



## Soil scientist vouches for the importance of revealing tests

By Steve Watson

Sometimes you have to dig deep to find hidden treasure. That's the case when testing agricultural soils for levels of valuable plant-available nitrogen, a Kansas State University agronomist said. And during these trying economic times, producers should be vigilant to make the most of their resources — including those found deep in the soil.

Using a profile nitrogen test, taken to a depth of 24 inches, to verify nitrogen credits can provide valuable information to producers, said Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State Research and Extension nutrient management specialist.

"Most producers are unaware of the amount of nitrogen that may be present in their soils from the previous season," Ruiz Diaz said. "Plant available nitrogen can be present in the soil from fertilizer carryover, previous manure applications, or legume plowdowns."

This test can be especially useful in areas with relatively low rainfall and with reduced risk for nitrate losses by leaching or denitrification. In those situations, soil nitrate is likely to remain in place within the soil until it is taken up by plant roots.

After a crop failure due to drought conditions, producers may find that much of the nitrogen applied to



Getting a true and accurate reading from a soil test is important. If you are going to go to the trouble to collect soil cores, as being demonstrated by KSU student Nick Ward, take a number of samples, mix together and then submit to get a representative test result for the field.

that crop remains in the soil and is available for the subsequent crop, he added.

"Crop growth is normally extremely limited during a drought. As a result, the fertilizer nitrogen applied to that crop, as well as mineralized soil nitrogen, is typically not fully utilized. This carryover nitrogen would be available

for the next crop and in some cases, fertilizer nitrogen needs can be significantly reduced," Ruiz Diaz said.

Proper soil sampling and testing is very important for a good assessment of residual soil nitrate, he said. Annual sampling of each field is necessary for accurate residual nitrogen estimations.

"When sampling, the key to good soil test results is using the proper protocol. Each sample should contain 15 to 20 cores of soil from a reasonably uniform area of approximately 40 acres. Producers who want more detailed information may want to reduce the area represented by each sample. Large fields should be broken into sampling units based on crop, yield, and fertilizer histories," he said.

When taking samples for nitrate analysis, late fall or early spring is a good time to sample for the summer crops, and before planting for winter wheat, the agronomist said.

"Nitrate levels will fluctuate through the year, depending on soil temperatures and soil mineralization rates. The best time to take the sample is during cool periods after the previous crop has been harvested but before the soil warms up too much the following spring.

This will give producers a good reading on how much nitrogen remains from the previous crop, before mineralization begins to increase nitrate levels," he concluded.

More information is available in the K-State publication MF-2586, "Soil Test Interpretations and Fertilizer Recommendations," at: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/crpsl2/mf2586.pdf](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/crpsl2/mf2586.pdf).

## Employees on leave due to allegations of impropriety at federally run labs

Nineteen employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Ames, Iowa, laboratories are on administrative leave beginning due to alleged actions involving the use of veterinary credentials to purchase medications for human use so that other employees might be provided with low-cost prescription drugs.

"This is a very serious situation that requires immediate and decisive action," Vilsack said. "Effective today, 19 employees who have been identified in the investigation as participating in the alleged improper conduct or having knowledge of such conduct are being placed on administrative leave until a complete review of the evidence provided by OIG (Office of Inspector General) is conducted. Due to privacy concerns, we cannot release the names of any employees involved and, since the investigation is ongoing, there are limits to the amount of information we can provide at this time.

"Additionally, it is possible that more employees will be identified. Accountability is of the utmost importance in our laboratories, which are internationally renowned. In an effort to be fully transparent and reaffirm the trust of the American public, our stakeholders and trading partners, we have commissioned two third-party reviews — one of the laboratory processes at the Ames facility and the other of the management processes.

"The laboratory review has been completed, and although we are still in the process of thoroughly evaluating the results, we are gratified to see that it affirmed the laboratory is generally functioning very well and successfully fulfilling its responsibilities. The management review, which we expect will provide insight regarding how USDA can prevent such situations from recurring, is ready to commence. Unless privacy or security concerns dictate otherwise, both reviews and any corrective actions taken as a result of them will be available to the public once they are complete. There is no evidence that any test results or other official laboratory activities were compromised in any way by this alleged activity.

"As I said upon arriving at USDA, I have made it a priority to support President Obama's charge to establish and adhere to rigorous ethical standards that meet the expectations of U.S. citizens and taxpayers. I am committed to this charge and with the support and hard work of all USDA employees, I am confident that we will uphold the American people's trust."

## Livestock predators likely to be someone's pet dogs

By Kathleen Ward

Problems with hungry, free-roaming dogs can look like a no-win situation for livestock owners ... and sometimes dog owners, too.

"Other than we humans, the dog is the most widespread and abundant predator in Kansas. Compared to our native coyotes, dogs typically are also more difficult to control or keep from causing injury," said Charles Lee, wildlife specialist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Unlike coyotes, however, dogs that are hunting for themselves may not be truly wild (feral). They may have an owner who provides at least some regular care, Lee said.

"That can really complicate a situation. If someone can locate them, a dog's owners are likely to have real trouble accepting the idea that good ol' Fido is roaming around, stalking livestock," he said. "At the same time, the livestock owner is likely to hesitate about antagonizing neighbors by accusing

their dog of being responsible for the attacks — much less by just shooting their pet."

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This situation is far from rare.

"The fact is, over the 20-plus years I've spent dealing with dog-livestock conflicts, I've learned that most cases in Kansas, at least, are caused by domestic dogs — ones that have a home and owner," Lee said. "When captured, many of these four-footed trouble makers are calm and may even wag their tail."

With such dogs as the culprits, Kansas law can further raise the tension between pet and livestock owners, he warned. One statute says that if a dog kills, wounds or worries any domestic ani-

mal, the dog's owner will be liable for all damages. Another says that anyone at any time can kill dogs found in-

juried or attempting to injure livestock.

The legal definition of "livestock" in the state includes cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, mules, domesticated deer, and all members of the ratite family that are not indigenous to Kansas (e.g., ostriches, emus, rheas). The definition does not include any wildlife that may be subject to dog attacks, Lee noted.

### Feral and Abandoned Dogs Out There, Too

Besides the domestic dogs that roam, Kansas does have actual feral dogs, the wildlife specialist said. They don't rely on humans for

anything. They typically respond to capture by crouching, snarling and lunging to bite — much like a wolf or coyote. Some were born and raised in the wild. Some are survivors that got lost or ran away from home long ago.

A third category of dogs on the loose is the canines that cannot rely on humans any more. They are pets, abandoned by their owner in the country and expected to fend for themselves.

"That kind of thoughtless or misguided abandonment can be fairly common near towns with transient populations — people who have to move, but can't or won't take their pet along," Lee said.

Abandoned dogs are the least likely to do well in the wild, he warned. They don't have the fall-back position of a home base. They may have a hunter's instincts but won't have the practiced and honed skills needed to survive in the wild. They also won't know anything about their dangerous new locale.

At best, they may be able to find and to be accepted by

a free-roaming dog pack that includes skilled hunters. At worst, they'll starve.

"If they can, abandoned dogs will gravitate toward what they know. After all, they have little fear of humans," Lee said. "So, a number will end up eating from garbage cans, stealing other pets' food, or killing house cats and other pets. Strangely, though, they'll rarely eat all of their prey.

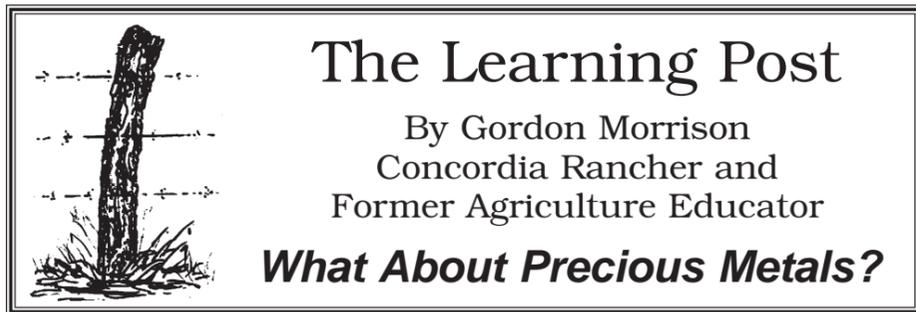
"They'll simply be alley and yard raiders, in danger from humans all of the time."

Devices designed to frighten, capture or kill predators can sometimes be effective in helping owners protect their animals from injuries or even death.

"In town and country both, however, good investigations by local authorities can be even more important," Lee said. "The long-term solution to this problem isn't simply to destroy dogs.

"Sometimes better livestock management can help — such as penning sheep at night. We also need

better education for dog owners about their responsibilities. Think about how much trouble we could avoid if owners simply kept their dogs contained — protected from becoming predator or prey — particularly at night."



