flag picture; Ladies & childrens pictures; 1953 Santa mechanical book; 1912 Cinderella linen book; (19) 1940's Osborne Co. paper childrens books (mint); 15-Vol. Sesame Street library; 1904 child's Bible History; old childrens storybooks; Quaker Oats "Treasure Island" coloring book (mint); Cookbooks; 27 Etude magazines 1944-47; Victory WWII playing cards; 1885 U.S. Grant Memorial glass plate; 7 1/2" red Crackle glass pitcher Rainbow Co.; Star Cut pitcher, goblets, tumblers & sherberts; Silex refrig. jars; colored Pyrex; salt dips; crystal knife rest; Lead Crystal; other glassware; set Blue Ridge Pottery Ivy pat. dishes; Nippon gold trim cov'd plate; handpainted Bavarian plates & porcelain; old kerosene lamps some fancy; Dryden Chapman Grain Co. salt & pepper; small Indian pottery bowl; small Indian hide scrapper; pr. Indian Chief plaster bookends; Wild Bill Hickok tin lunch pail; Kenton cast iron firecracker mortar; 1950's sheet music: Roy Rogers & Dale Evans; small Asbestos iron; JDK Germany composition head doll leather body; 2 Saucy Walker dolls; Miss Beasley doll; Marx tin dollhouse & furniture; wood doll kitchen cupboard homedade; old child's shoes & clothes; Quaker lace tablecloth; round lace table cloth; aprons; days of week dish towels; old crochet & embroidered items; hankies w/boxes; NY Worlds Fair Scarf NIB; Chenille baby

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JEWELRY: (11:00 a.m.) Gold wedding ring mounting less stones (old); 10K rings w/rust setting; 14K child's ring; dental gold; necklace possibly amber; (2) Mexico silver perfume bottles; .800 silver lighter cover; sterling bracelet charms; 2 charm bracelets w/European charms mostly sterling; sterling silver rhinestone watch band; rhinestone brooches; shoe clips

& necklace; cameo stickpin; turquoise jewelry including stickpin, hair clip, childrens bracelets & rings; Marlow wood cut pin; KU Jayhawk wood cut pin & earrings; 20 boxes with jewelry; 60 modern pocket & wristwatches 80% new.

FURNITURE: (1:00 p.m.) Duncan Phyfe mahogany rect. dining table, 5 chairs and lg. buffet; 48" solid oak round dining table w/1 wide leaf (repo); 42" modern round oak look dinette table & 4 upholstered chairs (VG); tall walnut piano bench curved legs; other furniture.

HOUSEHOLD: (9:30 a.m.) 60" lg. round folding table; 8-ft. folding table; 7 Norelco 7110X rechargeable electric razors new in box; wristwatch style blood pressure monitor; Invacare MG fold up wheel chair; set Corelle wheat pat. dishes; Farberware cookware; Corning cookware; Cuisinart food processor; B&D elec. jar opener; small kitchen appliances; lots kitchenwares; card table books; other household items.

TOOLS & MISC.: (10:00 a.m.) Bushnell 10x50 binoculars (LN); 8 Victorinox Swiss Army pocket knives (new); 2 Garcia 206 Model reels; fishing tackle; Grip Rite GRTCR 175 roofing air nailer; 6-ft. Keller alum ladder; 24" HD Rigid pipe wrench; 2 log chains; Indestro 1/2" socket set; set Gear wrenches; Advantek pliers & combo tool; Vise Grips; new drill bits; 4 sledge hammers; hand garden tools; bars; 22" Lawn Boy push mower; hand power tools; 18" McCulloch 35A Mac chain saw; Handy railroad style jack; other tools & hardware.

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doors, rollover tarp, twin screw w/air tag, rebuilder title, very slick; 1996 Peterbilt, 379, Extend-a hood day cab, Cat motor, 15-spd. with overdrive; 1996 Freightliner FLD 120, 12.7 De-tron Super 10 trans. w/sleeper; 2003 Kenworth T600, 475-hp Cat, 10-spd., 72' sleeper; 2005 Starlight 20'+5' GN flatbed w/10,000-lb. tandem dual axles, 3 flip-over ramps, like new; 1973 Ford F750, 12' lime bed, V8, gas, 5&2, tandem axles, air brakes; 2007 40' tandem axle dual wheel GN w/ramps, like new; 1990 W-W GN stock trailer, 7x16, good; Hyd. reel trailer; 1-ton PU flatbed trailer; 24' flatbed BH trailer; 2007 Fontaine drop deck w/sprayer cradle, 3400-gal. tank, excellent condition.

MISCELLANEOUS

JD 180 riding mower; MTD snow blower; New Craftsman items; IHC 656 wheel weights; WW hide-away ball; Portable Lincoln welder & air compressor on trailer; HD casters; Water pump; Rol-Air gas air compressor, 2-tank w/8-hp Koehler motor, good; Waste Oil shop furnace; Pipe fittings, galvanized, all sizes; Old sled wheels.

MACHINERY

JD 726, 20' mulch finisher, new 12" shovels, near new; JD 630, 18' disk, hydraulic forward aft, low acres; Krause 7-shank pull-type disk chisel; Rhino FM60 finish mower, nice; Mayrath 10" x 62 auger w/swing away, refilled; Mayrath 10" x 71 low pro, swing away, used 2 seasons; JD 48A loader; 3-pt. 6' Tiller; 300-gal. PT sprayer; 15' Rhino batwing mower; Kinze 17-row planter, 20" spacing, rear fold; RHS 45' 3-pt. spray booms; 60' Hart spray booms; 45' Clark spray booms; 300-gal. elliptical tank, 3-pt. carrier; 1983 IHC 724 row crop sprayer w/90' booms, 500-gal. tank; Elect. HD running gears, good; 400-bu. Wetmore grain cart, rebuilt gear box & auger; 2-pt. post hole digger.

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Seed planted years ago blossoms into Nebraska cafe

ELYRIA, Neb. (AP) — Roy and Lisa Farrens run a greenhouse cafe on a Sandhills roadway.

Sort of a greenhouse roadhouse.

Elyria Canning Co. offers gourmet dining in a rural setting while featuring as much locally grown produce and meat as possible. It's a simple concept that combines the couple's passion for gardening with Roy's skill as a chef.

Plus, after eating a chipotle rubbed pork sandwich or a plate of fettuccini alfredo, customers can pick up a pallet of petunias.

Or they can buy barbecue sauce, salsa or any of the line of salad dressings and cooking sauces Roy Farrens bottles on site and sells to grocery stores in Lincoln and other Nebraska cities.

All from a village with an estimated population of 50.

"My goal was just to combine farming and cooking," he said. "I never looked at it as something different than that."

Farrens, who grew up on a farm near Decatur, developed the idea of a greenhouse cafe while attending an East Coast culinary school. But he had to come back to his home state to make the idea a reality.

Economic development professionals say Elyria Canning Company shows rural Nebraska provides fertile ground for small business startups.

Roy Farrens took the long way home. After graduating from Wayne State College with a degree in business administration and a minor in marketing, he wanted out of Nebraska.

Working in food service, he lived in Texas, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Maine before landing in Providence, R.I., in the late 1980s. There he graduated from the College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, the same culinary school attended by celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse.

While in culinary college, Farrens developed the concept for a greenhouse cafe. But he put the plan on the shelf.

He felt called back to the state he wanted to escape as a young man. Spending so much time on concrete made him miss the dirt, he said.

Farrens worked a series of food service management jobs in Nebraska. First at Boys Town, then at Methodist Hospital.

Then he went to work as a regional training chef for a company that provides food service to state colleges, which took him back to Wayne State.

Along the way, he fell in love with Lisa Boe, a South Dakota native who was working at Methodist Health System. The couple combined their three children from previous marriages, adopted two kids and had two more of their own.

Lisa's parents, George and Sharon Boe, started the greenhouse business in Elyria in 1991. As they neared retirement, they ap-

proached their daughter with the idea of taking over the greenhouse.

That's when Roy's college business plan came off the shelf. The couple took an entrepreneurship class offered by the local economic development agency as well as a food product class through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They also obtained a low-interest loan derived from an Ord city tax to pay for a cafe and kitchen addition to the greenhouse business.

They opened the cafe and catering business in April 2007. The greenhouse still operates as an independent business, selling flowers and ornamental plants for landscapes. But they also use multiple hot-houses to raise tomatoes (planted in soil, not water), squash, cucumbers, peppers and lots of herbs.

Farrens gets other vegetables and eggs from an area grower and grass-fed beef from a local rancher. The beef is processed at a USDA-inspected locker in Humphrey.

The menu features appetizers, sandwiches, specialty burgers, pasta, wraps and half-a-dozen different salads. The chef also features daily specials and soups, often inspired by produce he has on hand.

Right now, the cafe is open for lunch only. But Farrens offers a Sunday brunch and a monthly mul-

ticourse Saturday night dinner themed around different international cuisines.

Local produce goes into his sauce and dressings. His products are for sale in Lincoln Hy-Vees as well as the Grow Nebraska store.

The state's short growing season is a limiting factor so he has to supplement with imported vegetables during cold weather.

Roy and Mary Marshall of Ord are two regulars. They have relatives from Omaha who always want to eat at the cafe on visits and one grandson even declared Elyria Canning Co. better than any restaurant in the big city.

"(Roy) always comes up with lots of creative things," Mary Marshall said. "We're always trying his specials."

Between road construction and the economic recession, Farrens said, cafe traffic has slowed in recent months. Which is one reason why having a diversity of businesses cafe, greenhouse, catering and canning makes sense in rural Nebraska.

