

Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow to moderate. Demand moderate to strong for grinding alfalfa, moderate for dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets and grass hay. Swathers are busy cutting wheat, triticale and alfalfa, some is being chopped and some baled. Alfalfa that has been baled, the quality is reported as very good and yields light to good. Dryland alfalfa producers are needing rain, between the insect damage and the dry, windy days some fields are showing stress.

If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares, 190.00-230.00; Dairy, Supreme 130.00-150.00; Premium 115.00-135.00; Good, 100.00-120.00, new crop dairy contracted 80.00-95.00 standing in the field. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 95.00-105.00 some 105.00-110.00 delivered, new crop contracted 95.00-110.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies 115.00-130.00, ground-on-the-truck 105.00-115.00. The week of 5/3-8, 10,773T grinding alfalfa and 1,400T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Bermuda good large square 125.00-150.00. Teff good, small squares 180.00. The average paid by

feedlots on May 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 125.34/T, down 71 cents from last month, usage was 933T/day down 9 percent, total usage was 27,991T.

South Central Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Dairy, 65-85 cents/point RFV, Supreme, 120.00-150.00; Premium 110.00-130.00; Good 95.00-115.00; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 75.00-95.00, Utility 65.00-70.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 105.00-120.00. The week of 5/3-8, 3,261T of grinding alfalfa and 890T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 138.00-155.00; Sun Cured 17% 150.00-155.00; Dehydrated 17% 200.00-205.00. The average paid by feedlots on May 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 108.63/T, up 1.05 from last month, usage was 230T/day down 27 percent, total usage was 6,907T.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, mid square 140.00-200.00. Dairy, New crop 150.00 delivered. Stock cow, mid square, 100.00-110.00; Bluestem: Good, small squares 85.00-100.00, mostly 90.00-95.00, mid and large squares 60.00-90.00, mostly 75.00-80.00, large rounds 40.00-60.00. Mulch, large rounds 45.00-50.00. Brome: Good, Small squares 100.00-110.00 mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, large rounds 50.00-70.00. **Northwest Kansas:** Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 200.00-250.00. Dairy, No trade. Stock cow 80.00-100.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 70.00-95.00;

Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 100.00-120.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse small squares 220.00, mid square 130.00-200.00; Dairy, Supreme, 130.00-140.00; Premium 120.00-130.00; Some new crop 150.00-155.00 delivered, no test; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 60.00-85.00, alfalfa Ground-on-the-truck 85.00-95.00, Ground and delivered 90.00-105.00, mostly 90.00-95.00. Grass hay: Bluestem small squares, Good 90.00-100.00, Mid squares 70.00-80.00, large rounds 50.00-65.00. Brome: Good, small squares, 90.00-120.00/T, Mid squares, 75.00-85.00, large round, 12.00-30.00/bale, 50.00-65.00/T, fair 40.00-50.00. Grass Mulch, large round 45.00-60.00. Straw, small squares 3.00-3.50/bale, mid and large bales 45.00-60.00/T.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. **TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%).

Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

The Kansas Hay Market Report is provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture with technical oversight from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

Use local data for planting info

Recent reports from research in Nebraska, Indiana, etc... have supported early planted soybeans. This is in contrast to our traditional practice of corn first, then beans. It also helps us flower and fill stages during stressful times of the year.

Would early planting work here? Note first off that the Nebraska work was done under irrigation. Not quite what we see here. Iowa's data is from a dryland site indicating that soybeans planted in late-April to early May versus mid May yielded better 79% of the time (high yield environments favored).

Indiana research found much the same due to increased pods per unit area. Work in Kansas was done about 10 years ago during a period of generally low yields. In NE/NC Kansas, we are similar to other states. With yields up to 55 bu/A at Topeka, yields increased with planting dates in late April compared to May for Group III and IV vari-

eties. At Belleville, with yields up to 50 bu/acre, yields were generally unaffected by planting dates up to mid-May, but had a fairly sizable yield drop when planting in June. In a lower yield environment at Powhattan (less than 30 bu/acre), there was no advantage to planting any earlier than early May. East Central Kansas work also showed no evidence supporting earlier planting.

The bottom line — plant early if practical. Seed should be fungicide and insecticide treated and varieties with resistance to soybean cyst nematode and sudden death syndrome are preferred. Do not plant into wet soils or until soil temperatures are at least 50 degrees to avoid poor seedling vigor. Ultimately, weather patterns dictate soybean yields, especially under dryland conditions and that means there are no guarantees when it comes to soybean yields.

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Breakeven calculators put quality into the equation for educated decisions

Cattle enterprises are risky business. You can invest a year's input into one annual calf sale, or look into ownership in the growing and finishing phases. As market prices move up and down, you have to appreciate a new tool that calculates "breakeven," the threshold to profit.

Paul Dykstra, beef cattle

specialist with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), developed a calf price breakeven calculator to do just that.

"This tool helps you understand the market and make the tough calls on whether to accept a bid," he says. "It can also help you make an informed decision on whether to retain owner-

ship and finish your cattle."

Available at www.cabpartners.com/facts/breakeven.php, the breakeven calculator is a spreadsheet that can establish a reference point for producers. But an accurate calculation can only be determined if users enter precise data.

"Numbers you plug in must be solid, either taken from herd history, futures markets or a feedlot manager who has records of similar calves with similar history," Dykstra says. "The more you can document similarities, the more accurate results."

The calculator begins with an ending price for fed cattle, projected from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Live Cattle Futures. It works backwards to predict some aspects of how your calves will perform in the feedlot, accounting for input costs and the final premiums and discounts.

"All these factors interact in the educated - or calculat-

ed - guess at a breakeven price for the day when your calves would be sold," Dykstra explains.

This calculator is unique because it factors in the premiums and discounts associated with percent Prime, the Certified Angus Beef ® brand, Choice and lower quality grades, Yield Grades and carcass weights. It's easy to use for a technical tool: just hover the cursor to see instructions for each cell, or download the cell-by-cell guide.

"We didn't completely reinvent breakeven, but there are new features that are often overlooked, including freight charges and dressing percentages," Dykstra adds.

With enough detailed information, producers can decide whether to retain ownership or when to sell the calves after evaluating the input costs. And when the decision is based on more than a hunch, it can be a topic of discussion at the

bank.

Knowledge is the key in deciding whether to hedge cattle, forward contract or wait to sell.

"The more you can educate yourself about your cattle, the better your prediction will be," Dykstra points out.

Herd history provides average daily gain, feed conversion and carcass quality. If those are unknown, feedlot managers or nutritionists can help find logical numbers from calves of similar genetics, weight, age and nutritional background.

When all the numbers are entered, the calculator shows cost of gain and breakeven. "If you're the seller, you might see that as a floor price," Dykstra notes. "On the other hand, a buyer might see breakeven as the ceiling. The market works because no two producers plug in the same numbers. One bidder may

walk away because the numbers don't work for him, while another may bid significantly higher and see room for profit."

And whether you are the calf buyer or have chosen to retain ownership, there's also a "fed-cattle price calculator" at the cabpartners.com site, and it works the same way. When evaluating the futures price for the probable harvest month, those who use this calculator can know their target floor.

Overall, these are user-friendly tools, Dykstra adds. "All the calculations are performed by the spreadsheets, leaving just the data collection and entering to the producer."

Buying or selling, "nobody wants to just break even," he allows. "But with quality cattle and a cultivated awareness of the market, these tools can help you cross that threshold and harvest some profit."



Judge Jack Ward selected Taylor Nikkel's entry as champion prospect steer at the Shawnee County spring livestock show.

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Landscaping, tips can have big impact on cooling costs of the home

Shade trees that shield the home from the summer sun can typically yield a savings on utility bills, said Bruce Snead, a Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist. Newer homes and neighborhoods may not have trees that have reached maturity that will allow them to provide relief from the summer heat and sun, but homeowners can still take steps to reduce summer cooling costs, said Snead, who offered these tips: Clean or replace the filter in a heating and cooling system every three months. Check periodically to see that the condensate drain, which removes condensation water drawn from the air during the cooling process, has not become clogged by accumulated

rust or other debris. A clog may cause water to back up and damage nearby flooring or a ceiling of a lower level.

Install a programmable thermostat that allows heating and cooling systems to adjust the inside temperature to match a homeowner's needs and lifestyle. If the family is away during the day, the home need not be cooled to the same level during that time, but the thermostat can be set to begin cooling before the family arrives home. Check with the electric utility to see if they offer rebates on thermostats.

Keep the home closed up to reduce solar gain during intense heat; close shades and blinds during the hottest part. Install ceiling fans, which, although not cooling units, do circulate

the air and minimize stuffiness. To conserve more energy, turn off the fan when the room is not occupied.

Supplement hard-to-cool spots with a box fan or by installing a window air conditioner. Read the manufacturer's instructions and place the unit out of direct sunlight and preferably on the north or east side of the home. Look for and seal air leaks around windows, doors, ducts or construction (of the home) with appropriate materials, such as caulk, weatherstripping, aluminum foil tape or fiberglass tape with mastic for ducts, or other durable products. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for safety and personal protection when installing or using these materials in and around the

home. Evaluate attic ventilation, and add soffit, ridge or gable end vents.