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
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### What About Precious Metals?

Lately I have been seeing commercials on television that promote investing in gold and silver. They are considered to be safe commodities that are likely to go up in value.

Back in the eighties, May and I decided to use some of our savings to buy some silver coins. We reasoned that if times really got tough and our paper money was devalued, we would still be able to buy a few necessities with the silver. We went to a coin shop and purchased some junk silver, circulated silver coins that were minted before 1965. Silver coins (dimes, quarters and half dollars) up to that time were 90 percent silver. These coins today are made of copper and nickel.

A few years later, when I was in Fort Collins, Colo., I visited the offices of FAMC, where I met Dr. Larry Bates, an economist who is the editor and publisher of a quarterly paper, Monetary & Economic Review. He is also the author of the book, The New Economic Disorder. He generously gave me two or three hours of his time and expressed his concern about the One World Order movement and his efforts to advise citizens who wanted to be informed. I also purchased some uncirculated silver from his organization. Since that time I have been receiving his paper, which is published quarterly.

While the price of silver has fluctuated over the years, the recent trend is upward, and it is currently around \$12 an ounce. When it lies in a safe deposit box for years, with yearly rent to pay on the box, one might assume that it was a poor investment since it does not earn interest. Yet in these times of recession, it has not dropped in value as have investments in the stock market. It could be considered an "ace in the hole." If the economy collapses, and I trust it does not, the silver should more than hold its worth.

One problem is finding a safe place to store it. I made some containers of 4-inch plastic tubing with caps on both ends for safe storage. A

friend who also invested in silver at the same time buried his plastic tubing in the country near an oak tree. He used a post hole digger and put it down as deep as he could. I was there when he did it and made a mental note of its location in relation to the tree. Several years later, when he wanted to recover it, his digging with a shovel didn't turn it up. He then got a backhoe and soon had a hole big enough to bury an elephant but to no avail. I was hoping he wouldn't become suspicious of me. He showed me his excavation and wondered how good my recall was. After searching my memory, I told him I thought he had missed it by just a foot or two. When he moved a little in the direction I indicated, he did find it, but it was after much work, worry and concern.

While I believe it is a good idea to include some silver and/or gold in one's portfolio, one should realize there are some drawbacks to it. One must manage his own investment here; and since there is no regular report on it from a financial organization, one should check on it and take an inventory occasionally. Buy from a reputable dealer and store it in a safe place.

Here are a few of my observations. When one is young, strong, ambitious, and full of dreams, accumulation of things may seem important — planning as though one will live forever. However, when one reaches 80 and his body becomes less responsive to vigorous activity and it is easy to overdo, one's thinking soon changes. The precious and sought-after treasures can become a drag. The circle of friends becomes smaller as funerals for classmates, friends, and relatives seem to come around more frequently. If one lives long enough, he will realize that what I am saying is true. Even though it is good to have some silver and gold as a safeguard, it will likely be left for someone else to spend; that is, if it hasn't been stolen and one can find it.

## COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



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## Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

I depend on a variety of sources to put the paper together each week. Some are pretty plain and predictable; for example someone calls and asks if I know about — insert the news item here. Sometimes I have heard of the development — say a national event being held in the state, the death of an individual deemed significant or the accomplishment of a ranch or a youth— sometimes I don't and the caller fills me in on the details. Sometimes those calls yield suggestions for a particular topic that they'd like to read more about. Other callers vent their frustration and disagreement with something that has appeared. And by the way, those individuals are always welcome to send letters to the editor which outline their position on the subject.

As technology has advanced, the method of communication has changed as well. Just as often as people pick up the phone and call me, they are likely to drop me an email. I've commented in this space before what a gadget-geek that I am, the flow of information has come into the office at a faster pace thanks to things like email, weblogs (commonly referred to as blogs) and the Internet. And thanks to that technology, or maybe in spite of it, those who send me electronic messages are as likely to get a response late in the evening as I'm settled into my easy chair at the end of the day, or first thing when I rise in the morning as they are to hear from me during "business" hours.

In addition to the individual contacts I keep up, there are a battery of news sites and other pages that I check, if not every few hours, at least daily. Sometimes that information can be quite a load.

Lisa Taylor, who I'd like to think of as my friend, not just a great contact, controls the flow of information from the office of the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Usually I get a steady, but not unwieldy, stream of communications from her office. Announcements such as upcoming water meetings, commodity commission elections and other important changes and deadlines that pertain to the agency are in the usual offering that come to my attention. In times of food recalls, that information is also passed along. Sure, there were a bevy of announcements in the past when ground beef was found contaminated in Nebraska. I seem to recall a spike in the number of releases when the tainted spinach scare occurred a couple of years ago. But that is nothing, and I do mean nothing, compared to the volumes of recall notices that have been receiving thanks to the latest peanut debacle.

In fact, because of the hundreds, if not thousands of food items that contain peanut butter. I had no idea the foundation of the standard lunch box pb&j was an ingredient in so many food products. No idea at all. In fact, I had to create a mailbox filter for Ms. Taylor in order to keep on top of the other news items I was interested in — since we don't necessarily print recall notices... and I don't intend to start now.

But this development did make me stop and take pause at the amount of information we now are privileged too. If these salmonella-tainted peanut incidents would have happened even a mere ten years ago, it would have taken significantly longer to disseminate the word — and probably all the cookies would have been eaten — possibly to disastrous end.

The other thought that came to mind is the importance of food safety all the way up the food chain. Sure, farmers like to brag that they are the producers of the safest, most wholesome food supply in the world. But that point is suddenly moot if those that transform our commodities into consumable goods aren't held accountable as well. Just something to think about.

I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

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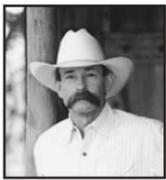
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# BAXTER BLACK

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## Ain't Ranchin' Fun

Well, it's calvin' season across the broad expanse of Bovamerica. Some, below the Little Ear Parallel began a few weeks ago and others, north of Calgary are still waiting for their pipes to thaw. I've always enjoyed calving season. It's the equivalent of riding a combine across a sea of ripe wheat to a farmer, or the quarterback calling his first play in the big playoff game.

As a columnist, I particularly enjoy calving season because it is a regular renewal of stories that keep me believing that I cannot make up stuff that is worse, goofier, or more frightening than what really happens!

Let me introduce you to Irvin. Good cowman in central Idaho. His heifer calving set-up was typical. A big lot with yard light, a small covered calving

shed, a set of panels and stanchion to restrain the beast, a couple overnight 'jugs' and a bigger adjoining pasture to turn out the pairs. Irvin and his wife had sacrificed to afford their cow herd and it was a great source of pride to them. They love their way of life.

Irvin took his turn at the midnight heifer check. #132 had broken her water bag two hours ago. He pulled on his rubber boots because the lot was thawing and getting sloppy near the shed. He switched on the yard light and started through the heifers.

Back in the corner was #132. She was pushing but still nothing showed. Better bring her in and have a look, he decided. #132 roused but was reluctant to leave her spot. Irvin shooshed, waved, and hollered as he sloshed

around in the sticky mud trying to drive her into the shed. In one quick move he dove to the right and the mud sucked off his left boot! She turned back! He dove to his left to cut her off and left his right boot in the mud!

Losing his patience, he grabbed his 16-foot bull-whip that he kept coiled on the fence. He did a thrust and parry, faking out #132, then as his piece d' resistance to drive her under the shed, he reared back with his whip, caught the electric line, followed through with the cast, jerking himself out of his socks and pulling the line down! Which left him on his back, in the dark, his bare feet sticking up like two giant Tootsie Roll pops.

When his wife heard him crashing around in the bathroom, she went to check. He was squatted over the toilet, his cover-all legs rolled up and both his bare feet in the water. He was scrubbing away at the muck with a wooden handled bucket brush.

He looked up at her smiling and said, "Ain't ranchin' fun, Honey? Ain't ranchin' fun!"