"In the long run, I think it will work pretty well," Farrens said. "The most important thing is we're doing what we want to do. I'd planned this for so long that I knew I would regret it if I never did it."

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This can vary widely, of course, depending on the conditions and the particular surface, said Knapp, who heads the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University.

Some approximate albedo values include wet sand at 9 percent; green forest at 3 to 10 percent, and bare ground at 10 to 20 percent. In contrast, the albedo of fresh snow is typically 80 to 85 percent.

"That is enough to make anyone want — and need — to reach for their shades," Knapp said.

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Kansas communities go without drugstores

LA CROSSE (AP) — Residents in this Rush County community know they're lucky.

When their longtime pharmacy — the only one in the county — closed at the beginning of this year, they were left driving a good 30 minutes to fill their prescriptions.

But in September, that drive was cut short when a local pharmacist gave up her commute to Hays to open Hoyt Health Mart Pharmacy in La Crosse.

"People seem very happy," said owner and pharmacist Holly Hoyt. The store has been busy since the opening; 160 prescriptions were filled just on one day. "Customers let me know how much they appreciate having somewhere local to go."

The lack of a drugstore in a rural community isn't unusual — there are 31 one-pharmacy counties in Kansas, and six counties have no pharmacy. "It is a serious hardship on the community not to have a local pharmacist," said Dick Stanley, director of the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation in Hoisington, a Barton County town that has been without a pharmacy since January 2006.

The closest one is in Great Bend, about 10 miles away.

"It doesn't seem like a big deal, but when you are sick, a 20-mile roundtrip isn't great. Plus, it really brought it home this summer with high gas prices, meaning you had to tack on another \$5 to your prescription cost just in traveling expenses," said Stanley, who is on a task force formed with the goal of recruiting a pharmacist to their community.

So far, they have been unsuccessful. A possibility of two pharmacy school graduates moving to the area appeared imminent earlier this year, but fell through as the students chose other options.

Graduates often tend toward urban jobs, and those who were considering rural communities are lured away with signing bonuses and incentives.

Both Hoisington and La Crosse lost their drugstores when the owners sold their business to Walgreens and went to work for the corporation. Former owners said it was hard to turn down a cash buyer when that option might not be there when they're ready to retire.

"Students are graduating with a lot of aspiration and a lot of debt. The idea of investing more money to start a small-town pharmacy isn't appealing in a lot of cases," said Hoisington's Stanley. "We have to be creative and recruit rural-minded people who maybe grew up in a small town and can appreciate what it has to offer."

Hoyt is a rare example of a pharmacist leaving an urban area to move to a small town. She grew up in La Crosse, and she and her husband moved from Wichita after they had their first child to be near family. She took a job at Hays Medical Center, commuting 30 minutes daily.

"We were fortunate to have someone interested that already lived in the community," said Brad Penka, director of Rush County Economic Development. "Others, we know, are searching for a long time for replacements."

The search could become tougher as possible state budget cuts threaten the expansion of the University of Kansas' pharmacy school.

State lawmakers approved nearly \$50 million in new state funds to expand KU's pharmacy school in Lawrence and add a satellite location in Wichita.

The six-year program now graduates 105 students a

year. The expansion would add 45 slots in Lawrence and 40 more at the medical school's teaching site in Wichita.

However, a \$15 million cut to the program was suggested by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' budget office for the next fiscal year as lawmakers face a projected \$141 million deficit at the end of the current fiscal year.

The Kansas Board of Regents voted earlier this month to appeal the cut, but Sebelius won't make her budget recommendation until January.

The goal of the expansion was to allow more students into the school, easing the competitive process that sends many qualified students out of state. Only about 1 in 4 students are accepted to KU's pharmacy school, not because they aren't qualified, but because of a lack of space.

"The expansion will allow more students to retain roots in Kansas," said Mike Larkin, executive director of the Kansas Pharmacist Association. "Once they leave the state, many don't come back."

The expansion might not happen if the cuts go through, officials say.

That's disheartening news to those like Stanley who are charged with the goal of attracting a pharmacist to a rural community.

"When the school is only graduating about a 100 a year, and you figure only a handful want to come to a small town, that is hard," he said. "You are competing against every other western Kansas community that wants to attract the same person."

Prairie dog could get protections

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A federal agency has worried some members of Oklahoma's farm community by suggesting the black-tailed prairie dog — located in the state's western half — may deserve legal protection as an endangered or threatened species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recent announcement also drew criticism from Oklahoma's congressional delegation, the Tulsa World's Washington bureau reported Monday.

"Like all farmers and ranchers, I am very concerned about our environment and understand the need to preserve the diversity of species," said Republican U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas, a veteran member of the House Committee on Agriculture. "However, I find it difficult to believe that this is a proper use of the American taxpayers' money."

The federal agency said its action is only the first step in a "long process" that requires a thorough review of all the biological information available.

It is asking for comments from state agencies and others until Feb. 2.

Larry Wiemers, a biologist with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, said the state's prairie dog population appeared to be increasing until recently, when "die-backs" occurred due to disease and drought.

Wiemers said surveys taken in the first half of this decade indicate the state's prairie dog population is bigger than earlier projections, covering 55,000 acres instead of 18,000.

Joy Gober, a biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the agency was not saying the black-tailed prairie dog warranted listing, only that enough new information was presented to warrant further review.



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Approx. 125 lots of POTTERY - Roseville (incl. blue Dealer's sign, White Rose floor vase, green Baneda vase, tan Ferella vase, Futura "Jukebox" vase, brown Wisteria dbl. handle vase - candleholders, wall pockets, vases, etc), Hull (incl. 25 pcs. of Little Red Riding Hood, Bow Knot, etc), Rick Wisecarver Indian decorated floor vase, Weller, Gouda, Watt, McCoy, Shawnee; Approx. 40 lots of ROYAL BAYREUTH incl. rare Elk humidor, Water Buffalo creamer (rare brown & white color!), red Clown milk pitcher, Devil & Cards creamer, rare 3 pc. set of vases w/portrait of woman, yellow Stork humidor & hair receiver, 10 1/2" Floral bowl, child's 9 pc. tea set w/goose girl & turkey herder, Fox hunt wall match holder, Sunbonnet & Tapestry pcs.; Signed Galle 6" vase; 50 pcs., Cameo cigarette lighter, extremely rare; American Brilliant Cut Glass bowls, vases & nappies, many signed; Approx. 200 lots of R.S. Prussia, RS Germany, Bavaria, Prov Saxe, Royal Rudolstadt & related china incl. bowls, plates, berry sets, vases, tea sets, nappies; 35 pcs. Flow Blue; Carnival Glass incl. marigold Grape & Cable punch set; Depression Glass; Pressed & Pattern glass; Fenton; Hall China Autumn Leaf; (40) Hummels; Much more!

Complete list available upon request!

ANTIQUARIAN FURNITURE
Sells Sunday @ 9:30 A.M.

FURNITURE: (3) Stacked bookcases: 1-Oak Gunn 4-section w/crown top; 1-Glove-Vernicke 4-section, Pattern 110; 1-5 section; China buffet w/curved glass display cabinet, applied decorations, beveled mirror; Oak combination bookcase-desk w/drop lid, applied decorations, beveled mirror; 2 pc. parlor set: settee & arm chair w/incised carving; S-roll top desk; Oak 3-door icebox; Several nice parlor tables, many w/ball & claw feet, 1-triangular shaped w/lots of carving & ball-and-stick design, 1-round; Several dressers - cherry, walnut & oak; Chest of drawers w/fruit carved handles & handkerchief boxes; Oak library table w/cabriolet legs, single drawer, base shelf; Oak library table w/single drawer & bookshelves; 40" Round oak table w/paw feet; Side board w/applied decorations; Mission buffet; Oak hotel washstand w/swing mirror & towel bar, projection serpentine front; Oak washstand commode w/towel bar back; Edison phonograph; 32" square wicker table w/oak top; (7) Store display cases, (4) 48"l, (2) 72"l, (1) 60"l x 21" d x 40" h, all have glass front & sides; Italclox/Tempus Fugit grandfather clock; Etagerie w/3 shelves & beveled mirror; Oak church pew, 50"l; Camel back trunk; Large primitive wood storage box; (2) Oak office armchairs; Suspended Oak corner curio cabinet; Oak clock shelf; Oak plate rack; (3) Matching walnut plate racks.



PRIMITIVES & COLLECTIBLES
Sells Sunday @ 9:30 A.M.

