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## Report identifies no single cause for Colony Collapse Disorder

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

A beekeeper goes out to check his hives only to discover that what had recently been a healthy colony is now missing all its adult bees. The queen is still present as well as a large number of brood and larvae, but myster-

keepers indicate that the industry is suffering 30% losses or more each year. Prior to CCD, an average of 15-20% of hives were lost annually to things such as varroa mites or other pests and pathogens.

Last week the USDA released its 2010 Colony Col-

supply, it becomes an important topic to the general population as well.

The 2008 Farm Bill mandated that a study of CCD be conducted and an annual progress report issued. Federal agencies, state depart-

the possibility of cellular or cordless phones affecting the bee's homing system. The researcher, Stefan Kimmel, later said that there was "no link between our tiny little study and the CCD phenomenon."

Researchers are beginning to believe that rather than a single culprit, CCD may be a syndrome of stress caused by "many different factors working individually but more likely in combination."

After collecting bee samples from both CCD and non-CCD-affected hives, reports indicated a high number of viruses and other pathogens, pesticides and parasites present in CCD colonies and lower levels in non-CCD colonies. Varroa mites, tracheal mites and Nosema species parasites have caused a great deal of problems for beekeepers over the years, but none of those alone appear in sufficient levels in CCD hives to explain the problem. Researchers are also looking at the possibility that the two most common pesticides registered for use in bee colonies to control varroa mites could, in combination, be more toxic than either is alone.

They also suspect a link between CCD and poor colony health, inadequate diet and long distance transportation. It is believed that healthier colonies are better



Worker bees tend the brood which will soon hatch to increase their numbers.

able to fend off pathogens and other factors leading to CCD.

Efforts to curtail CCD include breeding bees that are hardier and more resistant to mites. They are also trying to make beekeepers aware of the importance of feeding the proper nutrients to their bees to make the colonies stronger and less susceptible to stress. Traditionally beekeepers have fed high-fructose corn syrup to their bees, which researchers now say may actually cause colony stress. They instead recommended supplemental protein and pollen feedings to offset the effects of stress on the colonies.

Protecting the habitat of pollinators is another facet of the mitigation plan, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service is imple-

menting the NRCS Pollinator Initiative, the objective of which includes revising conservation practice standards to better address pollinator habitat needs.

There is also ongoing research into the development of other pollinators to provide alternatives to honey bees. Bumble, digger and sweat bees are the most common pollen bees in most parts of the country. While they don't produce enough honey to be collected, their economic value is in pollination.



A beekeeper pops the top off of a hive to check the status of his bees. Colony Collapse Disorder caused a 30% loss in bees last year.

riously absent are the thousands of worker bees on which the hive depends. As this began to happen with increasing frequency, it caught the attention of scientists, policy makers and the national media. Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) was first identified in 2006, and since then, surveys of bee-

lapse Disorder Progress Report. With approximately 130 crops depending on pollination from honeybees at a value of \$15 billion annually, the mysterious phenomenon is of great importance to agriculture producers; and since pollination by bees is credited with producing a third of the nation's food

ments of agriculture, universities and private organizations are collaborating to search for the cause of CCD and ways to stop or mitigate its effect.

Over the past three years, several causes have been proposed and investigated, including a very small study in Germany that looked at

## Three Kansas growers win National Sorghum Yield Contest honors

Kansas growers received honors in the 2010 National Sorghum Producers Yield and Management Contest. Growers in Phillips, Kiowa and Wichita counties are na-

tional winners in the contest. The Sorghum Yield and Management Contest scores contestants by comparing their yields to their county's average yield.

Levin Farms, Phillips County, placed second in the No-Till Non-Irrigated division with a yield of 170.98 bushels per acre, beating the Phillips County average yield by 90.48 bushels planting Pioneer 84G46.

Kiowa County grower Ki Gamble placed third in the Reduced-Till Irrigated division with a yield of 184.29 bushels per acre, beating the Kiowa County average yield by 77.59 bushels. He planted Pioneer 84G62.

Wichita County grower Galen Berning placed third in the Conventional-Till Irrigated division with a yield of 175.5 bushels per acre, beating the Wichita County average yield by 83 bushels per acre. He planted Pioneer 84G62.

In addition to the three

national winners, Kansas had two state winners who did not place nationally.

Justin Short, Saline County, won the state competition in Mulch-Till Non-Irrigated with a yield of 116.43 bushels per acre, beating his county average yield by 47.13 bushels. He planted Dekalb DKS53-67.

Clayton and Luanne Short, Saline County, won the state competition in Conventional-Till Non-Irrigated division with a yield of 130.14 bushels per acre, beating their county average by 60.84 bushels per acre. They planted Pioneer 84P74.

National and state winners will be recognized at the NSP Yield and Management Contest Awards Dinner on March 4 held at the 2011 Commodity Classic in Tampa, Florida.

For a complete listing of yield contest winners, visit <http://www.sorghumgrowers.com>.

## What do extended tax cuts mean to you?

The Bush 2001 and 2003 tax cuts were scheduled to expire on Jan. 1, 2011. If lawmakers did not act before the end of 2010, all Americans would face higher taxes in 2011.