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- 1995 Cat Challenger 35, 5600 hours
- 1973 JD 4230 Quad w/Dual Loader
- 1970 JD 4020 Diesel, Syncro, 2 remotes
- 1966 JD 4020 Diesel, Syncro, 1 remote
- 1966 JD 4020 Diesel 4800 hours, clean original tractor
- 2670 Case 4WD, 23.1-34" tires, Duals, 4 remotes, 3 point & PTO
- 2870 Case 4WD, 18.4-34" tires, Duals, 3 remotes, 3-point & PTO
- 1972 Case 970 with Cab, Front Weights, 5800 hours
- Massey Ferguson 180 Diesel, 200 hours on overhaul, Nice Tractor JD 60, wide front
- IH M with 3-point
- IH H
- 1978 JD 4840 20.8-38" tires, quick hitch Duals

### Combines

- 2003 New Holland CR 960, 1150 separator hours, Mud Hog, Contour Master, Deluxe Chopper, Yield Monitor & Mapping
- 1996 Case IH 2188, Bin Ext., Chopper, Contour Master
- 1990 Case IH 1680

### Corn Heads

- 2003 8-row New Holland corn head, hydraulic deck plates, knife rolls, contour master, header height
- 2006 JD 893 CM- hyd. deck plates
- 2001 JD 893 CM- hyd. deck plates
- 1994 JD 893 CM- hyd. deck plates
- 1979 JD 843
- 1979 JD 843

### Flex Heads

- 2007 25' New Holland, full finger auger & for & aft
- 1995 25' 1020 with Cray sir reel
- 925 JD CM, poly
- 920 JD CM, poly
- 918 JD CM, poly

### Planters

- 2008 Kinze 16/32 edge vac 3600, Pneumatic, down pressure, vision monitor with row command, no till coulters like new
- 2004 JD 1790 16-row splitter, seed star monitor, coulters JD down pressure springs, 3500 acres
- White 5100 6-row 30" vacuum, no till coulters & monitor
- JD 7000 Conservation 6-row 30" liquid fertilizer, monitor, coulters
- JD 16x7 galvanized grain drill with seeder

### Construction Equipment

- Dozers:** 2001 JD 850C Series II, wide track, 6-way Dozer
- TD 25C Dozer**
- Excavators:** 2001 JD 270 LC
- 1996 Link Belt, 3400 quantum
- 1986 Link Belt, LS 2800 CII
- Skid Steers:** 1997 1845 C Skid Steer, 2124 hours with bucket and brush rake, 4 tires and wheels for case skid steer
- Scrapers & Blades:** 2003 Cepco 15 yard carry all scrapers
- (2) 1981 Reynolds 10C carry all scrapers



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- 12' pull-type box scraper
- Degelman 8' front mount blade with brush rack, JD mounts
- Rhino 950 9' 6-way hydraulic rear blade, like new
- 8' rear blade

### Semi Trucks

- 2004 Pete 379, 475 cat, 13-speed, 70" stand up bank
- 2000 Volvo 500 Detroit, 10-speed, air ride, new tires
- 1997 Pete 379, Ext. load, flat top sleeper, 3406E Cat motor, super 10, air ride, 902,000 miles
- 1998 International 9100, 10-speed, C10 Cat, air ride, single axle, day cab, AC, power windows
- 1995 FLD 120 Day cab, 3406 E Cat, 10-speed
- 1989 KW T600, small bunk, 350 Cummins, 9-speed
- 1986 Freightliner Conventional, wet kit, headache rack, 13-speed, 400 Cummins
- 1994 Pete 379, extended hood, 500 Detroit, 13-speed, 63 flattop unibuilt, air ride

### Straight Trucks

- 1978 Chevy C-65, tandem axle, straight truck, 20' all steel box with roll tarp, 74,400 original miles, very nice
- 1988 Ford F-700 Dump Truck, 6.6 diesel, 5x2 transmission
- 1981 Ford F600 Dump Truck, 10' rock box, 5x2 transmission

### Lowboys

- 1980 Load King, 3 axle, air ride, mechanical detach
- Fruehauf 50-ton tri-axle lowboy with ramps
- 34' tandem axle flatbed with Budd wheels

### Grain Trailers

- 2005 Timpette 42' black sided, air ride, super singles
- 2004 Timpette 46.6', triple axle, aluminum wheels, super singles, black sided
- 2004 Wilson 42' Ag hopper, spring ride, aluminum wheels
- 1987 Wilson 45' converta hopper

### Flatbed Trailers

- 2003 Horse Creek flatbed, tandem axle, BH trailer, nice
- 2000 Eagle flatbed, ramps, 6000-lb. axles
- Homemade tandem axle skid steer trailer
- 2001 Hillsboro tandem axle flatbed, 25' with dovetail, flip over ramps, very nice

### Grain Hauling Equipment

- Rem 2100 D grain vac, Cummins engine, 420 hours, like new with extra pipe
- Brent 420 grain cart, good condition
- Big 12 400-bushel grain cart
- 50" 8" Feterl Auger

### Anhydrous Applicators

- 16-knife, Dalton bar, pull-type
- 11-knife, Clark, pull-type

### Tillage Equipment

- Krause 21' Disk
- Wil-Rich pull-type 26.5' field cultivator
- JD 1000 21' pull type, field cultivator
- IH 45 18' pull-type, field cultivator, hydraulic fold
- JD 12' chisel
- Case 5-bottom 16" plow

### Hay Equipment

- Hesston 1340, 12' hydra swing disk mower
- Case IH 8610 bale processor, works good
- Gehl 1500 Round Baler



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- New Holland 166, hay inverter, brand new
- 3 JD 34' triple axle hay rakes
- Massey Ferguson 3-point, sickle mower
- 2-wheel, 3 point rake
- (2) 3-point round bake movers
- Kirby 240-bushel, mixer wagon with scales

### Shredders & Loaders

- Rhino SE 6, 3-point shredder, like new, used once
- Bush Hog 7', 3-point shredder
- Howse 7', 3-point shredder
- JD 245, loader

### Recreation

- 2007 Honda 250, Recon, 2-wheel drive, electric shift, like new
- 2006 Snapper, zero turn, 42" deck
- 20-horse Briggs & Stratton, low hours
- 2005 STX 15F Kawasaki 4-stroke Jet Ski with Shorelander trailer

### Vehicles

- 2006 Ford F-150, 64,000 miles, 4x4, regular cab
- 1996 Chevy 4x4, extended cab, short box pickup
- 1996 Chevy, extended cab, 2WD
- 1992 GMC 1-ton dually, 6.5 diesel, automatic, new Bradford flatbed
- 1992 Chrysler New Yorker, 79K miles
- 1991 Chrysler Lebaron, needs fuel pump
- 1982 Chevy 3/4-ton 4WD, hydraulic bale spike
- 1974 Ford F100, automatic
- 1998 Ford Expedition
- 1991 Ford club cab, dually, service bed
- 1998 Chevy, ext cab, 6.5 Turbo diesel, 4x4, 3/4-ton, short box, automatic
- 2001 Chevy 3/4-ton Duramax, crew cab, long box, Allison automatic, heated leather, all power options. Excellent condition.

### Spraying Equipment

- 45' 3-point Kuker sprayer, hydraulic wing lift, foamer
- 400-gallon saddle tanks, 40 series mounts
- 300-gallon saddle tanks, 40 series mounts
- 300-gallon front tanks, 40 series mounts
- 1650-gallon fiberglass water tank Floater tires for JD sprayer, 4-620/75R26 tires and rims
- 3 Mini bulk tanks and pumps

### Miscellaneous

- 185 CFM Ingersoll-Rand air compressor on skids
- Bradford flatbed for Dodge dually
- Miller 375 X-trem plasma torch
- Spectra Precision laser level with case
- Complete gas torch and cart
- Puma 2 cylinder 60-gallon air compressor
- 2" Honda trash pump with hose
- Motor stand on wheels
- Big table saw
- Stihl 029 chain saw
- Stihl gas powered chain saw
- Diesel fuel power washer w/heater
- 12 Yetter floating trash wheels
- 2' Excavator bucket
- Diamond plate fuel tank & toolbox
- Assortment of toolboxes
- Assortment of shelving
- Century Welder
- 12-box Hopper Topper for JD planter



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\*\*\*\*\* By G&G Area Cooks \*\*\*\*\*

Sweet Recipe Wins Rita Dawson, Lebo, Grass & Grain Cook Of The Week Award

Winner Rita Dawson, Lebo: "Great for Valentines!"  
CHERRY SLICES

- 1 cup softened butter or margarine
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

**Filling:**  
21-ounce can cherry pie filling  
Combine butter or margarine, sugar, eggs and vanilla and beat for 2 minutes. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and add to creamed mixture. Reserve 1 1/2 cups batter. Spread remaining batter in greased 10 1/2-by-15 1/2-inch jelly roll pan. Cover with pie filling by spooning evenly over batter. Drop reserved batter over top by spoonfuls. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool and frost with powdered sugar icing. Slice into bars.

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Brandon Buchanan, Alma:

- ORANGE-SPICE GLAZED CARROTS**
- 32-ounce package baby carrots
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water

Combine all ingredients except cornstarch and water in slow-cooker. Cover and cook on low for 3 1/2 to 4 hours or until carrots are crisp-tender. Spoon carrots into serving bowl. Remove juices to small saucepan. Heat to a boil. Mix cornstarch and water in a small bowl until blended. Stir into saucepan. Boil 1 minute or until thickened, stirring constantly. Pour over carrots.

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Shareon White, Solomon: "So good. So easy!"