PRIMITIVES & COLLECTIBLES: What a great selection of western memorabilia - over 100 pieces of original Roy Rogers, Hopalong Cassidy, Davy Crockett, Gene Autry, etc - Includes rare Butternut Hoppy's Favorite Bread store display, Rare Hopalong Cassidy pennant, Roy Rogers Buck Board & Fix-It Stagecoach w/original boxes, Hartland Lone Ranger & Tonto w/all accessories, very rare Long Ranger bank, Roy Rogers child's shirt/hat/buttons, pictures, Marx Plastic cap rifle, Large Royal Rogers six shooter, wallet, Davy Crockett powder horn in box, popscicle maker, Hopalong Cassidy hair tonics, bank, rare cookie jar w/Hoppy & horse. Gene Autry Cowboy guitar in original box, Gene Autry chenille bedspread, Johnny West Ranch figurines in box, Roy Rogers man & lady's ring - There are more than 35 books, paint books, TV Guides, etc. The original dust jackets with all books. Very rare Hoppy Pop-up book, Picture puzzles - Zorro, Davy Crockett, Wild Bill Hickok, etc. A lifetime of collecting makes these items a MUST SEE!; Cap gun collection incl. several Gene Autry, Pirate, Roy Rogers, Texan Jr., Marshal, Pinto; Over 150 Pocket knives incl. Roy Rogers, Advertising Brown Shoe Co., Coca-Cola, Altar Boy, Winchester, Keen Kutter, KKK, Remington, Case, Craftsman, Old Timer, Camillus, Barlow, Schrade (Complete listing of knives available!); Straight edge razors; SALESMAN SAMPLES incl. Evinrude Big Twin boat motor, coffee grinder; brass scales; Barrel piano (Hurdy Gurdy) w/cart (Vicente Llinares Barcelona) + 3 rolls w/6 songs on each - Excellent condition!; JEWELRY incl. Sterling silver coral inlay necklace, handmade beads by Tommy Jackson - Navajo ... Super piece!; Squash Blossom necklace/bracelet/ring/earrings ... Gorgeous; Several other nice pcs. of turquoise incl. Sleeping Beauty slide & earrings, Persian pinky ring, Sleeping Beauty & opal bracelet & ring set, Lost Mtn. & large diamond 14 k. gold man's ring, sterling turq. & coral watch tips, Bolo tie w/turq. & Mother of Pearl, 14 kt. gold lady's watch w/diamonds; Pocket watches; 14K Gold closed case w/ Hunting scene, (3) Betty Boop watches w/boxes; Mickey Mouse watch; Costume jewelry - Cameos - Rhinestones; Decorative hair combs; Old padlocks; Badges; Pr. Hand cuffs & leg irons; (21) Sterling thimbles, 1-gold; Several beaded & old leather purses; COKE items incl. 1930's wooden 6-bottle carrier, (2) Metal coolers, trays; CAST IRON door stops, banks & toys; (2) Lunch boxes - Roy Rogers/Dale Evans & rare Bullwinkle & Rocky; Several old movie posters incl. 50's Gene Autry & Champion "Beyond the Purple Hills"; Wind-up toys incl. Hercules Ferris Wheel, cat w/ball, duck w/fish, pig; Barber Greene sand ladder (repainted); Old kitchen utensils; Cookie cutters; Ice Cream scoops; Ceresota spices/cookbook in advertising box; Tins; Copper, brass & silverplate items; Service for 8 + extras Wm. Rogers silverplate dinnerware; Granite ware; Old 16 mm Safety films for toy projectors; Approx. (40) Edison record rolls; Old photographs (incl. tin types) & albums; Stereos & cards; Linens & doilies; (2) Indian rugs; Several old quilts; Pictures/prints/frames; Paper goods; Kerosene lamps incl. Aladdin Washington Drape; Kerosene lanterns; Several old quilts; Children's dishes & utensils, books & toys; (2) Steiff dolls; Old records - comics - postcards - books; CROCKERY items incl. Red Wing 20 gal crock, Western Stoneware 20 gal. crock, bowls, fruit jars; Dazey churns; Small Regulator wall clock; Insulators, various colors; Echo harmonica; Primitive tools; Washboards, full size & miniatures; Jars of old marbles & buttons; Tire adver. ashtays; 1960's croquet set; (5) 1900's wooden grape trays; Small room safe; Old floor & table lamps; Singer Featherweight machine; Porcelain signs - some old, some not!; Fire hydrant w/brass top & name plate; Copper boiler w/lid; Figural whiskey decanters; Collector banks & plates; Oak wall telephone; (2) Primitive shoe shine boxes; 48 star American flag; John Deere pedal tractor; 1920's toy 3-wheel scooter from Germany; Much more!



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TRACTORS				
Model	Hours	Was	Now	Loc.
1998 Case IH MX120 MFD		\$54,500.00	\$51,500.00	MA
1989 Case IH 685 2wd		\$16,950.00	\$14,500.00	MA
2003 Case IH MX230 MFD	4698	\$92,000.00	\$88,000.00	SN
2005 Case IH MX255 MFD	3292	\$109,500.00	\$105,000.00	HW
2004 Case IH MX255 MFD	930	\$124,950.00	\$122,500.00	CC
2005 Case IH MX230 MFD	5852	\$84,000.00	\$76,500.00	HW
2005 Case IH MX210 MFD	5088	\$82,500.00	\$77,500.00	SN
2006 Case IH MX245 MFD	710	\$119,500.00	\$117,500.00	WA
2006 Case IH MX215 MFD	875	\$119,800.00	\$115,500.00	MA
2003 Case IH MX230 MFD	900	\$109,500.00	\$108,500.00	MA
2005 Case IH MX285 MFD	2962	\$113,500.00	\$108,000.00	HW
2006 Case IH MX210 MFD	325	\$103,500.00	\$100,000.00	MA
2004 Case IH MXU135 MFD	2020	\$63,500.00	\$ 59,500.00	CC
2005 Case IH MXU125 MFD	558	\$68,500.00	\$65,500.00	CC
2006 Case IH MXU125 MFD/ldr3357		\$65,000.00	\$61,500.00	MA
2004 Case IH MXM120 MFD	3370	\$54,500.00	\$51,500.00	MA
2007 Case IH Maxxum125 MFD w/ldr	720	\$77,000.00	\$74,500.00	SN
2007 Case IH Maxxum125 Value MFD	227	\$61,500.00	\$57,500.00	WA
1998 Case IH 8930 MFD	5449	\$67,500.00	\$62,500.00	MA
1997 Case IH 8910 2wd	4102	\$52,500.00	\$49,500.00	MA
1998 Case IH 8940 MFD	4604	\$68,500.00	\$65,000.00	HW
1988 Case IH 7120 2wd	5851	\$45,000.00	\$41,500.00	MA
1994 Case IH 7220 MFD	5122	\$54,250.00	\$52,000.00	CC
1998 Case IH 7120 MFD	7234	\$42,500.00	\$39,500.00	HW
1992 Case IH 7150 MFD	7984	\$55,000.00	\$49,500.00	WA
1991 Case IH 7120 MFD	6166	\$49,750.00	\$46,500.00	SN
1989 Case IH 7110 2wd	6366	\$37,000.00	\$35,500.00	WA
1991 Case IH 7110 MFD	6952	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00	CC
1995 Case IH 7220 2wd	7033	\$43,500.00	\$40,000.00	MA
1992 Case IH 5250 MFD w/ldr	3353	\$51,500.00	\$48,500.00	MA
1994 Case IH 5230 MFD w/ldr	5600	\$42,500.00	\$39,500.00	SN
1991 Case IH 5130 2wd	6854	\$29,000.00	\$26,000.00	CC
1995 Case IH 5230 2wd	6216	\$33,500.00	\$31,000.00	WA
1995 Case IH 5230 2wd w/ldr	2318	\$43,500.00	\$38,500.00	SN
2005 Case IH DX55 MFD	91	\$31,500.00	\$26,500.00	CC
2007 Case IH DX55 MFD w/ldr	584	\$35,950.00	\$34,900.00	HW
1996 Case IH 3220 2wd w/ldr	166	\$19,950.00	\$17,300.00	HW
1984 Case IH 2394 2wd	7328	\$23,000.00	\$21,000.00	HW
2005 Case IH STX375 4WD	1708	\$148,500.00	\$142,500.00	WA
1987 Case IH 1896 2wd	5812	\$26,500.00	\$22,500.00	CC
1980 IH 1086 2wd	7835	\$10,500.00	\$8,750.00	WA
1981 IH 5088 2wd	7445	\$17,500.00	\$12,000.00	CC
IH 1066 2wd w/ldr	8140	\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00	CC
1971 Case 1070 2wd	na	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	WA
1979 Case 2390 2wd	5754	\$15,000.00	\$12,500.00	MA
1973 Case 1070 2wd	1683	\$10,500.00	\$9,000.00	WA
1975 Case 1370 2wd	9189	\$13,500.00	\$10,500.00	CC
1967 JD 3020 2wd	na	\$14,500.00	\$9,500.00	CC
2001 JD 4300 MFD w/ldr	1966	\$16,500.00	\$14,500.00	SN
1983 Ford TW35 2wd	4623	\$22,500.00	\$19,500.00	MA
1996 NH 7740SLE MFD	4977	\$26,500.00	\$23,500.00	CC
1975 White 2-105 2wd	6400	\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00	WA

PLOWS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 6500 9 shank		\$5,650.00	\$4,250.00 MA
2001 Landoll 7-24 WP/II		\$22,500.00	\$20,000.00 WA
Landoll 2215 5-30 WPI		\$11,500.00	\$8,500.00 HW
1994 Landoll 2227 9-24 WPII		\$22,500.00	\$17,500.00 MA
2002 Landoll 1557 7 shank rip		\$12,750.00	\$11,250.00 SN
2001 Landoll 1200 11 shank		\$15,500.00	\$11,750.00 HW
Sunflower 4301-14 7 shank		\$5,250.00	\$3,850.00 SN

DRILLS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 5400 soybean special 15' drill		\$10,500.00	\$9,500.00 MA
JD 750 15' no-till drill		\$19,700.00	\$18,000.00 WA