Check insulation levels. Add more if needed, according to U.S. Department of Energy region and climate recommendations. R-value recommendations can be found at http://www.ornl.gov/sci/roofs%2bwalls/insulation/ins_16.html. "Monitor utility bills to check for an unexpected change that may reflect a loss of efficiency in a cooling system," Snead said.

More information on choosing and maintaining energy efficient heating and cooling systems is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on the Extension engineering Web site: www.sustainable-energy.ksu.edu.



Supreme champion heifer at the Lyon County Spring Extravaganza was an entry shown by Lauren Prill. She was also tapped as the champion senior showman. Judge for the show was Kurt Schwarz.



Topping the prospect steer show at the Lyon County Spring Livestock Extravaganza was an entry by Taylor Nikkel, Maple Hill.



Reserve champion steer at the Lyon County Spring Livestock Extravaganza was shown by Zach Langley, Atchinson.



Ashlee Corns, Eureka, led out the reserve champion heifer during the Lyon County Spring Livestock Extravaganza

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tising tape measures; games; puzzles; advertising playing cards (railroad, airlines, beer); advertising whet stones; large assortment paper advertising; noddies; tennis ball tins; 3 Vienna Art plates; dog stein; coffee can & coffee jar lids (Case, K State,); magic lantern slides in original box Dept of Agric; hat pin holder; stick pins; collection scissors; figural tape measures (pig, girl, shoe, other); pin cushion shoes (dog, mouse, lady, other); collection small Santa's; needle holders; button hooks; 2 quilts; children hankies; pot holders; towels; table cloths; ladies hats; 20 gal jar buttons; typewriter ribbon tin collection; advertising radios; brass sprinklers; whirley gigs; bakers rack; Colorado Rockies home opener 1993 items; poker chips; large assortment of other items.

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Shelf Lawyer's Bookcase (Glass Shelf Fronts), Black Laminate & Glass TV/Media Stand, 2 Matching Black Leather & Chrome Bar Chairs, Samsonite Card Table w/4 chairs, Iron Café Chair, Sewing Box, Singer Oak Treadle Sewing Machine Complete (Refinished), Kenmore Sewing Machine w/Multiple Stitch Capability (Craft Stitches), Globe Lamps, Table Lamps, Floor Lamps, Safety 1st Baby Monitor w/Portable Receiver, Samsung DVD V3500 DVD & VHS Player w/Remote, GE 700 Watt Turntable Microwave, Magic Chef Microwave, Vacuums (Kirby w/Carpet Cleaner, Hoover Wind-tunnel, Hoover Hand Held & Electrolux), Dehumidifier.

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USDA helps retiring farmers transition their land to beginning farmers in new Farm Bill program

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan announced last week the Transition Incentives Program (TIP) — a new program under the Conservation Title of the 2008 Farm Bill — to encourage retired or retiring owners or operators to transition their land

to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

“Ensuring that our nation’s land is returned to production using sustainable methods is critical not only for our future food supply, but also for the economic future of our rural communities,” said Merrigan. “Access to land is one of the greatest challenges faced by new farmers. The Transition Incentives Program is one more tool in the USDA toolkit to protect family farms and support beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers.”

Producers who want to apply for the TIP can start signing up on Monday, May 17, 2010. If all program requirements are met, TIP provides annual rental payments to the retiring farmer for up to two additional years after the date of the expiration of the CRP contract, provided the transition is not to a family member. To learn more about program, producers interested in applying and participat-

ing in TIP should visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

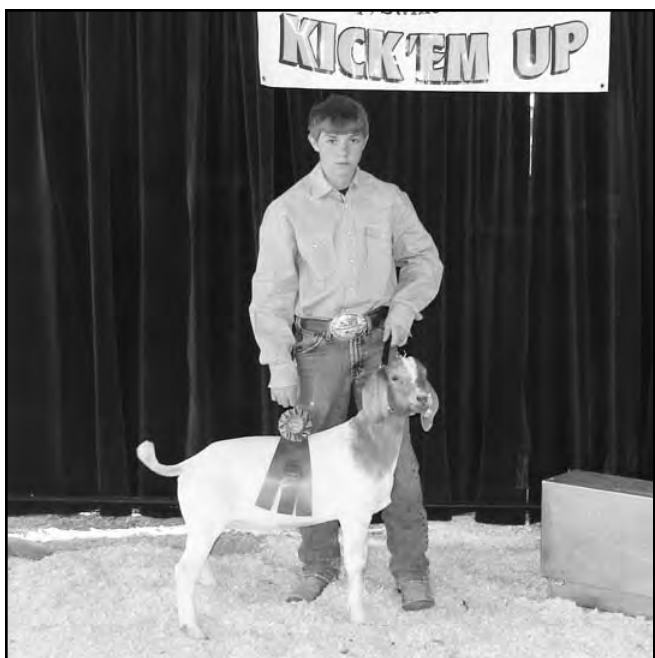
To be eligible, TIP requires that the retired or retiring farmer or rancher:

Have land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that is in the last year of the contract.

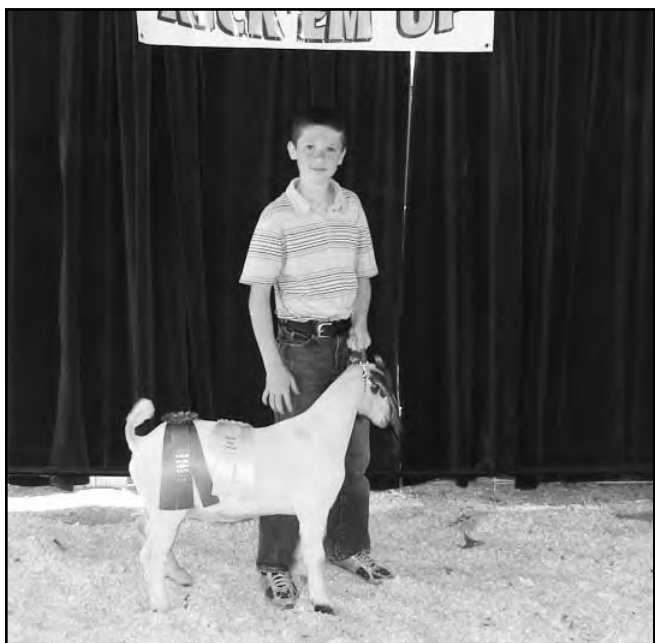
Agree to allow the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher make conservation and land improvements.

Agree to sell, or have a contract to sell, or agree to long-term lease (a minimum of 5 years) the land under CRP contract to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher by Oct. 1 of the year the CRP contract expires.

Supporting local economies and providing opportunities for beginning or socially disadvantaged Americans with a desire to farm or ranch is one of the many ways the Obama Administration and USDA are working to rebuild and revitalize rural America.



Cody Hutchinson led out the champion prospect meat goat shown at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show in Abilene. Judge for the show was David Hoy, St. Joseph, Mo.



Rogan Tokach, Dickinson County 4-H member, owns the reserve champion prospect meat goat shown at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show in Abilene recently. There were 40 head of goats shown.



Grand champion market lamb shown at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show in Abilene was owned by Greg Harris, Dickinson County. Judge for the show was David Hoy, St. Joseph, Mo. There were 69 head shown.

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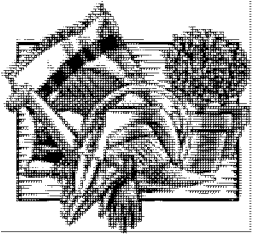
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

The Joy of Thinning Apricots

An attribute of gardening is its development for patience. In pursuit of instant everything, plants can be stubborn and take their own sweet time. If you are the gardener of such plant, perhaps patience will rub off. A world with more patience might actually be progress.

It was 35 years ago that a small whip of an apricot tree was planted in the soil. After

bouts of drought, grasshoppers and hailstorms it matured into a full grown tree. Each spring it would bloom beautifully putting an end to winter. Unfortunately, it would frost after bloom. The tree had never been allowed to set fruit. Not a one.

Now after 35 years it gets to produce the fruit from its many years of enduring Kansas's environment. Even

the gardener will get the opportunity to see if it was worth the wait. Even if the fruit are only average, they may be the best ever produced. Keep the hail, insects, diseases and wildlife away.

Not only are there fruit, but too many. Fruit trees often set more fruit than is practical for a tree to produce. It takes a lot of leaves to produce food for developing fruit and flower buds for next year's crop. Since you can't add leaves, we need to take away the number of fruit. This will leave fruit more suitable for eating.

Some estimates are that one fruit requires 40 to 60 leaves to develop a preferred size fruit. If you don't want to count leaves, the association is to space fruit 4 to 8 inches apart for most fruit tree crops. Apricots aren't as demanding and can be spaced 2 to 4 inches. Cherry trees are efficient and don't require thinning.

Fruit usually isn't evenly spaced along the stem. When there are gaps along the stem with no fruit, you can leave fruit closer spaced to com-



Reserve champion lamb at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show was an entry owned by Emily Harris, Abilene.

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pensate for the bare spots. It goes back to the ratio of leaves needed per fruit versus distribution. Twist the fruit and it will come off in your hand to thin.