- TACO SOUP**
- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 can ro-tel tomatoes
- 16-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 can corn
- 1 can chili beans
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can kidney beans
- Brown hamburger. Add taco seasoning according to the directions on the package. Pour all cans (do not drain) and taco meat into

crook-pot and cook until hot. Serve over corn chips and top with shredded cheese.

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Meri Rhodes, Tampa: "This is delicious!"

- CHICKEN FAJITA SOUP**
- 1 envelope fajita mix
- 4 boneless skinless breast fillets, cubed
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup oleo
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 1/2 cups half & half
- 1/3 cup flour
- (2) 14-ounce cans chicken broth (3 1/2 cups)
- 1/3 cup diced tomatoes with chiles (ro-tel mild)
- 8 ounces Velveeta
- Mix seasoning and chicken. Refrigerate several hours. Fry in oil over low heat. Saute onion in oleo. Add flour and mix well. Add broth, ro-tel and half & half. Heat until thickened, but do not boil. Add cheese and meat. Simmer and serve over rice and top with corn chips.

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- Marlene Bures, Odell, Neb.: "Delicious."
- CHOCOLATE REVEL BARS**
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups quick oatmeal
- Chocolate Filling: 12-ounce package milk chocolate chips



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- 15-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Cream butter and sugar; mix in eggs and vanilla. Mix dry ingredients together and add to creamed mixture; set aside. Mix chocolate chips, condensed milk, butter and salt together and melt over low heat; when smooth, add vanilla. Spread two-thirds oatmeal mixture in a 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-by-1-inch pan. Cover with chocolate mixture. Make 12 flat cookies out of remaining dough and space 3 across evenly in 4 rows. Bake 25 to 30 minutes in a 350-degree oven.

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Nancy Hurlbut, Sylvan Grove:

- ENCHILADA CASSEROLE**
- 1 pound ground beef, drained
- 1 small onion

- 1 small chili pepper
- 15-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cheese, grated
- Salt & pepper
- Tortilla chips
- Cook beef and onion. Drain. Add chili pepper, tomato sauce, salt and pepper. Cover the bottom of a greased 9-by-13-inch pan with tortilla chips. Spread half of meat mixture on top of them. Add another layer of chips followed by the remaining meat mixture. Spoon on the soup and fill the can half full of milk. Pour on top. Add grated cheese to the top of casserole. Bake at 300 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "A good casserole to make when you don't want leftovers."

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- SCALLOPED POTATOES FOR TWO**
- 2 medium potatoes, sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Small amount of onion, diced
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Place potatoes in a 1-quart baking dish. In a saucepan cook butter, flour and milk until thick. Add cheese, salt, pepper, onion and Worcestershire sauce and cook until cheese melts. Pour on potatoes, cover and bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Uncover and bake 20 more minutes or until potatoes are done. Sprinkle with paprika.

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Kay Spoo, Frankfort: "These would be great if you're throwing a party, but are also good for any meal."

**CAJUN-STYLE POTATO SKINS**

2 large potatoes, baked, cooled completely & cut in half lengthwise  
 1/4 cup barbecue sauce, smoky variety  
 1/8 teaspoon hot red pepper sauce  
 3/4 cup cooked chicken breast, finely chopped or shredded  
 1/4 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese  
 1/2 teaspoon parsley, fresh, chopped  
 Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Scoop half of potato flesh out of each potato half (reserve potato flesh for soup or mashed potatoes, if desired). Combine barbecue sauce and hot pepper sauce in a cup; spoon over potato halves. Next fill each potato half with 3 tablespoons chicken; sprinkle each with 1 tablespoon cheese. Carefully place potato skins on prepared baking sheet. Bake until cheese melts and potatoes are hot, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. Yields 1 potato half per serving.

NOTES: Make sure potatoes are cooled completely before slicing and scooping out the flesh or you may have a hard time forming the skins. To add a little heat, substitute 1/4 cup hot and spicy ketchup for the combination of smoky barbecue sauce and hot red pepper sauce.

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**Kellee Rogers, Topeka: VALENTINE CHOCOLATE PIZZA**

2 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
 2/3 cup melted butter  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 2 packages Dove dark chocolate candies (9 1/2 ounces each)  
 1/2 cup chopped pecans  
 Combine the crumbs, butter and sugar; press onto a

greased 12-inch pizza pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 9 minutes or until lightly browned. Top with candies and bake for 2 to 3 minutes or until chocolate is softened. Spread chocolate over crust and sprinkle with nuts. Cool on rack for 15 minutes. Put in refrigerator for about 2 hours until set.

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**Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis: REFRIGERATOR MASHED POTATOES**

5 pounds potatoes, peeled  
 (2) 3-ounce packages cream cheese  
 1 cup sour cream  
 2 teaspoons onion salt  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 Cook and mash potatoes. Add remaining ingredients and beat until fluffy. Cool and refrigerate. Reheat anytime within 2 weeks. Heat desired amount in a 350-degree oven until hot. Dot with butter. Makes 10 to 20 servings.

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**Mary Rogers, Topeka: PINK LEMONADE POUND CAKE**

1 2-layer white cake mix  
 1 cup sour cream  
 One-half 12-ounce can frozen pink lemonade concentrate, thawed  
 1/4 cup pink lemonade drink mix  
 3-ounce package cream cheese  
 3 large eggs  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8-inch loaf pan with spray containing flour. Line bottom of pan with parchment paper; set aside.

In a bowl combine cake mix, sour cream, lemonade concentrate, drink mix, cream cheese, eggs and vanilla. Beat at low speed with a mixer for 1 minute increasing mixer to medium high and beat for 2 minutes. Pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing top. Bake for 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in pan 20 minutes on wire rack. Remove from pan and cool completely on rack.

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**Sandy Hill, Eskridge: CORNBREAD TOPPED FRIJOLES**

1 medium onion, chopped  
 1 medium green pepper, chopped  
 2 garlic cloves, minced  
 1 tablespoon canola oil  
 16-ounce can kidney beans, rinsed & drained  
 15-ounce can pinto beans, rinsed & drained  
 14 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained  
 8-ounce can tomato sauce  
 1 teaspoon chili powder  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
**Cornbread Topping:**  
 1 cup flour  
 1 cup yellow cornmeal  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 2 eggs, lightly beaten  
 1 1/4 cups fat-free milk  
 8 3/4-ounce can cream-style corn  
 3 tablespoons canola oil  
 In a large skillet saute the onion, green pepper and garlic in oil until tender. Transfer to a greased 5-quart slow-

cooker. Stir in the beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, pepper and hot pepper sauce. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour. In a large bowl combine the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder and salt. Combine the eggs, milk, corn and oil and add to dry ingredients and mix well. Spoon evenly over bean mixture, cover and cook on high 2 hours longer or until a toothpick inserted near the center of cornbread comes out clean. Yield: 8 servings.

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**Millie Conger, Tecumseh: SWEET & SOUR GREEN BEANS**

16-ounce bag frozen cut green beans  
 1 cup chopped onions  
 3 tablespoons brown sugar  
 3 tablespoons white vinegar  
 In a microwave bowl combine the green beans and onion. Cover tightly and cook on high for 5 minutes or until tender; drain mixture. In a bowl whisk brown sugar and vinegar. Pour over green beans, tossing gently to coat.

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By Frank J. Buchman

## Mona Jean's Horse Memories Live On

Memories of horses last a lifetime.

Few things are closer to some people's hearts than their loving, close encounters with horses.

Although many can't remember much of their younger life, they can recall the minutest details of every horse they've been around. Photographs can make those horses live on in memories.

"I've always loved horses, as did my husband George, and so do our children, our grandchildren, and our great-grandchildren. We just cherished them and had so many good ones and great times," said Mona Jean Newbury, 79.

Living now at the Ster-

ling House in Junction City, the White City native's excitement about her life's involvement with horses bubbles over as she reminisced about nearly every one of them, while showing pictures in albums, organized according to time frame.

Anxiously waiting at the assisted living residence door, Mona Jean and a staff member there welcomed us in with big grins and congenial greetings, then took us straight to her room.

"I have the smallest apartment, but it's 'Home Sweet Home' (as also verified on a wall hanging) to me," she qualified. "Please sit anywhere you'd like, while I get you coffee."

A clear plastic envelope was stuffed with pictures, and the first one was of Mona Jean (Worrell) and her then-future husband, George Newbury, mounted on his horse, a white Arabian called Trixie.

"George rode Trixie 10 miles from his home to high school at White City, but I'd walk two miles from my home. Sometimes, George gave me a ride back home. We dated for about three years," recalled Mona Jean, pert, slender and erect.

Three years older than

Mona Jean, George enlisted in the Navy his senior year and went into active duty, but that didn't stop their romance. "We kept in contact and were married a year later (December 11, 1944), so neither of us graduated," she explained.

Their families had farmed with horses, which were also often their form of transportation. "We both always really liked horses. My brother, Fred Worrell, was always a cowboy, and this is me on his spotted horse," Mona Jean explained as she displayed a photograph.