PLANTERS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 900 8RN w/ liquid		\$12,750.00	\$7,400.00 MA
1993 Case IH 900 8RN w/liq		\$10,000.00	\$6,800.00 WA
Case IH 900 12RN RHF plain		\$21,500.00	\$17,500.00 MA
Case IH 900 12RN w/liquid		\$20,250.00	\$17,500.00 HW
Case IH 900 16RN RHF w/liquid		\$15,500.00	\$13,500.00 MA
2005 Case IH 1200 12RN		\$55,250.00	\$53,250.00 CC
Case IH 1200 8RN w/liquid		\$29,500.00	\$26,500.00 SN
Case IH 950 12RN VF w/liquid		\$31,500.00	\$26,900.00 MA
Case IH 950 12RN FF		\$28,500.00	\$25,500.00 SN
Case IH 950 8RN w/liquid		\$7,950.00	\$5,950.00 WA
Case IH 955 18RN FF		\$31,500.00	\$29,500.00 HW
Case IH 955 12RN FF w/dry		\$29,500.00	\$24,500.00 WA
1999 Kinze 2000 8RN w/liquid		\$21,500.00	\$20,000.00 WA
2007 Kinze 3000 8RN w/dry		\$31,250.00	\$28,950.00 CC
Kinze 2000 6RN w/liquid		\$11,500.00	\$9,000.00 MA
2002 Kinze 12/23RN		\$58,500.00	\$54,500.00 MA
1996 White 6300 12/13 w/ liquid		\$29,750.00	\$18,500.00 HW
White 6342 12/13RN w/liquid		\$27,500.00	\$23,500.00 SN
2004 JD 1760 12RN w/liquid		\$43,500.00	\$39,500.00 MA

TILLAGE			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 596 227" disc		\$27,500.00	\$23,500.00 HW
Case IH 3900 24' disc		\$15,500.00	\$11,500.00 MA

CULTIVATORS			
Model		Was	Now Loc.
Case IH 4800 24' FC		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,500.00 MA

Landoll 1440 36' FC		\$ 9,950.00	\$ 8,500.00 CC
Wil-Rich 2500 26.3' FC		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,500.00 MA
Wil-Rich 2500 26.3" FC		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,850.00 MA
1995 Baker 40' FC		\$13,500.00	\$10,000.00 HW
Great Plains 6548 48' FC		\$28,500.00	\$26,500.00 CC

HAY HARVESTING				
Model		Was	Now	Loc.
2006 Case IH WDX1902	969	\$67,500.00	\$63,500.00	CC
16' windrower				
1998 Case IH 8370 14' swather		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	WA
1999 Case IH 8870 18'	1184	\$48,500.00	\$45,000.00	WA
2000 Case IH SC414 14' swather		\$11,500.00	\$ 9,250.00	HW
2002 Case IH RBX451 rd. baler		\$13,500.00	\$10,900.00	SN
2006 Case IH RBX563 rd. baler		\$25,250.00	\$23,750.00	HW
2000 Case IH RS551 rd. baler		\$ 7,250.00	\$ 5,800.00	SN
2005 Case IH RBX562 rd. baler		\$25,250.00	\$23,750.00	WA
2002 Case IH RBX561 rd. baler		\$18,500.00	\$16,500.00	HW
2000 Case IH RS561 rd. baler		\$15,950.00	\$13,500.00	CC
1994 Case IH 8465 rd. baler		\$16,950.00	\$13,950.00	WA
1996 Case IH 8480 rd. baler		\$11,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	MA
1992 Case IH 8460 rd. baler		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	CC
2001 Case IH 8775 big sq. baler		\$39,500.00	\$35,000.00	SN
2001 Gehl RB2880 rd. baler		\$14,250.00	\$ 9,800.00	WA
1992 Hesston 1160 14' swather		\$12,250.00	\$ 9,800.00	MA
NH 116 16' swather		\$ 5,950.00	\$ 4,800.00	SN
1990 Gehl 2270 14' swather		\$ 9,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	MA
2003 NH HW300 14' windrower	1435	\$49,500.00	\$44,500.00	MA
1996 Gehl 2275 14' swather		\$10,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	CC
1998 NH 595 big square baler		\$39,250.00	\$33,900.00	HW
NH 2000 big square baler		\$14,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	CC
2006 NH BR780 rd. baler		\$19,250.00	\$17,250.00	HW
1994 Vermeer 605K rd. baler		\$11,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	SN
2007 JD 704 14 wheel rake		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	MA
2006 H&S 14 wheel rake		\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,850.00	WA
H&S 14 wheel rake		\$ 7,850.00	\$ 7,500.00	WA

COMBINES				
Model	ENG. HRS.	Was	Now	Loc.
2007 Case IH 2588	776	\$ 174,500.00	\$167,500.00	CC
2005 Case IH 2388	811	\$173,500.00	\$157,500.00	CC
2000 Case IH 2388	2944	\$101,500.00	\$85,500.00	WA
2007 Case IH 2588	850	\$177,000.00	\$170,000.00	MA
1999 Case IH 2388	2277	\$94,500.00	\$88,500.00	MA
2005 Case IH 2388	667	\$177,950.00	\$164,500.00	WA
2007 Case IH 2588	590	\$185,000.00	\$177,500.00	HW
2007 Case IH 2588	665	\$189,000.00	\$182,500.00	MA
2007 Case IH 2588	481	\$192,000.00	\$185,000.00	SN
2005 Case IH 2377	1514	\$134,500.00	\$129,500.00	SN
2005 Case IH 2388	960	\$164,500.00	\$149,000.00	HW
2007 Case IH 2588	700	\$190,000.00	\$182,500.00	MA
2004 Case IH 2388	1980	\$124,500.00	\$118,500.00	MA
2006 Case IH 2388	919	\$174,950.00	\$163,500.00	WA
2008 Case IH 2588	1000	\$168,000.00	\$164,000.00	HW
1990 Case IH 1660	4289	\$33,500.00	\$28,500.00	MA
1990 Case IH 1680	3151	\$48,500.00	\$45,500.00	MA
1987 Case IH 1640	6140	\$17,500.00	\$12,500.00	MA
1981 IH 1440	2857	\$20,500.00	\$13,500.00	SN
1982 IH 1460	4173	\$14,500.00	\$11,500.00	MA
1977 Gleaner L2	908	\$7,500.00	\$3,950.00	CC
2000 Gleaner R62	3344	\$83,500.00	\$73,000.00	MA
1995 Gleaner R52	1578	\$72,500.00	\$66,500.00	MA
1987 Gleaner R60	3024	\$27,500.00	\$16,500.00	MA
1999 JD 9510	2550	\$78,500.00	\$73,500.00	WA
1991 NH TR-86	3532	\$26,850.00	\$22,750.00	MA

HEADERS				
Model		Was	Now	Loc.
2001 Case IH 1020 25'		\$18,500.00	\$16,500.00	MA
1998 Case IH 1020 25'		\$15,850.00	\$13,850.00	WA
2005 Case IH 1020 25'		\$18,850.00	\$17,350.00	HW
1993 Case IH 1020 30'		\$9,800.00	\$9,000.00	CC
1999 Case IH 1020 22.5'		\$16,950.00	\$14,950.00	HW
1997 Case IH 1020 20'		\$13,500.00	\$11,500.00	WA
2007 Case IH 1020 17.5'		\$22,800.00	\$21,500.00	MA
2004 Case IH 2020 25'		\$19,500.00	\$17,500.00	MA
1988 Case IH 1020 16.5'		\$8,250.00	\$7,150.00	SN
1991 Case IH 1020 16.5'		\$7,850.00	\$5,500.00	MA
1991 Case IH 1020 20'		\$10,500.00	\$9,150.00	WA
2001 Case IH 1020 20'		\$15,500.00	\$13,500.00	HW
1989 Case IH 1020 25'		\$9,850.00	\$9,250.00	MA
1999 Case IH 1020 25'		\$15,750.00	\$14,250.00	MA
3-2008 Case IH 1020 30'		\$24,500.00	\$22,500.00	C,M,WA
1989 Case IH 1010 17.5'		\$7,450.00	\$6,850.00	MA
1987 Case IH 1010 17.5'		\$5,500.00	\$4,750.00	MA
2003 Case IH 2412 12RN		\$47,500.00	\$44,500.00	HW
1995 Case IH 1083 8RN		\$18,250.00	\$15,850.00	HW
1997 Case IH 1083 8RN		\$13,500.00	\$9,950.00	MA
1990 Case IH 1083 8RN		\$8,850.00	\$7,650.00	WA
1986 Case IH 1063 6RN		\$8,900.00	\$7,850.00	WA
1994 Case IH 1063 6RN		\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00	HW
1996 Case IH 1063 6RN		\$13,850.00	\$12,500.00	SN
1995 Case IH 1063 6RN		\$14,250.00	\$13,500.00	MA
1998 Case IH 1063 6RN		\$19,800.00	\$18,250.00	HW
1988 Case IH 1083 8RN		\$15,500.00	\$13,250.00	MA
1986 Case IH 1083 8RN		\$13,850.00	\$11,500.00	MA
1996 Case IH 1083 8RN		\$19,250.00	\$16,500.00	CC
1987 Case IH 1063 6RN		\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00	MA
1984 Case IH 983 8RN		\$8,850.00	\$7,250.00	WA
1986 Case IH 983 8RN		\$13,750.00	\$10,000.00	HW
Case IH 2208 8RN		\$29,500.00	\$27,500.00	WA