Even branches that have been thinned will get heavy. Keep a watch on the branches so they don't break off. You may need to prop up the branches.

Thirty-five years seems like a long time to get your first harvest. I wonder when will be the next time the tree will need to be thinned. You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.

Kansas Wheat Day planned for Hays next week

The Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center-Hays will host the Kansas Wheat Day in conjunction with Kansas Wheat on Wednesday, May 26, at the Center's headquarters on the south side of Hays.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with programs beginning 9:30 a.m.

Wheat varieties from both public and private breeding programs will be on display. K-State Research and Extension specialist Jim Shroyer will discuss attributes and relative performance of historical varieties developed by K-State.

Joe Martin will discuss current and new wheat varieties and plant pathologist Dallas Seifers will discuss the potential impact and damage caused by the Triticum Mosaic Virus (TriMV) and Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV).

At noon, a free luncheon will be provided and Justin Gilpin of Kansas Wheat and Darrel Hanavan with the Colorado Wheat Research Foundation will give a presentation on public wheat improvement programs and private industry collaborations.

This program is open to wheat producers, crop consultants, individuals associated with agribusiness and cooperative extension and the public.

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4-1/2" Grinder; DeWalt 4" Grinder; (2) DeWalt 4.5" Grinders; DeWalt 7" Grinder; DeWalt Right-angle Grinder; Milwaukee Right-angle Grinder; Skil Right-angle Grinder; (3) DeWalt cordless Sawzalls; (2) Portable Cable Sawzalls; (2) Ridgid cordless Sawzalls; (3) DeWalt cordless circular Saws; (2) Ridgid cordless Circular Saws; DeWalt cordless Trim Saw; DeWalt VS Jig Saw; Maikta Jig Saw; Ridgid Jig Saw; Skil Jig Saw; DeWalt Jointer; DeWalt Router; (2) Craftsman Routers; Porter Cable Router (2) DeWalt Screw Guns; (2) Black & Decker Screw Guns; DeWalt Orbital Sander; Porter Cable Sander; (2) Palm Sanders; Hitachi Power Planer; (5) Skil HD77 Saws; Skil Worm-drive Saw; Senco Spiral Saw; Senco Finish Pro Brad Nailer; Senco Finish Pro Finish Nailer; (2) Senco Screw Guns; Senco 701XP Framing Gun; Senco Finish Pro 600 Nail Gun; (4) Senco SKS Staple Guns; (2) Ryobi Rocker Srew Guns; (2) Porter Cable Screw Guns; Ramset Power-actuated Stud Gun; (3) Ramset Stud Guns; Hitachi DX460 Power Actuated Nailer; Hitachi Coil roofing Nail Gun; Hitachi NR83AA Nail Gun; DeWalt Snorkel Lights; Ridgid Flash Lights; NAPA impact wrench set; 6' steel railroad cart; sheet-rock cart, door carts; (2) 3'x3' carpeted carts; 2' triangle cart; utility push cart; (2)Wesco plastic demo carts; 16' extension ladder; 24' extension ladder; 6', 8', 10', 12' stepladders; Trash Chute; (2) 50' Safety Harnesses; water pumps, 2" water hose; Universal 150,000 BTU Propane Heater; (2) Master Propane Heaters; wheelbarrows; sawhorses; diesel and gas cans; (2) 250-gallon bulk diesel tanks on stands; Shop Vac 6.5HP 18-gallon; Stinger Dry-wall sanding vacuum with attachments; Kraft Texture Gun; Banjo.

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24" Sona tubes, power trowel blades, rubber boots, knee skids, many finish tools.

WELDING

Victor welder regulators, welding rods 6011, Harris cutting torch & oxygen/acetylene tanks, helmet, goggles, replacement shields, gloves.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sprayers, safety cones, safety fence, water coolers, respirators, dust masks, hard hats, marking chalk, measuring tapes (200' and 300'), measuring chain (200'), C-clamps, extension cords, fans, lights on stands, abrasive and diamond saw blades, rotary and jack hammer bits, 4' paint shield; 18" paint roller, Visqueen 36" x 25', equipment oil, staplers, hoisting chain, regular chain, lifting straps, brick carrier, pipe jacks, wood bar clamps, roof & ladder jacks, furnace, small refrigerator; (2) appliance dolly; many more misc items.

HAND TOOLS

Rakes, shovels, snow shovels, brooms, hand saws, levels, pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches, ratchet come-alongs, hay hooks, epoxy guns, grease guns, rivet guns

BUILDING MATERIALS

1050 yellow brick, 300 red brick, 3 pallets cut stone, block mesh, wall ties, expansion joints, metal bldg roofing (galv), metal bldg trim (white), metal bldg channel, metal decking, metal studs, strapping, double-face tape, crimper; metal doors, metal frames, pipe bollards (4' x 6"), pipe culvert, trench frames & grates, drain covers, 2 steel bldg ladders, corrugated 4" plastic pipe, PVC 6" pipe, fittings, clean-outs, wall hydrants, 2x lumber; form plywood, insulated plywood, wood I-beams, plate insulation sealer, Simpson anchors, wood frame straps, hurricane clips, rolled roofing, backer rod, drywall studs, corner bead, caulking, weather stripping, ceiling grid, corner guards, vinyl screen, grab bars, push/pull plates, door hardware, continuous hinges, fire extinguishers and cabinets, coat racks, chain link fence, variety of nails and screws including Duraspan #8 x 1-3/4, Senco 6mm 1-1/4 finish nails, Bostitch wire nails, lots of miscellaneous items

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Reserve champion lamb at the Lyon County Spring Livestock Extravaganza was an entry shown by Colton Allemand, El Dorado.



Thane Barker, Lebo, showed the top prospect market lamb at the Lyon County Spring Livestock Extravaganza also pictured is judge Paula Swartz.



Sam Davis, Madison, led out the champion meat goat shown at the Lyon County Spring Livestock Extravaganza held recently in Emporia. Judge for the show was Paula Swartz, LaCygne. He was also the champion intermediate showman.

K-State hosts annual county wheat plot tours in coming days, weeks

K-State Research and Extension is hosting its annual wheat plot tours in counties throughout the state.

"These plots give growers and others interested in wheat production the chance to see different varieties and how those varieties are faring under local conditions," said Jim

Shroyer, Extension wheat specialist.

The plots represent months of work by Extension agents and cooperators in their counties and districts, he said. Producers often check the plots throughout the growing season.

A schedule with dates, locations and times of the

wheat plot tours is available on the Web: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/wheatpage> and click on Calendar.

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Ramona, rwf 1080@71.25	Ramona, char 1220@67.50	Council Grove, blk 1550@67.00	Alta Vista, blk 1160@66.25	Marion, red 1295@66.25	White City, blk 1275@65.75	Hope, char 740@65.50	Hope, red 1325@65.25	Ramona, rwf 1415@64.75	Hillsboro, red 1460@64.25	Hope, c 1610@64.25	Herington, bwf 1215@64.00	White City, blk 1290@64.00	Marion, red 1175@63.75	Hesston, blk 1345@63.25	Hope, bwf 1725@63.25	Hesston, blk 1325@63.00	Hesston, blk 1345@63.00	Council Grove, bwf 1000@62.75			

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Council Grove, wf 1245@58.25
Hillsboro, hol 1500@58.25
Hillsboro, rwf 1585@58.00

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		56 mix	Tampa	1010 @ \$98.75

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500-600	\$112.00-\$123.00
600-700	\$107.00-\$115.00
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STEERS		HEIFERS	
3 mix	Wilsey 317 @ \$143.00	4 blk	Aurora 508 @ \$123.00
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3 blk	Lindsborg 640 @ \$130.00	3 mix	Carlton 425 @ \$119.00
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10 mix	Salina 821 @ \$121.00	14 mix	New Cambria 651 @ \$113.00
22 blk	Manhattan 723 @ \$120.50	5 char	Delphos 670 @ \$112.00
10 blk	Solomon 742 @ \$119.00	4 mix	Randolph 635 @ \$112.00
20 mix	Canton 786 @ \$116.50	7 mix	Randolph 656 @ \$111.00
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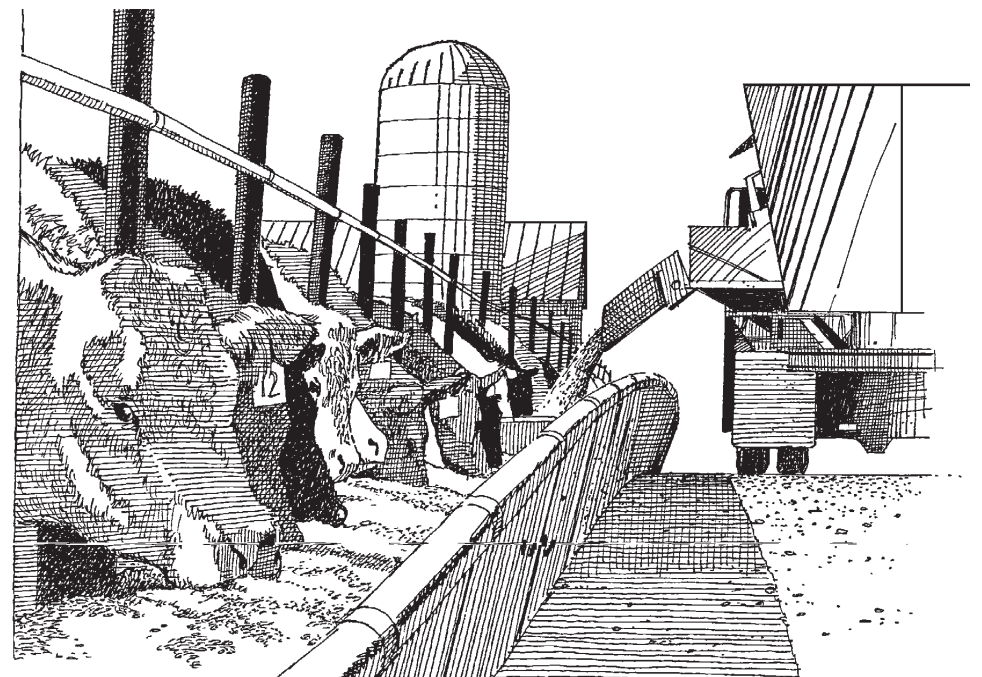
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			1 rwf	Assaria 1480 @ \$68.00
			1 blk	Benedict, NE 1725 @ \$68.00
			5 blk	Salina 1659 @ \$68.00
			1 blk	New Cambria 1345 @ \$67.50