After completing military service, George and Mona Jean lived in various locations, operating a dairy farm for a time, before moving to Junction City where he was in the home construction business.

The couple had four children, but the third, born in 1953, passed away when he was six.

"I was a cashier at A&P



A most memorable and exciting time in Mona Jean Newbury's life with horses was the day in 1976 when she showed a home-raised colt to win a prize at the registered Appaloosa show in Hope.

and Dillon's grocery stores for 25 years, before working at First State Bank five years," she tabulated. "We still always wanted to live in the country and have horses."

When the Olson School

near White City came up for sale in 1964, George bought it, remodeled the structure and that became their home. "It was on two acres, so right away we got some horses," Mona Jean reflected. "We bought a matching



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pair of Palominos called Lady and Dolly. They were really wonderful."

One of her photographs shows George carrying the American flag on Dolly while Mona Jean is on Lady with the Junction City Saddle Club flag at the Abilene rodeo parade in 1970.

"We were very active in the saddle club, and George served as president," stated Mona Jean, showing a newspaper clipping of him with rodeo queen Wanda Pinkerton preparing to enter the 1971 state pageant at Strong City.

"Parades were sure fun for us, and we'd always go to Strong City and Abilene to ride in the parades and grand entries of the rodeos," Mona Jean commented. "We had a camper for our pickup and a stock trailer to haul the horses. We'd ride a lot for pleasure at the local shows, too." Several photos showed the travel rig.

Because they owned horses, George and the couple's youngest son, Jeff, were frequently called to assist others with handling cattle. "A black bull kept getting in one of our neighbor's pastures, and he'd al-

ways call George to help get it out," Mona Jean related. "He always wanted to pay, but George never took anything for helping."

After the couple bought an Appaloosa mare named Dolly from Norman Dreiling at Chapman, they developed a fondness for the breed and raised several foals.

Stallions owned by Kandy Anderson, another White City native then living at Derby, and Raymond Venn, then of Junction City and now living at Claremore, Okla., were mated to the Appaloosa owned by the Newburys.

Several photographs show those colorful horses in different stages of development. One of the proudest days for George and Mona Jean was when they showed their production in the two-day registered Appaloosa horse show at Hope in 1976.

"I showed Berry to get fourth in the yearling class, and George got second in the weanling class with Snow Cap," informed Mona Jean. Photographs of those horses that day and the now-faded rosettes they won are among her most prized possessions. She proudly dis-

played them along with George's membership in the Appaloosa Horse Club.

Among many other photographs of horses named by Mona Jean were those of Cricket, Missy and Jeff's Shetland Queenie. "We always liked pictures, and George even did some of his own developing and printing them," she remarked.

When the horse population got too large for their acreage, the Newburys placed a classified display advertisement in Grass & Grain and reduced numbers. "We always took Grass & Grain, and I still really like to read it," she verified.

More than horses were at the Newbury place. "We always had a big garden, I raised chickens and sold eggs, George hauled hay, and we had several really nice dogs." Mona Jean re-

called. They were also active in other groups, including VFW, American Legion and Eastern Star.

Soon not only children but grandchildren were interested in horses, too. "We have seven grandchildren, and George sometimes put them on a horse when they were quite young," added Mona Jean, who now has six great-grandchildren.

A sad day for the Newburys was when they decided to disperse their horses. "We really didn't want to sell them, because they were part of the family," Mona Jean declared. "But, when George's health continued to get worse, we sold all of our horses."

George passed away from heart problems in 1993, and within a few months, their home was sold. "I lived in the housing development at

White City for 11 years, and moved here in 2004. My granddaughter, Joye Gfeller, is the executive director. I really like it here,"

Mona Jean shared. Children include Gary in Mansfield, Texas; Carol (Acker) in Junction City and Jeff in Glen Pool, Okla.



Among the horse memorabilia Mona Jean Newbury has in her residence in Junction City are the award rosettes she and her husband George won with their home-raised Appaloosas at competition in 1976.

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# Master gardeners part of All-America Selections

The only All-America Selection field trial site for Kansas and Missouri is just outside a southwestern suburb of Kansas City. The site makes Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners part of the 77-year-old AAS research network, which tests new seed varieties nationwide.

This year's All-America Selection winners include one flower and three vegetable varieties. By definition, the plants are significant improvements that also can grow in diverse U.S. environments.

Johnson County's EMG's maintain eight demonstration gardens in their county. But, they only conduct AAS research trials in their Backyard Garden — located at Kansas State University's Horticulture Research and Extension Center in rural

Olathe. The annual trials there provide unique evidence of new plant varieties' ability to withstand the weather extremes that central U.S. gardeners sometimes face.

"The best time to ask questions, as well as see the garden, is on Wednesday mornings from April through October. That's when our Master Gardeners have scheduled their work there. But, the garden itself is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the best viewing months generally being June and August," said Dennis Patton, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist for Johnson County.

The Backyard Garden's address is 35230 West 135th St., Olathe.

In contrast, the best time to see 2009's All-America Se-

lection winners could arrive within weeks. Seed and plants will start appearing in retail stores in time for spring product displays. Those winners are:

Viola F1 "Rain Blue and Purple" — a cold- and heat-tolerant variety that performs best in cool weather. As its 1.5-inch flowers mature, they naturally change in color from purple and white to purple and blue. The plants spread 10 to 14 inches in garden or container.

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Squash F1 "Honey Bear" — an acorn type with fruit bred to be baked and served in the half shell, providing a sweet squash flavor. Harvest arrives in about 100 days and continues on through the season. At most, the mildew-tolerant, bushy plant reaches 3 feet tall and 5 feet wide. Every plant produces 3 to 5 dark green squash that each weigh about a pound (two servings).



Hereford royalty honored at the 2009 National Western Stock Show (l to r) are: Lindsay Bielema, Ada, Mich., 2008 National Polled Hereford Queen; Kirbie Day, Waxahachie, Texas, 2009 National Polled Hereford Queen; Jessica Acheson, Woodbine, first runner-up; Arika Bohnsack, Taylor Ridge, Ill., second runner-up; and Mary Porter, Jesup, Ga., Miss Congeniality.

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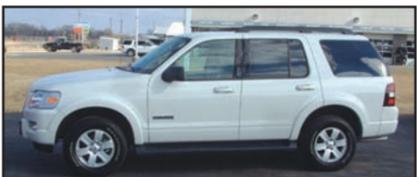
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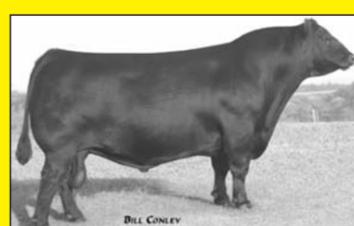
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Based on their 14 years of successes and challenges, the Loths' morning session will explore opportunities for today's family farms, assessing everything from community-supported agriculture (CSA) operations and on-farm retail stores to greenhouses and licensed dairies. Their late afternoon session, "Pile It High and Watch It Fly," will address marketing techniques.

The 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. program will also include a session on grants and programs that can assist farmers' markets and value-added businesses in enhancing their direct

marketing. Another session will provide an update on recent changes in the regulation of market products to ensure food safety and provide adequate consumer information.

The first half of the afternoon will provide for five your-choice break-out groups that attend multiple sessions, focused on a single topic: cut flowers and plants, launching or revitalizing a market, meat and dairy, marketing and display, and managers and boards.

The registration fee is \$20 per person for sign-ups received by Feb. 13 and \$25 thereafter. Those registering late will not be guaranteed a place at the provided lunch.

For more information or to register, interested persons can look on the Web at <http://www.kansassustainableag.org/> or contact Mercedes Taylor-Puckett at (785) 840-6202 or [mercedes.taylorpuckett@gmail.com](mailto:mercedes.taylorpuckett@gmail.com).

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# Managing and developing young beef bulls

There are as many ways to feed and develop young beef bulls as there are seedstock producers. There are many and varied reasons that bulls are managed and fed the way they are. Whether bulls are developed on the ranch, in a commercial facility, or at a central bull test, they are usually fed to gain 2.8 to 4.0 pounds daily from weaning to one year of age. One of the most common complaints from beef producers is the run-down condition of young bulls after their first breeding season.

Most young bulls will lose condition and weight during their first breeding season. However, minimizing the loss of body weight and condition will extend the bull's usefulness and productivity, especially during the initial breeding season.

Can bulls be overconditioned and/or underconditioned before the first breeding season? The answer is probably yes. One might think overconditioned young bulls are better than underconditioned bulls because if they are overconditioned and they are expected to lose condition during the breeding season, at least they will still be in good condition at the end of the breeding season. Overcon-

ditioned bulls entering the breeding season may be less active during the breeding season, especially if the breeding season occurs during the heat of summer.