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<p>STEERS</p> <p>300-400 lbs.....\$104.00-\$113.50</p> <p>400-500 lbs.....\$100.00-\$109.50</p> <p>500-600 lbs.....\$100.00-\$109.00</p> <p>600-700 lbs.....\$88.00-\$94.50</p> <p>700-800 lbs.....\$87.00-\$94.75</p> <p>800-900 lbs.....\$84.00-\$93.50</p> <p>900-1,000 lbs.....\$83.00-\$92.25</p> <p>HEIFERS</p> <p>300-400 lbs.....\$93.00-\$100.00</p> <p>400-500 lbs.....\$90.00-\$96.50</p> <p>500-600 lbs.....\$83.00-\$90.00</p> <p>600-700 lbs.....\$80.00-\$87.50</p> <p>700-800 lbs.....\$80.00-\$87.60</p> <p>800-900 lbs.....\$79.00-\$86.00</p> <p>900-1,000 lbs.....\$78.00-\$85.00</p> <p>STEERS</p> <p>7 blk, Lincoln 374 @ 113.50</p> <p>1 blk, New Cambria 300 @ 110.00</p> <p>2 blk, Buhler 423 @ 109.50</p> <p>4 blk, Tampa 500 @ 109.00</p> <p>5 rwf, Beloit 381 @ 108.00</p> <p>4 blk, Tampa 416 @ 107.00</p> <p>10 blk, Salina 438 @ 107.00</p> <p>14 blk, Lincoln 500 @ 107.00</p> <p>2 blk, Concordia 503 @ 106.00</p> <p>12 blk, Buhler 536 @ 104.00</p> <p>6 mix, Brookville 537 @ 105.00</p> <p>6 blk, Lincoln 524 @ 104.00</p> <p>7 blk, Miltonvale 545 @ 102.00</p> <p>11 blk, Tescott 559 @ 102.00</p> <p>10 blk, Salina 549 @ 100.00</p> <p>8 blk, Marquette 726 @ 94.75</p> <p>9 blk, Marquette 614 @ 94.50</p> <p>6 blk, Marquette 801 @ 93.50</p> <p>11 mix, Miltonvale 610 @ 93.25</p> <p>6 blk, Tescott 738 @ 93.00</p> <p>15 blk, Lindsborg 686 @ 93.00</p> <p>31 blk, Tescott 626 @ 93.00</p> <p>7 blk, Miltonvale 619 @ 92.50</p> <p>3 blk, Salina 615 @ 92.50</p> <p>7 blk, Gypsum 988 @ 92.25</p> <p>63 mix, Carlton 859 @ 92.10</p>	<p>48 mix, Alton 782 @ 92.10</p> <p>50 mix, Abilene 931 @ 92.00</p> <p>11 blk, Morganville 964 @ 92.00</p> <p>5 blk, Ramona 968 @ 92.00</p> <p>55 mix, Chapman 914 @ 92.00</p> <p>62 mix, Hope 839 @ 91.85</p> <p>63 mix, Assaria 881 @ 91.50</p> <p>57 mix, Hope 965 @ 91.10</p> <p>118 mix, Hope 919 @ 91.00</p> <p>36 blk, Morganville 1066 @ 90.75</p> <p>36 mix, Ramona 858 @ 90.50</p> <p>114 mix, Hope 999 @ 90.00</p> <p>17 mix, Ramona 907 @ 89.10</p> <p>HEIFERS</p> <p>2 blk, New Cambria 300 @ 100.00</p> <p>3 blk, Buhler 403 @ 96.50</p> <p>11 blk, Lincoln 377 @ 95.50</p> <p>5 mix, Concordia 431 @ 94.50</p> <p>6 mix, Salina 436 @ 94.00</p> <p>10 blk, Lincoln 461 @ 93.00</p> <p>8 blk, Herington 422 @ 93.00</p> <p>1 blk, Wichita 500 @ 90.00</p> <p>2 blk, Brookville 500 @ 88.00</p> <p>77 blk, McPherson 764 @ 87.60</p> <p>15 blk, Tescott 686 @ 87.50</p> <p>7 blk, New Cambria 501 @ 87.50</p> <p>15 blk, Concordia 556 @ 86.75</p> <p>12 blk, Buhler 556 @ 86.50</p> <p>13 blk, Tescott 657 @ 86.50</p> <p>11 blk, Windom 560 @ 86.50</p> <p>14 blk, Lindsborg 652 @ 86.50</p> <p>23 mix, Tescott 596 @ 86.50</p> <p>2 blk, Lindsborg 820 @ 86.00</p> <p>5 blk, Tescott 708 @ 86.00</p> <p>7 blk, Lindsborg 719 @ 85.75</p> <p>33 mix, Alton 736 @ 85.60</p> <p>5 blk, New Cambria 617 @ 85.50</p> <p>7 mix, Wilsey 838 @ 85.50</p> <p>11 mix, McPherson 854 @ 85.10</p> <p>2 blk, Ramona 903 @ 85.00</p> <p>62 mix, Beloit 816 @ 84.85</p> <p>17 mix, Durham 804 @ 84.75</p>
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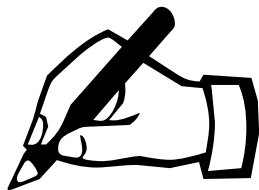
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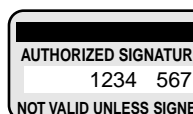
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Sorghum growers discuss association activities, policy and elect leaders

Members of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association heard reports on the new national sorghum checkoff, association activities and more at its annual meeting held in conjunction with the Kansas Commodity Classic on December 9 at Salina. Members also elected board members and discussed and approved resolutions at the annual meeting.

Association members heard reports on state association activities as well as the national sorghum checkoff that was established by USDA this year. The national checkoff began collections on July 1, 2008. In October, members of the United Sorghum Checkoff Board (USCB) were named by USDA and the board held its first meeting in November. Kansas growers serving on USCB are: Bill Greving, Prairie View, Greg Shelor, Minneola; Earl Roemer, Healy; Jeff Casten, Quenemo, and Gary Kilgore, Chanute.

Greving, who is USCB President, talked to the

group about the formation of the checkoff board and the goals and activities of the board. The main areas of focus of the national checkoff board will be research, marketing and information/education. The National Sorghum Producers Board of Directors explained how the national association board's new structure will make it more efficient and effective. Elections were held for board members for the northwest, central and southeast districts. Mark Myers of Colby was reelected to represent the northwest district, and Kelly Miller of Ellinwood was reelected to represent the central district. With no

candidate for the southeast district, that position will remain open. Members also reviewed and approved the association resolutions with minor modifications.

Association members also discussed the upcoming Commodity Classic, the convention of the national corn, soybean, wheat and grain sorghum associations. Grain sorghum is joining the national Commodity Classic for the first time in 2009. The Classic will be held Feb. 26-28 in Grapevine, Texas.

KGSPA board elects officers

Following the meeting, the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association board held officer elections in its annual reorganizational meeting. The existing slate of officers was reelected to their leadership positions. KGSPA Officers are: Greg Shelor, Minneola, president; Kelly Miller, Ellinwood, vice president; Jeff Filinger, Cuba, secretary; Earl Roemer, Healy, treasurer.

Winter chores abundant in the home fruit planting

A good way to spend a cold winter afternoon is curling up with the latest nursery catalogs, sipping a hot mug of spiced cider and enjoying strawberry jam on warm muffins.

However, these delicious fruit products serve as a reminder that there are winter chores to be done in the home fruit planting. Besides, what better activity is there to shake off cabin fever?

An important winter chore in the home fruit planting is dormant season pruning.

Apples, pears, and grapes may be pruned before January 1, but wait until February to prune stone fruits. Fall bearing raspberries may be mowed in late February. Other brambles and gooseberries may be pruned after the first of the year.

Specific information on pruning can be found in MU Extension guides available at the nearest MU Extension center or online at <http://www.extension.missouri.edu>.

Winter and early spring are also good times to repair and maintain the various structures associated with home fruit production.

Rotted or broken trellis posts should be replaced. Repair and tighten sagging or broken wires. Damaged stakes should be replaced. Repaint signs and other wooden structures such as arbors, gazebos, tables, and seats. Cold frames should be made ready for the spring. Check the sides of planters or raised beds for signs of damage. Organic fertilizers should be applied in fall

or early winter to allow for decomposition before spring.

Organic matter tends to tie up nitrogen as it breaks down, leading to temporary nutritional problems. This problem can be avoided if sufficient time is allowed for the material to break down before plants start growth in the spring.

Mulches for winter protection of strawberries should be applied after the soil is cold, usually after December 1. Be sure to replace any mulch that the wind has removed from strawberry beds.

Rodents can feed on fruit plants in the winter and cause extensive damage or plant death. Plastic, wire, or paper protectors may be placed on the trunks of young trees.

A general cleanup of brush, weeds, and debris will make the planting less attractive to rodents. Do not place mulches, which provide cover for pests, close to trunks or stems. Cats, traps, and baits are other ways of reducing rodent damage.

Pest control is another winter chore. Remove the egg cases of tent caterpillars during pruning. Prune out and destroy any diseased or dead plant parts such as cankers, fireblight strikes, and fruit mummies.

Dormant season pesticide applications are an important part of pest management. Dormant oil sprays are effective controls for mites, scales, and other insects. Dormant season fungicides are important in controlling several fruit diseases. Be sure to follow all label directions.

Beef meeting on tap in Hillsboro

A session on beef management practices will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. The meeting, sponsored by Countryside Feed and the Marion County Extension Council will run from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Presented by specialists, K.C. Olson, Charles Lee, and Robert Wilson, a variety of subjects will be covered to help producers improve water quality and get the most out of grazing resources.