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1 blk	Ada	205 @ \$325.00
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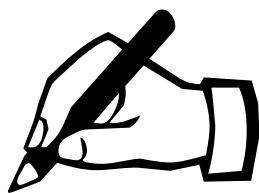
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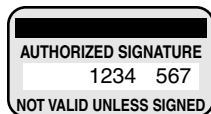
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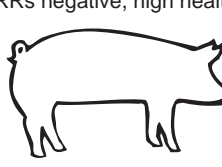
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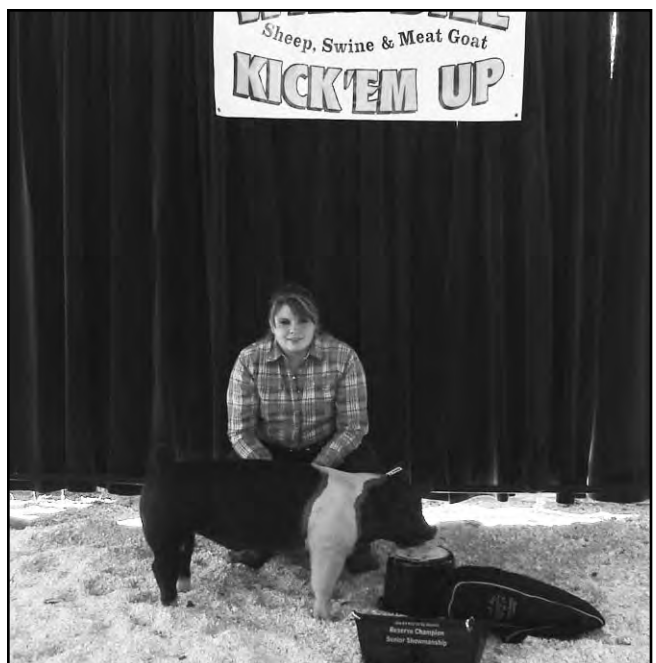
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Blake McNorton, Council Grove, drove the champion prospect hog at the at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show held recently in Abilene. Judge was Randall Von Krosigk, Manhattan.



Samantha Leeds, Morris County, showed the reserve champion prospect market hog at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show in Abilene. There were 113 hogs in the show.

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BEATTIE	1 WF STR	345@\$134.00	SENECA	2 BLK HFR	472@\$116.50
ODELL,NE	2 BLK STR	420@\$133.00	DILLER,NE	4 XBRD HFR	505@\$112.50
MARYSVILLE	1 BLK STR	435@\$133.00	BLUE SPRINGS,NE	2 BWF HFR	610@\$109.25
MARYSVILLE	6 BLK STR	526@\$130.50	STEWARTSVILLE,MO	2 BM HFR	530@\$107.00
MARYSVILLE	1 BLK BULL	430@\$129.00	CLIFTON	1 BWF HFR	555@\$106.00
MARYSVILLE	2 BLK BULL	377@\$126.00	BLUE SPRINGS,NE	10 BLK HFR	734@\$105.25
AXTELL	3 MIX STR	545@\$123.00	FRANKFORT	8 MIX HFR	781@\$103.25
SENECA	3 BLK STR	625@\$119.00	MAHASKA	3 MIX HFR	683@\$102.50
ODELL,NE	1 BLK STR	560@\$119.00	GOFF	2 BLK HFR	677@\$102.50
MARYSVILLE	1 BLK BULL	535@\$119.00	STEWARTSVILLE,MO	4 BM HFR	611@\$102.50
DILLER,NE	2 XBRD STR	492@\$117.00	MARYSVILLE	3 BLK HFR	723@\$101.25
DILLER,NE	1 BLK STR	565@\$115.50	BREMEN	1 BLK HFR	690@\$99.50
AXTELL	2 MIX STR	635@\$114.50	WASHINGTON	3 CHAR HFR	811@\$99.00
STEWARTSVILLE,MO	9 BM STR	596@\$113.00	MAHASKA	10 BLK HFR	857@\$98.75
DILLER,NE	1 BLK STR	685@\$112.50	FRANKFORT	2 BLK HFR	837@\$96.75
BLUE SPRINGS,NE	2 BWF STR	627@\$111.50	BLUE SPRINGS,NE	2 BLK HFR	860@\$96.75
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SENECA	1 BLK STR	570@\$108.00	MARYSVILLE	1 BLK HFR	960@\$93.00
BREMEN	1 BLK STR	705@\$107.50	FRANKFORT	1 BLK HFR	900@\$92.75
MARYSVILLE	2 BLK STR	777@\$103.75	SENECA	4 BLK HFR	972@\$90.00
SENECA	10 BLK STR	997@\$97.85	BLAINE	1 BLK HFR	915@\$88.50
MARYSVILLE	3 BLK STR	941@\$93.75			
BLUE SPRINGS,NE	2 BLK BULL	962@\$91.50			
HANOVER	1 XBRD BULL	720@\$91.50			
SENECA	1 BLK BULL	815@\$90.50			

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BEATTIE	2 BLK HFR	407@\$134.00
BLAINE	3 BLK HFR	261@\$132.00
VERMILLION	1 BWF HFR	390@\$128.00
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The Picket Line

By Ralph Galeano

How To Sell a Horse 101

I've sold a few and bought a few over the years and I learned some things about horse trading. The main thing I learned is that I'm in the wrong business. I could have made more money if I had been a lawyer, plumber or maybe a politician. But then I can't see as how they enjoy life having to be inside all day so I'll stick with breeding, training and trading horses. Besides, I meet some interesting people at horse sales, some good, some bad but mostly good. There are also a few crooks in that gallery so I'm mighty careful when I strike up a conversation at a sale.

You won't get rich trading at auctions and sometimes you can get hurt in the pocket. To stay ahead of the game, you have to know what type of horse is selling well. Know the market. Sit through lots of sales and determine which horses

bring the best bids. For example, are they working ranch horses, barrel horses, pleasure or cutting horses? Cutting horses and barrel horses always seem to do well. Maybe that's because the good ones have the ability to win enough money in the show ring to make owning them profitable.

Good ranch horses only occasionally bring top dollar. That's a mystery. I've always wondered why a cowboy would pay \$40,000 for a new pick-up but balk at giving \$2,500 for a decent horse that will be his partner day in and day out. I'm thinking it may be a matter of pride in their ability to take a green or troublesome horse and turn it into a top notch mount. Those horses come cheaper and I can't fault that kind of thinking.

There are some people that do fairly well selling

horses and I have made a habit of watching and listening when they describe the animal they have put on the block. I'll share with you a bit of knowledge I've picked up over the years.

Reputation is everything. It will make or break you trying to sell horses. If you have misled people in the past, that misinformation will follow you from sale to sale. Discuss the good points and mention the bad. You don't have to go overboard talking about bad habits but let the buyer know they exist. You won't be trusted much if you sell a horse and the buyer finds out it has dangerous traits like bucking or rearing when he rides him. Don't sell dangerous horses unless you make the buyer fully aware of any problems the horse may have. If you don't, it will follow you forever and your reputation will be questionable.

Successful sellers point out all the good traits first. They mention any bad habits or possible health issues or lameness and then proceed to describe the horses' history. If he has winnings in the arena, they are sure to mention the dollar total. Maybe the horse is simply a pleasure horse suitable for kids or someone that just wants to trail ride. That's an asset and I've listened to them describe the horse's demeanor such as how he is solid on the trail with no spook.

If your horse has good breeding and champion bloodlines are on his registration papers, you should have the papers handy to show them to all prospective buyers. Let the auctioneer know of the quality breeding and any specialties your horse or its sires and dams may have. Lots of people are looking for horses that have sires and dams known for producing outstanding horses in the discipline they are involved in. A grade horse is an unregistered horse of possible mixed breeds. It can also be a purebred horse that was never registered by previous owners. They don't usually bring as much as registered horses but can be just as good. Buyers that aren't interested in

purebred papers know they can sometimes find a bargain in a well trained grade horse. If you have a good grade horse, don't be afraid to ask a fair price. Just because he's not registered doesn't mean you have to give him away. Savvy horsemen know a good horse when they see one and will pay a fair price whether he has papers or not. Let's look over a few of the most important ways you can better market your horse.