The same could be said for underconditioned bulls in that their activity may be limited. It is almost like the porridge being too hot, too cold, or just right. The idea is to develop and manage young bulls so that they are "just right" for the breeding season. In other words, they are in their "working" clothes and "toned" ready to perform their duty. In most cases, feeding and managing bulls to be in body condition score 6 (1=emaciated; 9=obese) at the start of their first breeding season is adequate. Body condition score 6 equates to body fat of about 20%-23%. This body condition isn't different from the target

body condition of 1st-calf heifers at their first calving.

As average daily gain (ADG) increases, the amount of feeds high in energy, usually feeds high in starch, in the diet increases. As bulls are fed to a higher ADG, the likelihood of increasing body fat also increases. As bulls are pushed to higher ADG, care must be taken to ensure and control digestive upsets that can affect the liver in the form of liver abscesses, feet in the form of founder, and rumen integrity. Not managing the feeding program to eliminate digestive upsets has the potential to reduce the longevity of young bulls.

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In addition, if some corn byproducts are used, it is likely that phosphorus can be removed from the supplement. In most cases calcium will be needed in the supplement. In growing bull diets, it would be critical that the calcium-to-phosphorus ratio not be below 1.6:1. As always, feeds that are used in the diet need to be priced competitively into the diet.

Care of young bulls after the breeding season

is important. Bulls should weigh 75%-80% of their mature weight at the start of the second breeding season. If mature weight of a young bull is estimated to be 2,000 lb. and at the beginning of his first breeding season he is 1,300 lb. (65% of mature weight) and he loses 200 lb. during the first breeding season, then to be 75%-80% of his mature weight by the start of the next breeding season, he needs to gain 400 lb. to 500 lb.

Between the end of the first breeding season and the start of the second breeding season, young bulls need to gain about 2 lb. per day. Native grass quality is peaking and starting on the decline in July and August, and bulls will gain about 1.5 lb. per day without supplementation. Young bulls will need some supplemental energy and protein before the second breeding season.

Consider not waiting until just prior to the second breeding season to get young bulls back in their working clothes and at the desirable weight. For a spring breeding season, consider feeding these bulls some protein and energy beginning about Christmas time. Starting this early allows you to put weight back on gradually with smaller amounts of a high-energy feed. This doesn't have to be accomplished in a drylot and could be fed on pasture or when the bulls are grazing corn stalk residue.

This doesn't suggest young bulls be pampered in an "artificial" environment. It does suggest to at least give them a chance to be productive and remain in the herd as long as you want them there. The bull battery is an expensive investment. Manage the young ones so that you get a reasonable return on that investment.

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# Heavy clay soil's remedy may be 'popcorn' shale gravel

Gumbo clay is notorious in areas across the United States. It shrinks. It swells. It's a landscaping nightmare.

But, gardeners now may have a research-based tool to provide near-permanent help. The soil treatment requires just one application, said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

The product comes from the sector of the brick/masonry industry that's been working to produce strong, but lighter weight building materials. Although the product goes by various trade names, it's actually shale gravel that's been "expanded" like popcorn, a result of its being cooked at more than 3,600 degrees (2,000 C) for 40 minutes.

The result is an inert soil additive with cavities that can hold water and air.

"Gumbo clay is a heavy, heavy soil that is difficult to work. It's difficult to use for

growing plants. At best, air can't penetrate the clay very deeply. And, every living cell — including the cells in plant roots — needs oxygen to stay alive and thrive," Upham said.

When gardeners with gumbo describe their soils, he said, their definition generally comes down to this: When it's wet, gumbo clay is sticky, gummy — a bloated, oxygen-deprived mud brick that's yard-size and drains poorly. When dry, however, that same gumbo turns into an impervious, shrunken version of itself, crisscrossed with deep cracks.

"Everyone in Kansas has seen soils like that, even though gumbo clay's color can vary from place to place. Around here, we even have it in green," the horticulturist said.

Expanded shale companies have been selling their

product as a permanent groundcover, much like lava rock, Upham said. They've touted its endurance as an ingredient in ballfield soils and its light weight and insulating qualities when part of the soil mix for pots and rooftop gardens.

Steve George at Texas A&M University, however, has now completed a several-year study that's convinced him expanded shale also is the most effective treatment for heavy clay soils.

George is recommending a single application — add 3 inches of expanded shale to the surface of gumbo soil and then till the additive in 6 to 8 inches deep.

"His recommendation is only for clay soils," Upham cautioned. "Thus far, research hasn't found that expanded shale benefits loams or sandy soils."

Buildex is the most com-

mon trade name for expanded shale in Kansas, he said. Tru-Gro Soil Conditioner is a common product name in nearby states. Local nurseries and garden stores may be stocking or ordering similar brands.

"Incorporating the recommended amount of expanded shale isn't inexpensive, though — particularly if you can't buy it in bulk. For example, I found one Texas nursery selling 5-pound bags for \$10," Upham said. "So, gardeners will want to test the product first with their own soil in a small area."

He added that in gardens with moderate amounts of clay, incorporating organic matter has always been a

good approach to making the soil easier to work. Organic matter content also allows roots to breathe. No matter the soil type, it helps soils handle water more effectively.

"The experts agree that you'll still have best results if you continue adding compost

or the like periodically, even where you've incorporated expanded shale in heavy clay," Upham said. "Or, you can keep your beds covered with about 3 inches of organic mulch that breaks down from year to year, regularly adding nutrients and tilling to your soil."

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# Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



## Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address

A few months ago, I wrote about the intolerance of some professed Christians against those of other faiths. This, of course, is unconstitutional, since our Constitution guarantees Freedom of Religion. A reader sent me a copy of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, which seems appropriate to share, so near his birthday, and with the world's problems as they are today. I've done some light editing to allow it to fit this space.

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Fellow countrymen: At this second appearing to take the oath of the presidential office, there is less occasion for an extended address than there was at the first.

On the occasion corre-

sponding to this four years ago, all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it — all sought to avert it. While the inaugural address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to saving the Union without war, insurgent agents were in the city seeking to destroy it without war — seeking to dissolve the Union, and divide effects, by negotiation. Both parties deprecated war; but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive; and the other would accept war rather than let it perish. And the war came.

Neither party expected for the war the magnitude or the duration which it has

already attained. Neither anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease with, or even before, the conflict itself should cease. Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes his aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces;

but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered — that of neither has been answered fully.

The Almighty has his own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through his appointed time, he now wills to remove, and that he gives to both North and South this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine

attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to him? Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn by the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

With malice toward

none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

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# Recession tightens grip on Midwest, Plains

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) Job losses continued last month in nine Midwest and Plains states, and a new survey of business leaders released Monday suggests the region's economy will remain weak in the months ahead.

"Despite less fallout from the downturn in housing, a much stronger banking sector and healthy farm income, the region is now experiencing the impact of the national and global economic recession," Creighton

University economics professor Ernie Goss said.

In January, the overall index for the Mid-America Business Conditions survey increased slightly, to 33.5 from December's record low of 33.0, but remained in negative territory. The survey's index ranges between 0 and 100, and any score below 50 on the index suggests a contracting economy over the next three to six months.

The employment index fell to a record low of 29 in

January from December's already weak 34.5.

The survey includes Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Goss, who oversees the survey, said the region reported job losses at about 1 percent during the last three months of 2008 while nationwide, about 4 percent of jobs were eliminated.

Surveys over the past several months suggest that the job losses gap between nine states and the rest of the country will close in the months ahead, Goss said.

The survey's inflation gauge, the prices-paid index, increased slightly in January, to 34.1 from December's 33.

Goss said he expects the lower prices businesses are paying for supplies to show up in the consumer price index during the first half of 2009.

The business leaders aren't very optimistic about the next six months. The

survey's confidence index slipped to 23.6 in January from December's 25.6.

Trade numbers remained weak in January. The index on new export orders slipped to 26.8 in January from December's 27.5. And the import index fell to 39.1 from December's 43.8.

"The global economic slowdown is putting significant downward pressure on exports, just as the U.S. economic recession is curbing imports," Goss said. "Unfortunately, exports appear to be falling faster than imports."

Other components of January's overall index were:

New orders at 28.6, up from December's 26.8.

Production climbed to 32.8 in January from 29 in December.

Inventories at 38.7, up from December's 37.3.

And delivery lead time at 47.2 in January, down from 47.4.

Goss and the Creighton Economic Forecasting Group have conducted the monthly survey since 1994.