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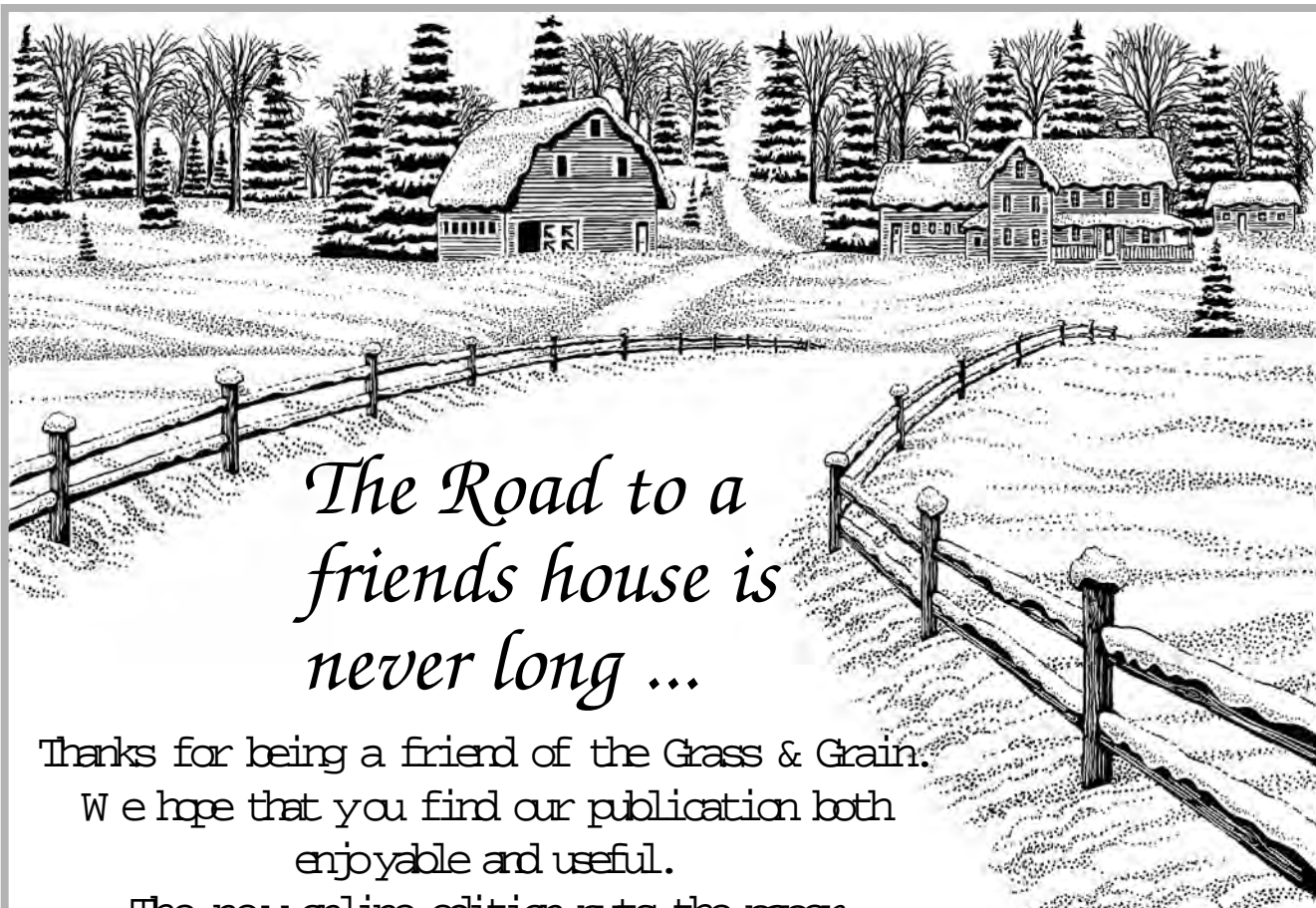
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For now, the Staff of Grass & Grain wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

New Year's resolutions should include estate planning

With 2009 just around the corner, many Americans may be making New Year's resolutions such as eating healthy, exercising or learning a new skill.

One resolution these individuals might want to make is to develop an estate plan or update an existing one, said Sissy Osteen, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension resource management specialist.

"An estate plan is essential for anyone over the age of 18. Because regulations governing estate plans routinely change, it's important to keep current with those changes," Osteen said. "It's always a good idea to consult professionals to help you develop the initial arrangement or review the one you already have. Make sure the attorney is one who specializes in estate planning. You also may need to contact a certified public accountant and a financial advisor."

Topics that should be discussed with your financial professionals include making a will, charitable contributions, how to transfer wealth to reduce estate taxes, establishing a guardian for minor children, setting up a trust to manage money for minor children, durable power of attorney and health-care directive (should you become incapacitated) and settling your estate. Another idea to consider is setting up a joint checking account with one of your children or a trusted friend so bills could be paid should you become unable to do so. Making gifts of money, land or other valuables is one way to reduce the size of your taxable estate. Osteen said individuals may gift up to \$12,000 per year to anyone and the giver will not have to pay tax on the gift.

"For example, you and your spouse each can give \$12,000 to each child, for a total of \$24,000. If a child is married, you could give \$24,000 to the spouse as well," she said. "In addition, a gift could be given to each grandchild for \$24,000."

However, Osteen said this situation does not occur for most people.

It is a good idea to make note of what you want to do with other valuable or sentimental items such as jewelry, furniture or family heirlooms. Discuss your estate plan with your spouse, children or parents. This will help avoid any surprises when they are emotionally distraught due to your death. It also helps them understand the reasons behind the details in your will or trust document. Leave a letter of instruction for how you want things to occur. It might be the only way you can ensure your wishes are granted.

"Every adult age 18 and older should have a will, durable power of attorney and a health-care directive," Osteen said. "Death and disability are no respecters of age."

For more information on estate planning, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service office.

University of Missouri student has found a new use for waste glass that usually ends up in landfills

Samuel Garrett McKee, a senior in the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, is finishing a research project in which he used crushed glass as a medium for growing hydroponic tomatoes. He harvested his first tomatoes using this process on Dec. 13.

"There hasn't been a lot of research done on growing plants in crushed glass," McKee said. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. Hydroponically grown plants usually have their roots in a mineral nutrient solution or an inert medium such as perlite, gravel or mineral wool.

"Crushed glass is normally used as an aggregate in asphalt, but that is about the extent of the current market

for it. There are tons and tons of it available. It just needs a market," he said.

"My research discovered that crushed glass will work as a base for growing vegetables hydroponically," McKee said. "I have not analyzed all the data, but my test plots produced tomatoes at roughly the same rate as two other commercially available hydroponic growth mediums, perlite and Hydroton."

Of the materials being recycled today, glass is still one of the most difficult to reuse. One major problem is the mingling of clear and colored glass. When colored glass is mixed together, the result is an undesirable greenish-brown color.

A study by the Missouri Recycling Association indicates that

mixed glass makes up about 5.4 percent of the portion of the state's waste stream that ends up in landfills. "The glass currently is very low-cost because there is so much available," he said. "The other two growth mediums I tested it against cost much more. Also, I believe glass can be reused indefinitely, whereas the store-bought growth mediums are porous and will fill with salts over time, eventually making them unusable for growing plants. By providing the glass with a new market, recycling glass will become that much more profitable."

McKee, whose hometown is DeSoto, Mo., has a dual major in fisheries and wildlife sciences and forestry with a minor in soil science. He plans to work in conservation.

Christmas cactus success possible with a few tricks

The Christmas cactus is a popular holiday gift plant. But this plant is also the subject of frequent debate among gardeners with regards to care, maintenance and how to get them to rebloom.

"While they are indeed a cacti, they are actually tropical plants that thrive in conditions that we don't usually associate with cactus," said Patrick Byers, horticulture specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

A Christmas cactus will do best in a sunny window away from hot

drafts (like heat vents) according to Byers.

"Hot drafts cause the buds to drop. Try to find a window in a cooler room - the blossoms will hold longer," said Byers.

Watering is another tricky subject with Christmas cactus. While in bloom, Byers recommends watering the plant when the top inch of the soil is dry. "I use my finger, and stick it into the soil up to my knuckle to check. Just don't overwater the plant," said Byers.

When the blossoms drop, the plant begins a resting period. During

this time keep the plant on the dry side, but water it if the leaves shrivel. When new growth resumes, Byers says it is time to resume more frequent watering.

What about care during the summer?

"Your Christmas cactus will thrive outdoors, but be sure to place the plant in a shady or semi-shady spot. Then water as needed to keep the plant from shriveling," said Byers.

The trick to getting this plant to blossom again is long day (12 hours of darkness) and short days.

"This happens naturally in the fall, as long as you don't keep your plant under artificial light," said Byers.

He says exposing a Christmas cactus to cool temperatures (50-55°F) will also encourage blossoming, so leave the plant outside as temperatures cool in the fall.

"Bring the plant indoors gradually when temps get too cold, and keep in a cool, bright window. You will be rewarded with a lovely burst of flowers in time for the holidays," said Byers.

Slow winter business at ice cream parlor lets students invent new flavors

During chilly winter months, business at Buck's Ice Cream Place on the MU campus slows to a crawl.

But two food science graduate students who work there use the downtime to develop new ice cream flavors.

"We get about 10 people in the shop when it's below 32 degrees outside, so it equals a lot of spare time to mess around with flavors in the back, trying to develop new things that maybe no one else has really thought of yet," said Laura Ortinau of St. Louis. Ortinau and Liz Fenner of Kansas City have developed two new flavors now available to customers—a colorful white chocolate peppermint for the holidays and a Key lime

cheesecake complete with Graham crackers.

"We kind of volley flavor ideas off of each other and throw out the ones we don't like and experiment with the rest we do like," Fenner said.