First off, the horse has to be in good shape. No ribs showing, shiny coat, good conformation and a fine-looking head. Droopy ears, dull coats, coarse heads and underweight critters don't show well and won't bring top dollar or may not even sell. So, before you take your horse to a sale barn or place an ad in the paper, start a month or so before and give him plenty groceries if he needs them. Dig in your pocket and buy one of the coat supplements that will make your pony shine. Spend lots of time grooming and combing his mane and tale. Make him stand out.

Do it yourself or have a farrier shoe or trim his hooves. Have you ever seen the letters UTD listed on a horse for sale ad? It took me a while to figure it out but it means Up To Date.

Give all the shots needed and worm the horse. Print out a record of all the shots and worming performed over the years if you know the dates and then you can also put down UTD on all shots and worming in your ad. It's a professional approach and will be recognized.

If your horse has any training issues such as poor reining, stopping or lead changes, use the time before a sale to give him a tune-up. Work on making him stand still for mounting. If he throws his head, ride him with a tie-down and try to cure the problem before riding him in the sale ring. Perhaps you know a trainer that could fine tune him before the sale. Appearance and training are everything. A good handle goes right along with a shiny coat.

If you've done your homework and you still can't sell him, cheer up. You'll be hauling home a better horse than you had before you decided to sell him and there's always another sale. You just might think about keeping him for yourself since he looks so much better now than he did when you first decided to sell him. Contact Ralph Galeano at horseman@horsemanspress.com or www.horsemanspress.com.

ANTIQUA AUCTION

MONDAY, MAY 31 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center 900 Greeley in SALINA, KANSAS

FURNITURE

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clock; ATSF & MOPAC lanterns; Pony Express & Bulldog spittoons; Hummel's (Little Waiter, Barnyard Hero, Little Cellist, Happy Birthday, Bookworm, Apple Tree Boy lamp); **Watches inc.:** Waltham side wind pocket, Elgin ladies watch w/gold chain, ladies wrist watch w/diamonds; Michaels black broach; emerald ladies ring w/diamonds; **Toys inc.:** Campbell Kids cast iron bank; Arcade thrashing machine; tin patrol car; battery Cragston Sniffy dog; Metal Craft Toy Town Grocery truck; Tonka truck & horse trailer; Sears battery wrecker; airplanes inc.: Marx P35, Hubley folding wing, Ford tri motor; Sun Rubber toys; wooden Overland Oil Express pull toy; wooden toy steam boat; wicker doll sleigh; Hallmark toys; tin pedal tractor; HO trains; 1/16 tractors inc.: Allis 7060, JD 4010, others; other toys; Play-boy magazines (1961-94); Care & Operation of Farm Machinery 19 & 21; machinery manuals; Bozo The Clown comic; Star War paper cups; **Glass inc.:** Flow blue pitcher, bowl & soap, turkey platter, bowl & tureen; Iris Crown pitcher & bowl; Mason's Vista red transfer china; Roseville wall pockets (snowberry, Donatello, Apple Blossom, Freesia, Cosmos); Roseville Zephyr Lilly jardiniere (damaged) & pedestal; Van Briggie candle holders; Van Briggie, Weller, Niloak & Frankoma vases; Alice In Wonderland tea set; Akro Agate cups & saucers; set Hoosier jars w/covered salt; Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam, Popeye cookie jars; pink & green depression glass; Santa & Thanksgiving post cards; linens; hosiery boxes; coverlets; quilt; vanity items; wood butter paddles & butter molds; wooden bowls; 4 qt. Dazey churn; celluloid dresser pieces; slot machine front; magnajector; aluminum Christmas tree; buttons; large assortment of other collectables.

Note: This is a large auction. Most of the Coke & pop items are new old stock found in a warehouse. We have combined collections to make a very quality auction. The furniture came out of homes and ready to go back to your home. There are many unusual items. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. This is the 3rd day of our Memorial Weekend auctions.

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Sunday, May 30 is one-room school day. From 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. join the schoolmarm and participate in penmanship lessons, spelling, and reading from

the McGuffey Readers at the one-room Lower Fox Creek School. The schoolhouse is located north of the historic ranch headquarters on the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway (K- 177). The school will be open to the public and staffed by National Park Service volunteers from 12 noon until 4 p.m. each day Saturday through Memorial Day Monday.

Monday, May 25 is kid's fossil day. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. join Bob Sawin and Rex Buchanan from the Kansas Geological Survey for an hour tour on the Southwind Nature Trail, while learning about fossils and geological formations in the Flint Hills. Please call ahead for reservations at 620- 273- 8494; there is no

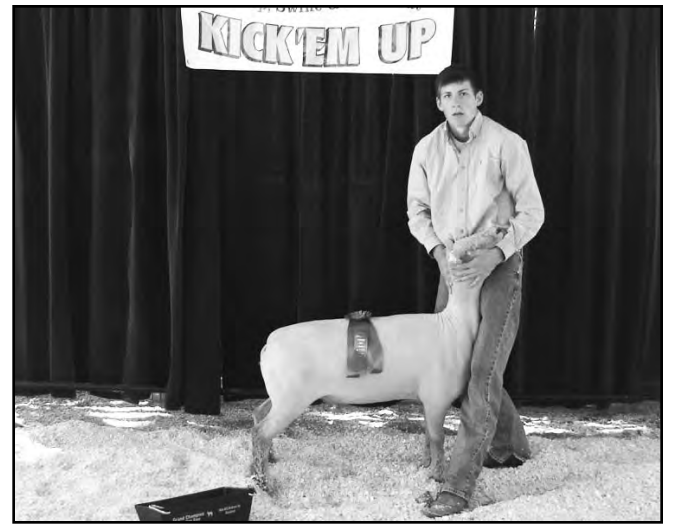
charge for the tour or any activities at the preserve.

A 6.4-mile bus tour of the preserve's backcountry is available daily at 11 a.m. with more available as staffing allows from April 24 through October 31, 2010. There is no charge for the tours. Advance reservations for the bus tours are recommended, but arrangements can be made on the day of the visit if space is available. A minimum of two passengers is required per bus tour. For more information, please call the park rangers' offices at (620) 273- 8494.

Guided tours of the historic 1881 limestone ranch house are conducted hourly on the half-hour starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at

3:30 p.m.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494. Superintendent Wendy Lauritzen can be reached at the Cottonwood Falls office headquarters at 620- 273- 6034.



Trent Langvardt, Geary County 4-H member, led out the champion breeding ewe at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up show. There were 18 head shown.

AUCTION

FRIDAY, MAY 21 — 4:00 PM

Clarion Hotel, 530 Richards Drive — MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Craftsman zero turn riding lawn mower with bagger, only 57 hours, like new; beautiful Cherry office desk; new Italian leather sectional; custom made Ethan Allen settee; dining table, 8 chairs & side table; Ashley sectional couch; maroon sofa; Kenmore front load washer & dryer; refrigerator; king bed with new Tempura pedic mattress; La-Z-Boy dual recliner loveseat; round glass table & matching sofa table; 2 custom made La-Z-Boy glider/recliners; 2 custom made living room chairs; leather recliner; 6 drawer dresser with mirror; king size bed; Pier 1 metal bed, complete & new; metal glass top table; Thomasville Bogart Collection mirror; antique hall table; full size bunk board bed with 2

drawers; patio set with table, 8 chairs, umbrella & stand & 2 rockers; Kenmore Deluxe gas BBQ grill; concrete table & 3 curved benches; metal bench & cushion; 2 lawn chairs; 2 small patio tables; 2 zero gravity loungers; hammock; lawn statuary & planters; various Pottery Barn area & room rugs, very nice; Sony TV & stand with VCR; stand & side tables; Pottery Barn bench with 3 cushions & 6 pillows; large framed bevel mirror, approximately 3'x6'; purple bar stools; Pier 1 mirrors; oak 4 shelf bookcase; 3 round top glass tables; futon frame; Panasonic portable TV; air hockey table; cordless phones; lamps; pictures & frames; 8 place set blue stoneware; bar stools; Waterford crystal; Franciscan

china; English Willowware; Waterford "Cross Haven" & "Ashworth" 5 place setting; comforters; bedding; Royal Albert china; Classic Heritage china; Royal Worcester Regency; Kitchen Aid pasta sheet roller & cutter; CD's & player; many pillows; butter dish; candleholders; tea set; vases; 2 Longaberger baskets; teapots; pillow shams; pasta set; pottery pieces; ice bucket; Sushi plates; dishes; pots; pans; cake plate; microwave; baking pans; stoneware; mantel clock; waffle iron; CD player; small kitchen appliances; utensils; many holiday decorations, nice; back massager; Schwinn motor scooter; 2 Trek bikes; New Danze water faucet; shop vac; garden tools; lots more. Photos on website.