The question about what will happen to these tax cuts has finally been answered... they will not expire for another two years, said Eileen St. Pierre, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension personal finance specialist.

"In a compromise with Republicans, these extended tax cuts will affect everyone, not just those families making less than \$250,000," St. Pierre said. "In exchange, unemployment benefits will be extended for another 13 months and Republicans will not insist that the benefits' \$60 billion price tag be offset by cuts in federal spending."

Income tax rates will stay the same for another two years. The top two income brackets will remain at 33 percent and 35 percent, respectively. There will be no changes in the taxation of dividends and capital gains. Included in the legislation is another patch for the alternative minimum tax (AMT) that raises the AMT exemption amount to account for inflation.

St. Pierre said that many workers may not have even noticed the Making Work Pay tax credit, which is expiring this year. To replace this credit, the White House negotiated a one-year reduction in the Social Security payroll tax paid by employees from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent.

"What this means is that for every \$1,000 in income subject to the FICA tax, you will get to keep an additional \$20. If you make \$50,000 a year, that's \$1,000. The maximum amount of income subject to FICA tax is currently \$108,600. So the maximum amount a high wage earner can benefit by is \$2,172," she said. "The goal of this tax break is to give a jolt to the sluggish economic recovery on the assumption that everyone – the middle class and the truly wealthy – will go out and spend that extra money instead of saving it or paying down debt."

There will be a major change in the estate tax over the next two years. There was no estate tax in 2010, and it was scheduled to return in 2011 to a rate of 55 percent on estates worth more than \$1 million. However, this legislation sets the estate tax for 2011 and 2012 at 35 percent for estates worth more than \$5 million (\$10 million for couples).

"We don't know what will happen after 2012. It certainly will make for some interesting promises on the presidential campaign trail," St. Pierre said.

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# Guest Editorial

## Common sense cooperation on Flint Hills

By EPA Region 7

Administrator Karl Brooks,  
Kansas Sen. Carolyn McGinn  
& Kansas Rep. Tom Moxley

We can all breathe easier due to December's historic agreement to implement the Flint Hills Smoke Management Program. Air-quality staff from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Environmental Protection Agency have been actively involved in developing this agreement. We want to acknowledge the constructive leadership of partners such as Kansas State University, Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas legislators, ranch-owners, stock-raisers, local

governments, conservation and wildlife organizations, and the nearly two million Kansans whose health depend on the way we reconcile national air-quality goals with economic prosperity.

At some political risk, we agreed back in the spring to bring to the table Flint Hills stakeholders like the Kansas Livestock Association, the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Prescribed Fire Council, the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club and the Tallgrass Legacy Alliance. We want to acknowledge good scientific, legal and technical advice offered by the Kansas State University,

the Kansas Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Kansas Emergency Managers Association, Johnson County, Sedgwick County and a host of others.

Hard work by dozens of concerned folks should lead to Flint Hills burning that better reconciles national clean-air goals, prosperity of Kansas vital livestock industry and the ecological health of our tallgrass prairie. There are many components to the smoke management program. One of the components is best burn practices. There are several burn practices that can help reduce impacts on air quality. Most techniques

involve minimizing smoke production and burning. Developing management tools and education are key components of the agreement. We want to notify local residents about the dates of proposed burns and explain the health impacts. We will provide outreach to landowners on the use of best management practices to minimize the impact of the burns. In addition, approximately 16 counties (in the Flint Hills area plus Johnson, Wyandotte, and Sedgwick counties) will implement temporary burn restrictions for the month of April for certain types of burns, which are unrelated to the maintenance of the tallgrass prairie.

The agreement also includes a smoke plan pilot project. Chase and Greenwood counties in Kansas have been selected to participate in the project. Both counties will be encouraging individual landowners to develop tailored burn plans that incorporate best burn practices.

A smoke plan document was developed and will be available along with other resources on a Fire and Smoke Planning Resource website ([www.ksfire.org](http://www.ksfire.org)) and will be distributed by individuals such as county extension agents. Federal and state partners worked together with the Kansas agricultural community and our key partners to devise reasonable, home-grown science-based policies that acknowledge the important role of agricultural burning in a way that supports efficient agricultural production as well as a healthy environment. The smoke management program contains the best ideas from some of the brightest folks in Kansas and is designed to support public health, ecosystems and the important Kansas agricultural communities.

Karl Brooks is EPA Regional Administrator for Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and nine tribal nations. Carolyn McGinn is a Kansas State Senator who represents Harvey and Sedgwick counties and chairs the Natural Resources Committee. State Rep. Tom Moxley represents Morris and Dickinson counties and is a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources committees.

# Prairie Ponderings

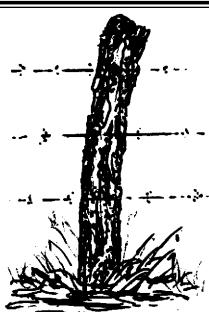
By Donna Sullivan

Well, the suggestions are rolling in for my 2011 motto. Every one of them has been quite clever, and it's going to be difficult to choose just one. I may have to have several mottos for the year! I'll keep taking suggestions and let you know how it turns out next week. A co-worker suggested that I give up trying to rhyme with years, because there are some really hard ones coming up. 2012 won't be so bad — in fact I already have one in mind, but once I get into the teens and twenties, it's going to be quite a challenge. It's a good thing I have creative readers like you to help me out.