Another flavor under development is no-bake cookie, made from peanut butter, dark chocolate and uncooked oatmeal.

New flavors are first developed in two-quart batches and then scaled up to three-gallon containers, which are placed at the sales counter with about 18 other Buck's flavors.

Inventing new flavors isn't simply a matter of throwing ingredients together.

"There's a whole bunch of things that can go wrong

while making ice cream," Ortinau said. "You can overwhip it, you can temperature-abuse it and cause it to get sandy and gritty."

"Making ice cream can be complex, requiring balancing of the flavor ingredients, the fats and solids compounds and the air that goes into it," Fenner said.

Buck's, located on the south side of Eckles Hall, remains open year-round except for winter recess. While business might be slow in winter, summer brings a constant stream of walk-ins, tours for grade-school students and large special orders. During the Missouri State Fair, the students made 5,000 cups of Tiger Stripe, Buck's signature flavor, in two days.

Tiger Stripe, developed in 1988, combines French vanilla with stripes of dark Dutch chocolate to match the MU school colors.

While not working at Buck's, the students are taking required food science courses. Fenner says she is likely to seek a ca-

reer in the dairy industry. Her family has operated a dairy farm or worked in some facet of the dairy industry for three generations.

Ortinau is writing a thesis on polyphenol antioxidants in Missouri red wines and plans to work in

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Rick Linhardt, Buck's manager, said if students have initiative, he lets them dream as much as they want in developing new ice cream flavors. "It's a great teaching tool," he said.

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SALE INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 18, 2008

WASHINGTON	2 BLK STR	350@\$117.50	SENECA	15 XBRD HFR	809@\$82.25
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BURCHARD,NE	8 MIX STR	542@\$105.00	SENECA	5 BLK HFR	727@\$80.25
WASHINGTON	2 BLK BULL	452@\$103.00	HANOVER	6 BLK HFR	1,072@\$69.50
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SENECA	18 BLK STR	876@\$89.25			
WASHINGTON	26 BLK STR	902@\$88.85			
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MARYSVILLE	14 MIX STR	739@\$85.25			

WASHINGTON	5 BLK HFR	417@\$91.50			
BURCHARD,NE	16 BLK HFR	536@\$87.00			
GREEN	136 MIX HFR	855@\$85.00			
GREEN	10 MIX HFR	737@\$83.85			
WATERVILLE	17 BLK HFR	709@\$83.60			

WASHINGTON	11 BLK COWS	2YRS OLD - 6-7 MO BRED	\$1,240.00
WASHINGTON	4 BLK COWS	4-5 YRS OLD - 5-8 MO BRED	\$1,070.00
BURCHARD, NE	1 BLK COW	3 YRS OLD - 6 MO BRED	\$1,010.00
WASHINGTON	5 BLK COWS	6-7 YRS OLD - 6-7 MO BRED	\$870.00
WASHINGTON	1 BLK BULL	18 MONTHS OLD	\$1,975.00

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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Pruning, a year later

It has been a year since many of our trees were damaged by the ice storm. Corrective pruning is not a one-time fix. During the holiday season, there might be some time available to evaluate plant recovery. Temperatures above freezing will allow for some corrective pruning.

A common situation is for the trees to produce water sprouts. These are new stems less than a year old that grow straight up. It is often best to leave many of these sprouts but keep them under a dozen per branch. Space them evenly along the main branch. If too many are removed at once, they will grow back. Removing a few each year will be best for the health of the tree. Water sprouts growing in open areas can become permanent branches.

Start now to ease next year's holiday cash crunch

Once upon a time, banks encouraged small annual savings accounts to cover holiday expenses. With low interest rates and little profitability for the bank, the emphasis was on helping people prepare for extra expenses, said Carol Young, financial management specialist with K-State Research and Extension.

Setting up a separate savings account or regular savings system to cover extra expenses remains a wise and financially sound goal, Young said. For example, Kansas Saves — a statewide, Extension-supported savings program — encourages depositing coins now left lying around in a dish or a drawer at home into an interest-bearing account.

“Over a year’s time, putting away \$5 a week will yield \$260,” Young said.

Comparing banks’ rates of return is similar to comparing prices at a grocery store or supermarket, said Young, who recommended only considering accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

“A return of 2 to 3 percent may not seem like much. But, when paying with cash, rather than running up a balance on a credit card, the savings on interest (from 8 to 18 percent or more) and extra fees can yield a significant savings,” she said.

One simple way is to set up an automatic transfer from a checking to a savings account each payday.

“Paying yourself first is old, but still good advice. And, having holiday money available takes the pressure off,” she added.

More information on managing money is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on its financial management website: www.oznet.ksu.edu/financialmanagement.

Suckers are stems growing at the base of the tree. These are generally removed as they develop. My flowering crabapple has a bunch. I leave them through the winter for protection from rabbits and to provide shading to reduce damage to the main trunk. Come spring, I will prune them off.

Thinning is used to remove excess branches. It does not influence the size or shape of the tree. Removing of water sprouts and other branches from the edge of the canopy is thinning. Good thinning results in an even distribution of branches along individual limbs and not a grouping toward the ends.

Excess branching caused by a pruning cut last year needs to be reduced. Several branches growing from basically one location makes for weak attachments.

Select the branch that is pointed in the best direction and leave it. The others can be systematically removed over the next few seasons. Heading back of the temporary branches will allow for the preferred branch to grow bigger.

The correct method of pruning is important so that the cut you make won’t cause future issues. Small cuts are preferred with the cut made outside the branch collar which is a swollen area where the two branches connect.

Contact your Extension office for more information on pruning.

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 and at www.riley.ksu.edu

Less common gifts best for savvy gardeners

A gift certificate for manure may not sound like a sure-bet holiday gift.

“If the supplier provides good-quality manure, though, it could thrill lots of gardeners. Besides, a certificate for that kind of load indicates you made a real attempt to be sensitive to the gardener’s interests and needs,” said Jennifer Smith, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

In contrast, a book or subscription for a magazine that’s basically about “gardening for dummies” could easily be a waste — and, perhaps, sort of insulting, Smith said.

“With informational gifts, you need to be specific and, if possible, supply the newest resource available. Or ... a classic in the field that the gardener hasn’t been able to get,” she explained.

For example, a book about ever-blooming shrub roses might be welcome.

Adventurous gardeners are finding new challenges now in such subjects as bonsai, orchids, succulents and other specialty plants.

“A gardener who cooks might be interested in a mushroom-growing kit or Shiitake mushroom log,” Smith said. “For those with an artistic bent, a flower press or indoor topiary might be fun. Unless your gardener actually wants one, though, avoid the widely available amaryllis and windowsill herb kits.”

Tools can be another tricky category, she warned, because gardeners will already own favorites.

“But, items with ergonomic handles could be an interesting twist, as

could a good-quality tool sharpener,” she said. “A fairly new tool that is getting rave reviews is the Hori Hori knife. It’s one of the Japanese classics. It looks a little like a trowel but is serrated down one side so it can cut, too.”

A magnifier or hand lens is useful in scouting for insects and disease-causing fungi, she said. Newer versions fold to fit into a pocket, or they’re shaped like a pen that can be clipped to a pocket.

“If none of these ideas rings a bell, try making a trip to your gardener’s favorite nursery or garden center. They tend to have informed, helpful staff and shops with garden gadgets galore,” Smith said.

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300-400 lb. steers, \$85-\$110; heifers, \$80-\$98; 400-500 lb. steers, \$85-\$110; heifers, \$77.50-\$88.50; 500-600 lb. steers, \$82.50-\$110; heifers, \$75-\$88; 600-700 lb. steers, \$80-\$92.50; heifers, \$72.50-\$85; 700-800 lb. steers, \$77.50-\$87.50; heifers, \$72.50-\$82.75; 800-900 lb. steers, \$75-\$85.75. Trend on Calves: Choice steer and heifer calves steady to \$3 higher. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Feeder steers and heifers steady on light test. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows \$40-\$46.50; Avg. dressing cows \$35-\$40; Low dressing cows \$27.50-\$35. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$45-\$57. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Butcher cows \$2-\$4 higher; butcher bulls \$2-\$3 higher.

NEXT SALE JANUARY 8, 2009

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4	658 86.00				1655 44.00		
COWS							
4	935 83.75	1	1095 50.00		Fat hog top was		
STEERS							
14	513 100.50	1	1195 48.50		\$36.10.		
32	565 99.25	1	1075 48.00	1	650 52.00		
58	934 92.10	2	1375 45.00	2	548 51.00		
SOWS							

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Hay tests provide valuable information, well worth the cost

A forage analysis costs from \$14 to \$18, depending on how much information a producer wants.

But the good news is that for that small fee, a producer can save lots of money on winter supplements or spend that money more wisely purchasing what their cows or calves need to perform well.

Eldon Cole, a University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist, recently collected 10 hay samples that ranged from straight fescue to alfalfa with several grass-legume blends.

“The results were eye-opening when you matched up the test results with the nutrient requirements for cow and calves,” said Cole.

When most producers look at a hay test, the first item they pay attention to is the protein level. Among Cole’s 10 samples, the protein level on a dry matter basis ranged from 8.7 to 18.9 percent.

“According to the National Research Council’s nutrient requirements, all 10 hays would be adequate for dry cows in various stages of pregnancy. However, for fall-calvers that are average milkers, two of the 10 would be short on protein, but not by much,” said Cole. As for stocker calves weighing around 600 pounds, four hays fell under 10 percent protein and would need to have protein added if daily gains over 1.5 pounds per day are expected.