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1992 Ford ambulance, 1977 one ton truck, Plasma cutter, 1991 Ford ambulance, Arco portable welder, rolling overhead hoist frame, Miller Dialarc arc welding power source, 8' Rawson Koeing truck bed box, Great lakes air dryer, and much more

#### AG EQUIPMENT INTERNET ONLY AUCTION

**BIDDING CLOSES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 10 A.M.**

2004 JD 7800 chopper, 2004 JD 9860 STS, 2005 JD 9760 STS, (2) 2004 JD 9760 STS, 2005 JD 9660 STS, (5) JD 630F hydraflex platforms, JD 8300 MFWD, JD 4755, 1990 CAT Challenger 65, Deere Tractors:4840, 4630, 4430, 4320, 7020, Orthman 996 grain cart, 1995 Int'l 9400 w/ 17' Mohrlang spreader bed, 1991 KW T800, 267K, 9 spd, 11.1 Detroit, 1991 Ford L9000, 450K, 9 spd, N14 Cummins, (2) '08 Wilson Pacesetters, 96x66, tarp, 1spg/1air, 2002 Wilson Pacesetter, 96x66, tarp, air ride, 1975 Fruehof 40' walking floor trailer, Hess. 4900 baler, NH and JD round balers & more

#### EQUIPMENT INTERNET ONLY AUCTION

**BIDDING CLOSES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 10 A.M.**

1999 Case 1845C concrete mixing unloader, 1995 Case 580 Super L backhoe loader, 1979 Caterpillar 930 wheel loader, Bomag tandem vibratory roller, 1994 Ford Conventional L LTA9000 semi truck, 1990 Ford 8 yard concrete mixing truck, (2) 1989 Ford 8 yard concrete mixing trucks, 1979 Fruehof 43' flatbed trailer, 1974 Bantam 10 ton crane with 60' boom, pile driver frames, Keisler 1/2 yard clam bucket, 1/2 yard concrete bucket, Yaun 1/2 yard clam bucket, 1982 36' extndable pole trailer

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February 11 — Cloud & Republic Co. land at Concordia for Karl Morgan Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 11 — 19th Annual Black Simmental & Sim-Angus Production Sale at Manhattan for River Creek Farms.

February 12 — Farm machinery. Internet only. Auctioneers: Blomquist Auctions.

February 13 — Farm machinery, construction equip., trucks, fleet vehicles Online Internet. Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

February 14 — Black Hereford sale at Leavenworth for J&N Ranch.

February 14 — Pasture, house & farmstead N. of Meridan for Henry Casey & Delores Casey. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

February 14 — Land Auction at Armstrong, MO. Auctioneers: Wheeler Real Estate & Auctions, Gratz Real Estate & Auctions.

February 14 — Antiques & period furniture, collectible glassware & pottery, pictures, primitives, guns & misc. at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Auctions.

February 14 — Antiques & household at Clay Center for Area Consignors. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions, LLC.

February 15 — Furniture, snow blower, glassware, collectibles, advertising items & misc. at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

February 16 — Osborne Co. grassland at Portis for Rodney A. Stevens. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

February 16 — Washington Co. farmland at Linn for Glennis A. Carlson. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

February 17 — Farm machinery at Belleville for Kenneth & Joan Brzon. Auctioneers: Realty & Assoc.-Mark Uhlik Auctions.

February 18 — Ag equipment. Internet only. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

February 19 — Salers sale at Quinter for GG&T.

February 20 & 21 — Antiques, collectibles & misc. at Douglass. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auctions.

February 21 — Farm & industrial machinery consignment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions.

February 21 — Household, antiques, machinery & misc. at Belleville for Al Havel. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

February 21 — Firearms, hunting & sporting equip., military, Civil War, WWI & II, Nazi items, air rifles, knives, antiques & more at Aurora, NE for Burger Estate. Auctioneers: Cornwell Auctions.

February 23 — Angus sale at Allen for Vohs Angus Farm.

February 24 — Brand that Works Production Sale at Manhattan for Mill Creek Ranch.

February 24 — Morris Co. land at Council Grove for Terry & Deborah Adams-Chris & Jamie Blackledge.

Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

February 25 — Jefferson Co. land at Valley Falls. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

February 25 — Stylist chairs, supplies, appliances at Manhattan for Classique Hair Design. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

February 26 — Consignment auction at Cornlea, NE. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement.

February 26 — Geary County land at Junction City for Grant L. Glessner. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

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February 28 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Lucille Ostlund Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 28 — Harvesting equip., trucks, tractors, tillage equip., planting & hay equip. & misc. SE of St. Marys for Bob & Joe DeDonder & Neighbors. Auctioneers: Everett Hoobler & Dennis Rezac.

February 28 — Limousin bull sale at Westphalia for Cherry Creek Limousins.

February 28 — Hereford bulls & Quarter Horses at Cottonwood Falls for TS Ranch.

February 28 — Land auction at Frankfort for Heirs of Paul Koch. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.

February 28 — Farmers Liquidation Auction at Fall City, NE. Auctioneers: Sneath Auctions.

February 28 — Nemaha Co. Farmland at Centralia for Weyer Brothers. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

February 28 — Coin auction at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

February 28 — Trucks, trailer, farm machinery at Everest for Glen & Grace Leitch. Auctioneers: Howard Auctions.

February 28 — Clean up farm sale at Pretty Prairie for Mr. & Mrs. Don Albright. Auctioneers: Giefer Auction Service.

February 28 — Construction tools, woodworking, plumbing, sheetrock, generators, ladders, hardware & supplies at Chapman for Leslie Schubert. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

March 1 — Firearms, knives, Harley Davidson items, trailers, vehicles, mechanic tools & household at Chapman for Leslie Schubert. Auctioneers:

Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

March 2 — 21st Annual Superior Genetics Angus Bull Sale near Manhattan for Lyons Ranch.

March 3 — Angus sale at Washington for Cattleman's Choice Angus.

March 3 — 36th Annual Production sale at Guide Rock, NE for S&S Polled Herefords, Schutte & Sons.

March 5 — Angus sale at Garnett for Hillhouse Angus.

March 5 — Chase Co. land at Cottonwood Falls for Joan & Dean Brown & Keller Family. Auctioneers: Griffin & Biggs Auctions Revocable Trust.

March 6 — Angus bull & female sale near Olsburg for Laflin Ranch.

March 6 — Bull & female sale at Manhattan for KSU.

March 6 — Marshall Co. land at Beattie for Don Jones. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

March 7 — Gelbvieh bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

March 7 — Farm machinery & misc. NW of Randolph for Ralph Hagenmaier. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

March 7 — Farmland & farm equipment at Washington for Dennis & Dorothy Stigge. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 7 — Farm machinery, equipment, lawn mower, household goods & misc. at Barneston, NE for James "Jim" Habrich. Auctioneers: The Auctioneers.

March 7 — Farm sale S. of Goddard for Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Landwehr. Auctioneers: Giefer Auction Service.

March 7 — Grassland-Chase Co. at Cottonwood Falls for Alan & Becky Smith. Auctioneers: Sam Griffin Auctions.

March 7 — Real Estate at Manhattan for Norma & Duane Benton. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

March 9 — Angus & Red Angus bull & female sale at Plainville for Rock 'n R Angus Ranch.

March 11 — Real Estate at Courtland for Dan & Shirley Sandell. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 12 — Chase County land at Cottonwood Falls for Beef Production, Inc. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

March 12 — Peyton Creek-Chase Co. land at Cotton-

wood Falls for Beef Production, Inc. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

March 13 & 14 — Private Treaty Angus sale at Holton for Rinkes Cattle Co.

March 14 — 23rd Annual Concordia Optimist Club Consignment Sale at Concordia.

March 14 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

March 14 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous W. of Manhattan for David & Gladys Schurle Trust & Jeff & Glenda Holmes. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

March 14 — Farm sale N. of Haddam for Joe & Virginia Baker. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

March 14 — Gelbvieh & Balancer bull sale at Belleville for Rippe Gelbvieh.

March 15 — Angus sale at St. Joe, Mo. for April Valley Farms.

March 19 — Benoit Angus 20th Annual Bull Production Sale at Esbon.

March 21 — Farm Sale Southwest of Concordia for Bedford Malmquist Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 21 — Hereford sale at Manhattan for Northeast Kansas Hereford Association. Auctioneers: John Cline.

March 21 — Consignment auction at Belleville for Race Museum. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

March 21 — Farmland, tools & antiques at Waterville for Elma Dettmer & Myrtle Dettmer. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 21 — Farm equipment & related items at Junction City for Hartman Consignment sale. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service LLC.

March 23 — Horned Hereford, Black Angus, black whiteface heifers & Quarter Horses at Dwight for Oleen Brothers.

March 24 — Brangus & Angus bull sale at Eureka for Suhm Cattle Co.

March 28 — Registered Angus bull & female production sale W. of Topeka for Mission Valley Ranch.

March 28 — Farm machinery, vehicles & misc. E. of Belleville for Edward Novak Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

March 28 — Consign or donate at Lawrence for Galen Douglass Memorial. Auctioneers: Dale Douglass Auctions.