NOTE: This is a very partial list! Must See! Showcase Auction with quality everywhere, these items are out of a 14-room Sharingbrook home, majority of items 1-3 years old and many never used. This is a very partial list, Must see!

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SATURDAY, MAY 29 — 10:00 AM

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ANTIQUES, ART & COLLECTIBLES

Wells Fargo painted oak pigeon hole cabinet; painted Hoosier; scythe w/catcher; jewelry caskets; Star Trek & Mork lunch boxes; Matchbox, Hot Wheels; Marx figures; older Barbie case & dolls in boxes; Chemcraft leb set; 50's & 60's toys games inc.: Ertl 1450B dozer in box; Fisher Price; wood pull toys; cap guns & caps; several tin litho friction cars new in box; vintage flocked wall paper; Oriental lacquer ware canister & tray set in box; wood basket mold; Coleman lantern w/box; other lanterns; REO speedometer; Worlds Fair items; 1960's Go Go boots; gun powder & spice tins; Fraternal items (sword, uniform, hats, robe, pictures, medals); military binoculars; tavern candles; miners lantern; Revell & Aurora model kits; Nebraska water bottles; cuckoo clocks; silver dollars & other coins; foreign coins; baseball cards (1960's-90's); Hoppy & Roy Rogers items; tobacco cards (schools, flags, movie stars); Zippo & other lighters; Squirt pop items; rare American flag; marbles; inkwell; Santa glass candy container; Cheyenne rodeo milk bottle; Keystone viewer & cards; Simplex jacks; bottles & jars; hand made walnut spoon display unique; razor straps; Winchester & Keen Kutter items; butch-

er knives; kitchen tools; Space Ranger flashlight; cameras; watch band displays; enamel ware; glass lamp shades; salesman sample stove; button & dice collections; bed pans; clocks inc.: Pepsi Squirt, Boliva, RCA, Pabst; radios; Bob Dole bighead doll; Tom Thumb typewriter; baby mannequin; fishing reels; Montague bamboo fly rod; exceptional bighorn sheep rack; vintage flatware; gumball machines; Salad Master carving set; pocket & wrist watches; fobs; chains; watch books & manuals; Model T price book; assortment jewelry some signed; quilts; Santa items; early Kansas advertising; pocket knives; matchbooks; fountain pens; mechanical pencils; bullet pencils; ink bottles; RH37 Navy knife; Indian turquoise jewelry; Nazi items; cereal premiums; Kansas trade tokens; rare Harley Davidson purple silk riding hat 1920's; Gibson paper weight; tin types; bakelite items; cap guns; KS Ag college glass slides; hat pins; yardsticks; shoe stretchers; ice skates; flapper sequin dress; Red Ryder BB gun display; blow torch; Arcade tree stand; yard sticks; printers blocks; golf clubs; Marathon fishing lure display w/lures; umbrellas; decanters; ink bottles; ART inc.: signed oil paintings; prints; lithographs; etchings inc.: Frank

Vining Smith, Grayson, Sayer, Kelly Hull, RA Fox, Lyman Byxbe; JB Rivard train pictures; Wes Dewey watercolor Turkey; large assortment of other collectables.

POTTERY & GLASS

Meakin ironstone service for 8; Heisey; Dryden; Hull; Weller; Watt; Niloak; McCoy; Murano; Fostoria; Van Briggel; Gonder; ruby flash; custard glass; Goo-fus; carnival; milk glass; yellow ware; salt & pepper; 60 pcs Burleigh ware willow; Jadeite candleholders; Royal Copley wall pockets; cat cookie jar; Western ware plates; black glass; depression; Indian pottery; Red Wing; Moundridge Creamery glass; mercury glass curtain ties.

PAPER

Catalogs; magazines inc.: Deere Furrows, Oil Gas Journal, Legion, auto related, Pro Football, Theatre Arts, New Yorker, Holiday, London News, 1800's Scientific American, 1960's Shooting Times; scrippophily; stamps; large assortment farm, auto, railroad paper (brochures, manuals, catalogs, time tables); assortment calendars; assortment vintage sheet music; 100's vintage pictures, photographs, portraits; pocket ledgers; doll & coloring books; car brochures; newspapers; 100's post cards; scrap books; road maps; many good books; farm & hardware invoices.

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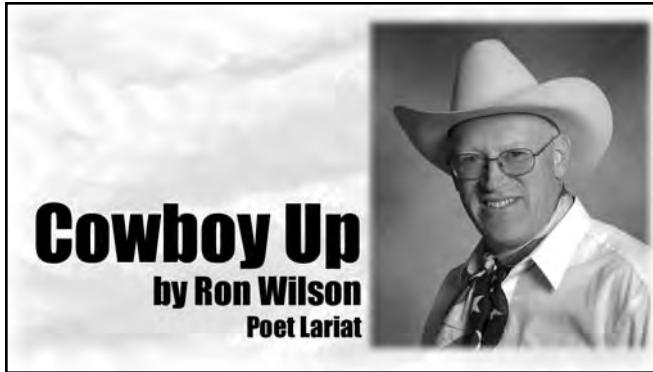
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Cowboy Up
by Ron Wilson
Poet Lariat

A Real Barn-Burner

9:15 p.m. May 11, 2010. The wife and kids went to the store, and I was doing chores late. Then I went out to the highway to pick up the evening paper. But as I came back toward the house, I saw a strange light on the east end of the machine shed. I started toward the shed to see what it was, and then realized in horror: The machine shed was on FIRE!

Our farm yard has buildings arranged in the shape of a crescent moon, with a machine shed on one end, a granary in the middle, and a stone-and-wood barn on the other end. The granary and

barn are old structures and are even listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The machine shed is also old, but not so distinguished. It's just an open-front, corrugated tin shed where we store our tractors, wagons, mowers, and various other implements.

Or perhaps I should say, that's where we used to store those things. On the night of May 11, our daughter had used the riding lawnmower to mow Grandma's lawn next door. When she was done, she put the mower away, as I have told our kids

to do. She backed the mower into the machine shed.

Unfortunately, there was some loose straw in the machine shed too. I'm guessing that the straw caught fire from the hot exhaust pipe of that mower, just like I've heard of pickup truck exhaust pipes setting fire to a field of straw. By the time we got to the machine shed, the east end was a roaring inferno.

A person has to make quick decisions in times of crisis. My cowboy smarts kicked in and I realized that a brand new tractor was sitting in that shed. In what was perhaps not exactly an Albert Einstein moment, I decided to go in after that tractor. I got it to start and started to pull it forward, but the heat became unbearable and I bailed out. In no time the flame roared across the entire structure.

The rural fire department came quickly, but the structure was engulfed in flames by the time they arrived. They saved the granary –

and then pointed out that I had welts on my head and my nylon vest had melted in the back. My good cotton workshirt had protected me. But the shed and all the equipment were a total loss.

These are costly disasters.

We do have some insurance. But how does a guy replace the Super H Farmall tractor which my dad used since the 1950s? That's a piece of family history gone forever.

Still, I try to keep perspective for my kids. As the

country song says, "This ain't nothin'" compared to the real tragedies of life. Many families face much, much worse. And all our family was safe. It was a night we will always remember.

"You Have to Cowboy Up"

Based on the actual events of May 11, 2010

by Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

"Daddy, what do we do?" my little girl said,

As we stared at the burning, mangled remains of our shed.

The machine shed on our ranch had just gone up in flames,

With the tractors and trailers and wagons it contained.

I looked at my daughter as she cradled her scared pup,

And said, "At times like these, you have to cowboy up."

"You have to be strong. You have to be tough.

You can't let hard times get you down, facing this kind of stuff.

"When you get bucked off, pick yourself up off the ground,

And get back on that horse to try another round.

"And if life gives you lemons, you just can't be afraid.

Turn a negative into a positive and make some lemonade.

Yes, we've lost our old machine shed, but that opens up some space.

We'll be able to rebuild something better in its place."

"But Daddy," my daughter said with tear-filled eyes,

"Think of all the work you did on all those things inside."

"Yes," I said, as I thought of what we faced.

"It is a loss and there are things that just can't be replaced.

"But things are still just things. They're not the people that we love.

We still have many blessings, thanks to the Lord above."

So I held my daughter close as I drained my coffee cup,

And said, "Be brave, my little one. We have to cowboy up."

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Upcoming free workshops to address grain marketing

Loewen and Associates, Inc., Manhattan, in conjunction with the North Central Risk Management Education Center, will be presenting a total of four grain marketing workshops around the state of Kansas. These workshops will cover all of the basic principles, definitions, and functions of all available grain marketing tools, including both cash and futures/options market strategies. This will be a beneficial event for both beginning marketers as well as seasoned veterans, as there will be something for everyone to gain from attending.

The workshops will cover all aspects of grain marketing including cash market transactions and contract types, futures and options, basis, carry, and what factors should influence a producer's decision at the time of sale. Presenters will include Pete Loewen and Tim Strunk of Loewen and Associates, Inc. on the basic principles and functions of the futures and options markets and how to know when to use those markets and when to look elsewhere. Matt Hines, grain merchandiser at Farmer's Union Coop-St. Marys, and Doug Biswell, grain merchandiser at Farmer's Cooperative Assoc.-Manhattan, will be covering how the cash grain markets function, the various types of cash market contracts, and what producers need to know when it comes to using those contracts. All four presenters will help tie all the topics together in order educate producers on choosing the right tool for any given set of market conditions and goals.