The energy or total digestible nutrient (TDN) values were more varied yet are the most important item on a hay test. In Cole’s sample these values ranged from 46.6 percent to 59.3 percent TDN.

“If the fall-calvers were only given access to either of those hays, the cows on the low TDN hay would need to eat about 10 pounds more of it per day to meet their energy needs,” said Cole.

Cole adds that given the neutral detergent fiber values found in the hay test, it’s unlikely a cow would be able to consume enough of the low quality hay to meet her energy needs.

In fact, based on dairy research, she could only eat about half of her dry matter requirement.

“Since most farms have good fall growth of fescue to graze, the shortfall in energy intake can be made up with it,” said Cole.

However, as winter weather sets in and the availability of fescue pasture diminishes, farmers need to know what is in their hay supply so they can blend their hay or purchase the supplement their cattle need.

“It’s no disgrace to have to purchase some feed, just make sure you buy what you need,” said Cole. “The bottom line is that in these economic times the expenditure of \$18 on a forage test is worth the cost.”

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4 bk bwf 522@110.00	26 bk rd char854@93.00	13 bk 633@84.00
13 bk bwf 534@103.00	15 xbred 895@89.00	19 bk 693@82.75
13 bk bwf 571@102.00	9 bk bwf 713@88.00	7 bk 724@82.75
17 bk char646@100.00	HEIFERS	12 bk red 830@82.60
23 bk bwf 630@100.00	9 bk bwf 350@103.00	11 mix 599@82.50
30 bk bwf 624@99.75	39 bk bwf 450@96.25	13 bk bwf 587@81.75
9 bk 587@98.00	67 bk bwf 531@94.50	BULLS
16 bk bwf 577@97.25	7 bk bwf 462@89.25	9 bk gray 591@85.75
24 bk bwf 577@96.00	8 bk 512@88.00	6 bk gray 668@83.50

BUTCHER COWS: \$27-\$50, mostly \$36-\$45, \$2-\$3 higher.

BUTCHER BULLS: \$31-\$55.25, mostly \$50-\$53, \$2-\$3 higher.

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Finks win CAB Commitment to Excellence Award

Galen Fink and Lori Hagenbuch grew up on eastern Kansas farms, learning the importance of sound decisions in cattle judging, business and leadership. The couple met at Kansas State University and married in 1975. Galen spent 14 years managing the University’s purebred herd while Lori headed the Kansas Angus Association.

More recently, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) honored the Finks at the brand’s annual conference. They accepted the 2008 Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Fink Beef Genetics started with the purchase of a few Angus cows in 1976, keeping back heifers. They had no land of their own, but found a pasture to rent. They couldn’t even afford a bull, but that wasn’t the main reason they built up with only artificial insemination (AI).

“We had about 20 cows in the mid-1980s,” Galen recalls. Purchasing 30 heifers from Montana’s Hyline Angus in 1987 provided a boost to complete the foundation. They spread it by renting space in their customers’ cows, implanting embryos since 1988.

The Fink type of cow “rejected the 1970s and ‘80s model and went for more volume and muscling,” Galen says. “That set us up for the 1990s.” The couple left other jobs, and daughter

Megan was born in 1990 to help mark the new era.

“If we were ever going to make it on our own, that was the time,” Lori says.

They held a private-treaty production sale with 25 bulls that fall. After embryo transfer with customers, the Finks began keeping some of their cows in customer herds. “We owned the cows, made the breeding decisions and bought the calves back,” Galen says.

From the start, the couple had put every available dollar into their herd, to the exclusion of buying land or fancy equipment. “That’s what you do when you don’t have money,” Galen says. “We had to get our herd built up some way.

“A lot of nights, we wondered where the money was going to come from,” he says, but the bulls worked for people, who comprised a kind of support network. “If we thought about any changes, we talked with our customers and they kept us on track.”

The first female sales were “really good,” Galen says. That helped in the cattle-cycle crash of the mid-1990s. In fact, Finks found a way to diversify into a whole new arena.

Their Little Apple Brewing Company restaurant in Manhattan, opened in 1994. The next year Chef Russ Loub joined what has been a Kansas Beef Council and Certified

Angus Beef ® (CAB®) brand award-winning restaurant ever since.

Since adding CAB steak houses in Council Grove and Junction City, Lori says, “We’ve tried to do our part from conception to consumption, developing supply and opening new markets for CAB in Kansas.”

On the cattle side, the Finks have included carcass traits since 1990, “without chasing it,” Galen says. “Don’t get me wrong, I think you should add all the marbling you can without losing anything else. But you should be sure. It’s not a problem with commercial guys; most of them could probably pay more attention to marbling,” he adds.

Knowing the prevalence of crossbreeding, and to avoid selecting for ever-larger Angus, the Finks added Charolais genetics in 1999. In that breed, they stressed marbling more because it was a relative weakness.

“There will come a time when they won’t want cattle so big, but if they want them now, they can terminal cross,” Galen says.

Whatever their customers’ strategy, the Finks will help them sell. A recent sale catalog notes a half-dozen alliances and information on nine feedlots. Fink Influence calf and female sales through local and national auction

companies provide other options. Steers garner premiums of up to \$10 per hundredweight (cwt.) and \$17 per cwt. on replacement heifers.

Whether auction, private treaty or retained ownership, the extended staff offers help. Barrett Broadie is based at Ashland, and Gene Barrett at Grantville. Tommy Mann and Charles Robert Stevens take care of Southern customers from their Florida base.

Over the past 18 years, Megan has grown to be an active partner in the ranch. “She loves working with and being around cattle,” Lori observes.

Nothing can match that mutual family affection, but the Finks all love their new home and ranch headquarters. “Until two years ago, we were implanting more than 1,000 embryos and selling 600 bulls a year, all out of a 40-acre rented base,” Galen says.

Unlike the Finks, the place they bought near Randolph, had been idle for 50 years. It took a lot of work to clean up, but already shows all the signs of becoming a showplace for the functional Fink cows and their owners.

After all those years of “living poor,” Fink Beef Genetics, now among the top 20 volume seedstock producers in the U.S., has arrived. “This place has given us a sense of belonging to a community,” Lori says; “a sense of home.”

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2 strs @405# \$112.00

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WIBW 580 - 6:45 A.M. Thurs;

KVOE 1400 - 6:30-6:45 A.M. Thurs. & Fri.

Osage Extension office to hold a “calving school”

Applications for EQIP, WHIP land improvements due soon

Sell At St. Marys

Sell
Or Buy

Cattle

By
Auction

STARTING TIME
11:30 AM

Tuesdays

The Rezac's and Their Crew Wish You A Merry Christmas

We sold 684 cattle on a cold, snowy December 16. There weren't enough calves sold to test the market. We had a very good run of feeder steers and heifers which sold \$3.00-5.00 higher. Cows and bulls sold at steady prices.

STEER & BULL CALVES 7 blk str 404 @ 105.00 1 blk str 275 @ 100.00 1 blk bull 375 @ 100.00 2 blk str 518 @ 95.00 1 blk str 545 @ 88.50 2 blk bulls 540 @ 88.50	64 mix str 918 @ 91.00 58 mix str 930 @ 90.75 61 mix str 962 @ 90.75 59 mix str 924 @ 90.60 59 mix str 947 @ 90.60 2 blk str 573 @ 88.50 2 blk str 785 @ 85.00	2 bwf/blk hfrs 593 @ 75.50 1 blk hfr 905 @ 72.50 COWS 1 blk cow 1090 @ 63.50 1 blk cow 1080 @ 51.00 1 blk cow 1125 @ 47.50 1 limo cow 1225 @ 43.00 1 blk cow 1305 @ 41.50 1 blk cow 1310 @ 41.00 1 blk cow 1325 @ 41.00 1 blk cow 1325 @ 40.00 1 blk cow 1285 @ 40.00 1 blk cow 1475 @ 40.00 1 blk cow 910 @ 39.00 1 blk cow 1175 @ 38.00 1 blk cow 1355 @ 37.50
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STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS 60 bwf/blk str 842 @ 96.25 58 bwf/blk str 865 @ 93.50 59 mix str 932 @ 93.35 5 blk str 596 @ 92.00 13 blk str 788 @ 92.00 59 mix str 934 @ 91.10	HEIFER CALVES 5 blk hfr 512 @ 85.50 1 bwf hfr 435 @ 82.50 3 blk hfr 505 @ 82.50 2 bwf/blk hfr 320 @ 80.00 STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS 53 mix hfr 852 @ 85.50	1 blk cow 1335 @ 37.50 1 blk cow 1255 @ 37.00 1 blk cow 1655 @ 37.00 1 blk cow 1420 @ 36.50 1 blk cow 1190 @ 36.50 1 blk cow 1350 @ 36.00 1 bwf cow 1415 @ 35.00 1 blk cow 1150 @ 35.00 1 blk cow 1115 @ 33.50 BRED COWS 2 blk cows/cvs @ 810.00 1 limo cow @ 710.00 2 blk cows @ 500.00 BULL 1 blk bull 2050 @ 47.50
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NO SALE - DEC. 23

FOR INFORMATION OR ESTIMATES:

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SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS
FOR NEXT TUESDAY, DEC. 30

Herd Dispersal: 42 Angus bwf cows, 6 yrs. & up, bred to Angus bull, start calving. Jan. 20

61 blk cross steers & heifers, 550-750 lbs., weaned, 2 rounds of shots

61 blk cross steers, 900-925 lbs.

60 blk & char cross steers, 950-975 lbs.

124 blk cross steers, 875-900 lbs.

More consignments by sale time.

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