April 3 — 27th Annual Bull Sale at Hyannis, NE for Hebbert Charolais.

April 4 — Limousin sale at Salina for Kansas Limousin Breeders.

April 11 — Show Pig Auction at Wamego for Fink Farms.

April 18 — Household, antiques & misc. at Belleville for Robert & Nancy Weary. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 18 — Eby Ranch Grass Time Sale at Emporia for Eby Ranch.

May 25 — 16th Annual Me-

morial Day Consignment auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

September 7 — 14th Annual Labor Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

November 7 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

## FARM AUCTION

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — 10:00 AM

From ST. MARYS, KS., 1 1/2 miles South on Maple Hill Road and East 1 mile on South Side. From I-70: Take Maple Hill, St. Marys exit North through Maple Hill, across the Kaw Valley River approx. 2 miles to North West 62nd and 1/2 mile West.

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**HARVESTING EQUIPMENT**  
1996 JD 9600 2WD chopper, 30 5x32 tires; STD feeder house, 4765 eng. hours, 3425 sep. hours; 1982 JD 4420 dsl., cab, only 2100 hrs., shedded with 13 ft. platform; 1981 IH 1400 axial flow combine, 2730 hours, sharp combine; 1978 JD 6600 PRWD straw chopper, float springs with 215 R flat., 4470 hours, 404 eng., always shedded and kept field ready, very nice; 1982 JD 844 cornhead with cornhead reel; 1982 444 wide cornhead; 1994 JD 925 flex platform; JD 653A row crop head; JD 1210A grain cart, 400 bushel; JD 15 ft. qt. platform with 6 Hesston Head Hunters; set of JD axle spacers for 9500 combine to fit 36" rows.

**PLANTING**  
1980 JD 7000, 8 row 36 pull type planter with Martin row cleaners and Bestway endwise transport, plateless; IH 400, 8 row 36 Cyclo with dry fert., endwise trans.; 1979 JD 8300 fert. grain drill, 20x8 DD openers with depth gauging press wheels; IH 5100 soybean special, 18x7 grain drill; Parker 200 bushel side dump gravity wagon with auger JD running gear; Brillion 10 ft. pull type alfalfa seeder; IHC 800 planter, 8 row 30 with Hiniker ridge cleaners.

**TILLAGE**  
1982 JD 712 offset disc chisel, 11 true depth STD's; IH 490 tandem disc, 30, good disc; 2 IHC No. 10 V-rippers, 7 shanks, 3 pt.; JD Model 1010 pull type 25 1/2 field cult. with harrow att.; IH 500 plow disc, 11 1/2 ft.; JD 1100 MTD field cult, 21 1/2 ft. with 3 bar harrow; Blue Jet 24 ft. 18 shank NH 3 applicator, 3 pt.; Clark 15' fold over NH 3 applicator, 3 pt.; JD Mod. 90 V-ripper, 11 shank, 3 pt.; The Mulcher 5 shank inter row ripper, 3 pt. or pull type; Hiniker 5000, 8 row 36" no till cult. with furrowing boards on sweeps; IH 642, 4x16 rollover plow; Noble 8 row 36 hydraulic fold RM cult., S-tine; Noble 6 row, 30 S-tine cult.; JD C-10 MTD field cult., 16' with Noble 3 bar tine harrow; Case 6x16 LF moldboard plow; Rhino 30 ft. tandem axle field cult. with 3 bar harrow; JD 21 ft. 230 disc; Noble 8 row 30 cult.; Servis 6 row 30' shredder, needs repair; Big Ox 7 shank chisel; Hiniker 8 row cult.; Kent field cult.; Krause 10' heavy duty oneway disc plow.

**MISC. EQUIPMENT**  
2 - 1,000 gallon anhydrous nurse tanks; 1995 Case 1845C skid steer loader, 1300 hours; Heinzman 7945 irr. traveler; irr. booster pump; Minney Mo 4 cylinder propane irr. eng.; approx. 2 mile 8 in. gated flood irr. pipe; approx. 1/4 mile 8 in. high pressure main line irr. pipe; Dual 3100 loader with 8' bucket and grapple with IH 1066 mtgs., very good; 2 sets 400 gallon saddle tanks to fit 40 Series JD tractors; 500 gal. bulk tank with front bracket for 4 wheel drive tractor; shop built car trailer; mist sprayer; JD Donahue style implement trailer, 8'x28"; Danuser F-8 post hole digger with 12" auger; old horse drawn road grader; 24 ft. roller weed wiper, needs new carpet; Sidewinder 5x5, 3 pt. rotary mower; Dymax tree shear; Sun Master 15 ft. flail mower, Mod. T-180C; old military 10KW gen. set, won't start; JD 440 Liquifire snowmobile, needs repair; old dry fert. spreader, no fan; 45' manual fold spray boom; JD 400 rotary hoe, 15'; dual loader with bucket; 20 ft. gooseneck trailer; Grain-O-Vator No. 30 wagon, real good; 1989 like new Chevy pickup bed; pull type 750 gal. Broyhill tandem sprayer with 50 ft. boom with hyd. pump, real sharp; 1,000 gal. fuel tank with pump; 400 gal. stainless steel tank with sprayer pump, damaged.

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1985 JD 530 round baler; Hesston 1160 hydra swing 14' mower conditioner; Hesston 10 wheel rake; Hesston 2000-150 pt. silage cutter, 2 row 36" with almost new pickup attachment, good, shedded; IH 430 wire small square baler; Richardson 14' hi dump silage wagon; JD MTD 946 Mo-Co 13', needs repair; IH 1100, 9 ft. PT sickle mower, extra head; OMI 10

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### FSA announces 2009 DCP sign-up and crop certification under way

Tamie Buckley, Riley/Geary County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency announced that enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and crop certification is underway. June 1, 2009 is the deadline to enroll in the 2009 DCP program and USDA will not accept late-filed applications this year. May 31st is the deadline to certify small grains with FSA.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin in the spring. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in Spring 2009.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

Producers are encouraged to call the Riley/Geary office at (785) 776-7582 to schedule an appointment. This year the new farm bill requires all program participants to file new eligibility paperwork. By calling to schedule an appointment in advance, the office can have necessary forms prepared to complete eligibility paperwork, DCP sign-up, and crop certification so multiple trips to the office can be avoided. Buckley reminds producers that annual acreage reports are required to be eligible for many FSA program benefits.

To remain in compliance with the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program farmers need to report all cropland acres on the farm. Producers who wish to receive marketing assistance loans and LDP's, CRP annual rental payments, and NAP benefits must also submit acreage reports. Under the new farm bill, a total farm acreage report is also required to be eligible for the SURE disaster program.

## Prepare now for eastern bluebirds' nesting

Wintering flocks of eastern bluebirds typically start breaking into breeding pairs during late February and early March in the central United States. So, the odds for attracting a pair of these "harbingers of spring" are highest for mid-U.S. homeowners who have a well-placed nesting box ready by March 1.

Logic suggests that human-supplied nesting boxes are the major reason the nation still has bluebirds said Chuck Otte, natural resources agent with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Bluebirds rapidly became scarce in the 20th century, he said. Urban sprawl accounted for part of their decline. House (English) sparrows and European starlings caused part of the drop, too, because both of those "imported" species are more aggressive than bluebirds

and compete for the same nesting sites in stumps or tree cavities.

"Fortunately, bird lovers noticed the decline in time — which some estimates put at more than 90 percent of the native bluebird population," Otte said. "They started a push that continues to this day — a drive to provide bluebird-specific nesting boxes."

"They soon found the birds are very specific in what they want. And, the proper size entry hole won't exclude sparrows, so humans have to do it. Even so, bluebird numbers have started to come back."

Eastern bluebirds prefer living near the edge of forested land where dead and dying trees and open areas are close to each other, he said. Sometimes they're attracted to a box that's near a golf course,

creek or somewhat wooded city park.

"Bluebirds really seem to like having a nice 'yard' in front of their home," Otte said. "As a result, if you want to help but live in a city, you'll probably have the best luck if you supply a box for some place in a rural area. Then you can go birding to see them there later on."

Early settlers called the eastern bluebird the blue robin, because it's not only early but also has a chestnut-orange breast. Female

bluebirds tend to be rather blue-gray, except for a white belly. And, the males are "an amazingly iridescent blue on back and tail," Otte said.

Specifics on box-building are available at county or district K-State Research and Extension offices or on the Web at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/wldlf2/c720.pdf>.

The National Bluebird Society supplies information about the birds and box options under "Bluebird Facts" at <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/>.

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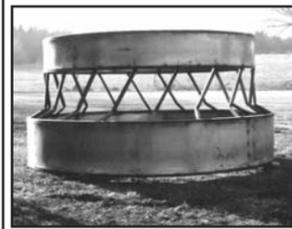
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