The first workshop will be held June 8 in Wichita, at the Sedgwick County Extension Building, 21st and Ridge Road. The program will start at 5 p.m. and conclude around 8 p.m. for each event. The other workshops will be held in Great Bend (Thursday, June 10, Knights of Columbus Hall), Concordia (Monday, June 14, American Legion), Seneca (Thursday, June 17, American Legion). Each workshop will cover the same material and follow the same schedule, with a meal provided at each.

These workshops are free and open to anyone who would like to attend. The program is made possible by the North Central Risk Management Education Center through the competitive grants program. Don't miss this excellent educational opportunity to learn about all aspects of grain marketing in today's world. Space is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so reserve your spot soon, as these workshops will fill up very quickly.

Please call Tim Strunk at 866-341-6700 or e-mail timstrunk@cox.net with any questions or to reserve your spot for any of the workshops.

Checking conditions of stored grain can prevent problems

As spring weather warms things up, farmers should keep a keen eye on the health of their stored grain.

That attention could prevent a problem before it starts.

"We recommend that farmers work to bring grain temperatures back to within 10 degrees of the average temperature this time of year," said Wayne Bailey, a University of Missouri Extension entomologist. "If you don't raise bin temperatures back up from standard winter temperatures, you have a cold grain mass sitting there and you'll get condensation inside the bin that will help grow mold that attracts insects."

Last fall's wet harvest created conditions favorable to storage molds.

"We did have higher levels of ear and kernel rots last fall," said Laura Sweets, a University of Missouri Extension plant pathologist. "Some corn was harvested at higher-than-recommended moisture contents, so there could very well be grain that has higher levels of fungal infection like penicillium. The wet fall delayed harvest and with input costs being high, farmers were reluctant to dry with propane, which may have led to higher-

moisture corn going into storage."

Signs of a growing mold problem include discolored kernels and grain that cakes together due to moisture. Penicillium and aspergillus molds are likely to cause the most damage.

"I'd be checking it every other week or at least monthly if there are concerns," Sweets said. "This year our warm weather didn't really come until April, but when we start spiking up into the 80s you should be out there looking at your bins."

"Out-of-condition grain will attract insects," Bailey said. "They'll smell it and come in if it's not treated."

The most common types of insect infestation include Indian meal moth and various types of granary and maize weevils.

"With Indian meal moth," Bailey said, "we look for webbing and an ooze underneath where the larvae develop. In really severe cases it can go down 12 inches. Granary and maize weevils tend to be in the grain mass. The best way to sample is to probe into the side of the bin with a piece of PVC pipe and put that sample in a glass jar to see if there are insects moving in it."

Fumigation and some in-

secticides can bring problems under control but at extra cost, and their effectiveness depends on the type of insect. Keeping grain at a proper temperature can stop these problems before they start.

"Farmers really have to make sure they change the temperature on the whole grain mass and not just run fans for a day or two," Bailey said. "Those fans need to be run long enough for the temperature change to travel all the way through the

grain mass."

Bailey noted that once insects infiltrate a bin, farmers need to move that grain.

"It's really tough to control a population of insects once you have it in a grain bin," he said. He recommends that farmers feed it out to cattle quickly, market it or move the grain to another bin and sanitize the infested bin.

For more information about storage molds and insects, see <http://agebb.missouri.edu/storage/>.

Cowboy fellowship group to host team roping

New Trail Fellowship Cowboy Church will host a team roping event June 5 at Bill and Carole James's 3J Ranch located at 513 2500 Avenue, Abilene. New Trail Fellowship is working in conjunction with Jamie Stover, AQHA world show qualifier, avid roper and horse trainer for the event.

Everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the roping. Entries start at 9 a.m. with the roping starting at 10 a.m.

Directions to the ranch are as follows: I-70 off of exit 272. Go north 1 1/2 miles and then turn left on 2500 Avenue A.

Concessions will be available.

New Trail Fellowship Cowboy Church, located at 2373 Flag Road, Abilene, is pastored by Stan Norman. The church was established in September 2007 as a place for those who enjoy the western lifestyle to gather in fellowship and worship. Services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

For more information on this team roping call Jamie Stover at (785) 200-0337 or email Doreen Everett at cwgirlverett@sbcglobal.net or go to www.newtrailfellowship.com.

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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

What it means to belong to a community

What is a sense of community? How is it created? Why do some rural towns have a greater sense of community than others? Are rural towns losing their sense of community? Why? How can it be increased?

Some people think community is a type of joining with other people of like interests or circumstances the banking community, art community, bowling community or the "gay or lesbian" community. These are not true communities. These groups are factions of communities.

Community feeling happens when people come together for the good of the whole. People feel they belong to a community when there is a pattern of trust, cooperation and organization that benefits everyone. This type of intense relationship and mutual trust follows the lead of local leaders who are unselfish, visionary, inclusive and skillful at negotiations and developing consensus.

They have a history of

past successes in working together. It is a tradition. Looking at a town's history, you can identify a core group of leaders who started a tradition of civic responsibility. Their example educated a subsequent generation of leaders on how leadership is done well. They set a pattern of community cooperation and celebration.

It is grounded in the norms and beliefs of the community. "This is what we do. We have strong ties to each other. Our local organizations work together."

Rural places have an advantage when it comes to community. There is a greater density of relationships. People know one another and relate to each other in multiple settings and roles. They aren't segregated into interest or age groups. Community activities affect everyone. This is the great potential strength of rural communities. The whole is better than the sum of its parts.

This sense of community

is a real resource. You can literally bank on it. The more you have of it, the better children do in school. As to rural development, it has more monetary consequences than natural resources, location of the interstate, community infrastructure or even the education of the populace.

This sense of community trust and willingness to interact and cooperate in solving community wide problems doesn't belong to any one person. It is embodied within the community. If you don't use it, you'll lose it. The more you use it, the

more you have.

People learn civic responsibility in their families, churches and schools. Working with others to do good for the community creates good feelings. There is positive reinforcement for constructive behavior. People migrating from cities often are looking for the feeling of belonging to a community. The inclusive friendliness is a powerful attraction of rural communities.

The towns that don't have it have their leadership fractionated into separate groups. An example of this would be a town with five churches each going their separate ways versus a town with five churches who collaborate on projects.

Children feel it when they sense that the community is proud of them and their school. They can learn civic responsibility at school and collaborate on

projects for community betterment. Schools can be a centerpiece in cultivating a sense of community.

What forces detract from community?

An increase in rural commuting. Many people live in small towns and commute to other places for medical services, entertainment, supplies, shopping, work etc. Bedroom communities don't organize themselves around problems and goals. Geographic isolation helps keep community spirit alive.

The private world of television and electronic media. Many people attribute the decline of "neighboring" and community spirit to the arrival of television. Electronic neighbors replace real ones. This development has accelerated with DVD's, video games, the Internet, social media and people getting obsessed with "virtual reality" in-

stead of real world relationships.

A reliance on national media instead of local media. People are more familiar and better informed about the White House than about their local court house. They borrow problems from elsewhere and assume these problems are going on in their own backyard. Young people grow up not knowing their place, their local history, their local economy or local issues.

Leadership development programs fill a key role by informing local leadership. Local leaders keep up-to-date on what is happening and affecting them in their own backyard socially, economically and politically.

An avoidance of controversy and conflict. Rural people tend to put a constant restraint on their willingness to take risks. They have to weigh carefully

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18
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2 hrs @495#	\$119.00	1 cow @1525#	\$64.25
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4 hrs @620#	\$114.00	1 cow @1295#	\$62.80
3 hrs @640#	\$107.50	1 cow @1050#	\$61.00
2 hrs @670#	\$105.00	1 cow @1270#	\$60.25
5 bulls @300#	\$135.00	1 cow @1245#	\$58.50
2 bulls @295#	\$129.00	1 cow @1110#	\$57.50
2 str @478#	\$128.00	1 cow @1040#	\$56.00
2 bulls @403#	\$128.00	1 cow @930#	\$50.00
2 bulls @328#	\$125.00	1 cow @890#	\$46.00
6 bulls @460#	\$122.00	1 cow @855#	\$42.00
4 str @570#	\$121.00	1 bull @1955#	\$79.50
2 str @550#	\$119.00	1 bull @1640#	\$77.50
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what they say and do. Communities do better when there is an open and free discussion of ideas and problems. Fearful communities don't let a controversy surface. But when it does, people take sides with a vengeance.

Prejudice and intolerance. Rural people can be quite judgmental of each other. The best communities are inclusive and help everyone participate and to feel a part of community life. The leadership core is inclusive and welcomes new people and new ideas. Issues and problems become everyone's responsibility.

Differences in economic status. Economic hard times and disparity between the "haves" and the "havenots" tear away at the fabric of community life. Excessive competition with each other creates an unwillingness to join on common issues. Polarization on issues, whether national or local, destroys the willingness to look for solutions that respect differences.

Community spirit and responsibility are what makes rural communities special. How does your community stack up? Do you feel like you belong?

For more information on rural communities, visit Val Farmer's website at www.valfarmer.com. Val Farmer's book, "Honey, I Shrunk the Farm," can be purchased by sending a check or money order for \$7.50 to: Honey, I Shrunk the Farm, The Preston Connection, PO Box 1135, Orem UT 84059.

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Val Farmer is a clinical psychologist specializing in family business consultation and mediation with farm families. He lives in Wildwood, Missouri and can be contacted through his website.

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Wildflower walk on the Konza to be offered

Springtime means wildflowers are blooming on the prairie.

To take advantage of this colorful sight in the Kansas Flint Hills and tallgrass prairie, the Kansas State University Konza Prairie Biological Station's annual Friends of the Konza Prairie Wildflower Walk will be 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, June 6, along the Butterfly Hill Trail near the Konza headquarters.

Guided tours of the 1.2-mile trail — an area not often open to the public — will be offered by reservation.

The Flint Hills and tallgrass prairie are home to hundreds of species of native flowers and spring is the best time to enjoy them,

said Valerie Wright, education director for K-State's Konza Environmental Education Program.

Cost for the guided tour is \$7 per person, with proceeds going to support the Konza Environmental Education Program. Reservations will be taken until Monday, May 31, by leaving a message with the number in your party at 785-587-0441. The tour is free to members of the Friends of the Konza Prairie.

"A evening walk in June on Konza also may include a beautiful sunset," Wright said. "For people with an interest in prairie wildflowers, we will have expert guides who can answer your questions."

The Friends of the Konza Prairie also will be offering merchandise for sale at the tour, including Konza Prairie T-shirts, hats, posters and other items.

More information on the

Friends of the Konza Prairie Wildflower Walk is available on the Web at <http://keep.konza.ksu.edu/visit/wildflower.htm> or by sending an e-mail to keep-konza@k-state.edu.



Zach Langley from Atchison County led out the reserve champion market steer shown at the 2010 Shawnee County Spring Livestock show held at the Topeka Expo-centre. Judge was Jack Ward.



Kyle Garrison, Osage County, drove the champion prospect hog at the Shawnee County Spring livestock show. Judge was John Nagel, Manhattan.



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11 blk bwf str	HEIFERS	
2 blk males	4 blk hfrs	391@125.75
4 blk bwf str	8 b bwf gray hfrs	358@124.75
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7 blk bwf str	4 blk bwf hfrs	566@123.00
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6 blk bwf str	2 blk hfrs	510@119.00
3 blk red str	3 blk hfrs	396@119.00
3 r rwf char males	5 blk hfrs	415@118.50
2 char str	4 blk bwf gray hfrs	641@118.00
6 blk str	3 blk hfrs	431@117.00
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3 blk str	5 blk hfrs	602@114.00
4 blk str	2 blk hfrs	712@110.00
5 blk red bulls	4 blk hfrs	740@110.00
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BLACK Ink

Time and money

By Miranda Reiman

Cutting back, lowering inputs, pinching pennies—they've all become catch phrases, a result of the recent recession. But before you tighten the belt on your cowherd or scale back on management, health or nutrition, be sure to weigh the impact.

Being cost conscious pays in any economic climate, but you can only cut so much across the board before you cause harm. The secret is to get the most out of all inputs.

Efficiency boils down to curtailing waste. That often means less feed or labor in some area of your operation, since those are two big inputs. Savings there equals fewer dollars down the drain.

The first step to reaching peak performance is tracking where you've been. If you don't have production numbers it's hard to make comparisons or data-driven decisions. You don't need to make a complicated record-keeping system, just make sure it includes all the variables that make a difference. Calving percentages, sale weights and health programs

are a place to start. As you build on this, individual identification can help with culling decisions, bull buying and even marketing.

That may seem like an unnecessary expenditure of time, but long-term it'll help you set goals and prioritize. You can focus on the most significant places to make improvements, saving time and headaches later.

Tightening your calving season might help inch up the efficiency. By paring down the number of days spent in that hectic period of sleep-deprived high-alert time, you can spend the rest of the months completely centered on other aspects of your cattle business. It'll probably provide extra income, too, because the more uniform the group, the higher price they'll fetch at the sale barn.

As you're gathering calves or keeping those long summer hours in the hayfield, seize each moment by thinking of ways to achieve greater efficiency. (That multi-tasking in itself will help.) Workable ideas will vary from ranch to ranch. Could you invest in equipment or facilities to save

time and effort? Maybe you need to be more proactive in your health program so less work and money are spent treating sick calves.

Walk through your entire production calendar. How much time do you spend bull shopping? Do your homework ahead of time. Study EPDs (expected progeny differences) and cow families; then try to amass a list of favorite sires before you mark the sale catalogs and head out to bid. Being prepared could encourage you make selections that are a better fit for your herd. It also helps curb impulse purchases that could cause problems for years to come.

What is your grazing situation like? If you move up weaning, maybe you'd save a little grass for your cows and push winter feeding later. Or possibly you're in the land of expansive pastures and your cattle aren't utilizing every nook and cranny. Could you install waterers or a dividing fence to entice them?

There are dozens of questions you can ask yourself about the efficiency of every aspect of your farm or ranch. So ask them, find answers and then act.

The buzz these days is all about spending less. Sometimes there is nowhere left to cut spending without cutting your future, so work at getting more for your time and money.

Think of it as stretching your dollar.

Next time in Black Ink, Steve Suther will look at finding fault. Meanwhile, if you have questions for us, call toll-free at 877-241-0717 or e-mail mreiman@certifiedangusbeef.com.

Stika honored as KSU young alumnus

As the first brand of fresh beef and category leader today, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) must maintain a focus on excellence. John Stika, CAB president since 2006, has led a staff of 100 to realize the brand's potential for consumers and cattlemen alike.

The Lincolnville, native and Kansas State University meat science graduate (1993, MS '98; PhD Kentucky '03), was named 2010 Outstanding Young Alumnus at the K-State Agricultural Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 8, as part of the "Wild 4 Ag Weekend."

Stika traveled from company headquarters in Wooster, Ohio, arriving a couple of days ahead to address the K-State animal science faculty, including several who once taught him. On "Building and Managing a Brand in the U.S. Beef Industry," he noted that CAB owns nothing else, so its strategy is to add value to that brand, build equity in it and make it more relevant.

In the face of unemployment at a 25-year high, with most consumers eating out less and 37% budgeting retail purchases more closely, 76% still say they are not willing to compromise on food quality, Stika noted.

"Consumer spending is based on a price/value relationship," he pointed out. "Beef costs more than other proteins, and CAB costs more than most beef, but a 2009 study showed demand for CAB outpaced commodity Choice. That suggests brand resilience."

The study showed that CAB sales have added half a billion dollars to the beef industry since 2005, compared to selling as commodity Choice.

"To be successful a brand must address a basic need, deliver on an expectation, offer value and be available," Stika said. In this case, the need is food with an expectation of taste at a premium price.

CAB, a brand developed on the idea that consumers choose beef for its taste, is produced in 28 plants with access to 85% of the fed beef in North America, he added. Moreover, the percent of black-hided cattle in those numbers continually rises, moving from less than 30% in the 1980s to a projected 63% this year.

"We qualified 1.8 million cattle in 2006, and it will be 3.3 million this year, or 750 million pounds sold," Stika noted. Most of

that is retail, 51.5%, but foodservice sales are also bouncing back.

Stika said the real growth needs to come from international sales, which currently represent 10.4% of the brand's total. To move to a billion pounds sold annually, as the company projects by 2020, those export sales need to grow to a 25% share. With opportunities to grow in Canada and Mexico, as well as the Middle East and Asian markets, annual consumer sales should soon reach \$3 billion annually.

Ten years ago, less than 5% of U.S. beef sold as branded. Now, more than 25% of beef from fed cattle carries a brand, including 84 USDA-certified programs, 61 of them Angus. CAB has a 97% market share of the high-quality Angus market, Stika noted.

Building the CAB brand entails continuing education from the producer level through end users and consumers, using effective communications and strategic partnerships.

Stika named six "valuable perspectives" that he said college graduates should keep in mind to be strong candidates for a career in beef marketing and reaching consumers today.

Technical, biological, economical, social, culinary and marketing points of view must be merged into a balance to connect with consumers and partners.

"We must keep in mind that relevance is not what we say it is, but what the consumer says it is," Stika added.

In the university arena, Stika served as the assistant meats judging coach at K-State and head livestock judging team coach for three years at Kentucky. As a graduate student, he taught a variety of undergraduate classes on livestock selection, function and evaluation.

The Animal Science Department's nomination for the award said, "From his early involvement in the meat business to his current role in leading CAB, Stika has shown the vision and ingenuity to face future challenges, and the practicality to take steps one at a time."

Stika was pleased to share the weekend honors with industry icon Max Deets, Beloit, Kan., (K-State '51), former National Cattlemen's Beef Association president, cattle feeder and CAB consultant, who was named 2010 Outstanding Alumnus.

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SPECIAL EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18

50 black, blackwhiteface steers & heifers, 600-800 lbs.

52 Angus steers & heifers, 750-825 lbs.

20 black steers & heifers, 850-900 lbs.

65 black, red heifers, 775-800 lbs.

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