I'll be at the Topeka Farm Show next Tuesday, and hope to meet many of you there. Be sure to stop by our booth and say hello. It's always fun to visit with readers and put faces with the names of those of you who call or email on occasion.

Speaking of that, I want you to know that I do appreciate hearing from you. Feel free to call or email any time you have a question, comment, suggestion or criticism. Your feedback is valuable as I make decisions on what to run each week. I realize we won't always agree on every issue or even on what should be covered, but I'll always do my best to be fair and feature a wide variety of topics that are important to agriculture producers and stockmen.

Have a good week, and I'll meet you either back here or at the Farm Show next Tuesday for more Prairie Ponderings.



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### Are You Approachable?

Several years ago when I was in Wyoming, I helped work cattle on a big ranch one day. The herd of Simmental cows and their calves were gathered in a large corral.

My job was to vaccinate the calves, a job simple enough for me, but I had to cross the corral to get to the squeeze chute. I crawled through the pole fence and started walking across the corral. When I got about a third of the way across, it was then I became aware of a big cow with a calf at her side, and she was watching me with wide eyes. Her ears were erect and her stare was penetrating, aimed straight at me. I had seen that look before, and I knew I could be in deep trouble. It was just a matter of when she would charge at her intruder, me. This breed is noted for their big, heavy calves and also for their tendency to protect their calves in a brutal fashion. "Oh, to be a bird with wings and fly out of this corral" was the thought that entered my mind at that moment.

By instinct, I continued facing her while walking backwards, one step, then another and another. My steps were methodical, for I did not want to appear to be running. She kept watching me and shaking her head. I had a long way to backtrack. I wondered why I had been so slow at first to notice her. My boot hit a hard cow pie, which caused me to stumble and nearly fall. "Just hold steady, old girl, and I'll soon be leaving you alone," I breathed. "I want no part of you." When I had backed for a distance of what seemed a mile, I reached the pole fence and crawled through. I thanked God for holding that brute cow in check. She was not approachable.

In thinking back over the years, I realize I have known and met many persons that I did not feel were approachable. In my freshman and sophomore high school years, I felt girls were not approachable. For some strange reason I wanted to approach them, to get to know them better, but I just could not and did not feel comfortable in doing so. When I was attending Kansas State University, most of my professors seemed unapproachable. Then when the class of one to two hundred students was dismissed, I was in a hurry to leave in order to get to the next class on time. I was one of

many who hurried away. We were not approachable.

Then I took a class under an older professor, A.P. Davidson. He took an interest in me and thought I had the gift of teaching. We had many good conversations. After graduation I served two years in the U.S. Army. Shortly before leaving Korea, where I was stationed, to return to civilian life, I received a lengthy letter from Professor Davidson, telling me of an opening at Alton High School for a vocational agriculture instructor. He recommended that I interview for the job, saying it was an ideal situation for a beginning teacher. One month later I was teaching at Alton, Kansas, thanks to my approachable instructor.

I have been to several events where Rep. Jerry Moran was speaking. He is very approachable and is a good listener. He will now represent us in Washington, D.C. as a senator. After teaching high school and college students for 36 years, I cannot remember all their names; but we have plenty to talk about whenever we meet. We are still approachable. One acquaintance, whom I would place in the "elite" category, appears to be somewhat aloof or to feel he is special. He seems to expect me to be the one to walk across the room to greet him. We are not very approachable.

These examples I have mentioned are to make the point that it is good to be approachable and to make others feel comfortable in communicating with you. Try to overcome any barriers that would make the approach difficult. It is easy for an extrovert but a little harder if one is an introvert. It might help to have a pat comment to make the approach such as "Hi, how are you doing" or "It's good to see you," and then inquire about a common interest. A fuzzy remark is better than no remark; it is a matter of acknowledging the other person's presence. In my case, I sometimes must swallow my pride and ask the other person's name, admitting my forgetfulness.

Showing interest in the other person makes us more approachable and also helps us to approach others. It is a skill one needs to develop. It is not pleasant being a loner.

## COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"Wul, you got sumpin', whew, I never heard such language!"



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# KFB Young Farmers & Ranchers to hone leadership, advocacy skills

More than 400 farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18 and 35 will gather this month in Wichita to network, learn and help position themselves as leaders in agriculture and rural Kansas. The Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference will take place Jan. 28-30 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 W. Waterman, Wichita. The theme for this year's conference is "Farming Beyond Your Field."

The KFB Young Farmers & Ranchers program is designed to surface and develop the next generation of agriculture leaders. The Leaders Conference will be heavy on opportunities for young farmers and ranchers to influence farm policy and

public opinion through involvement and participation in Farm Bureau.

"We are excited to offer a meaningful agenda at our Leaders Conference," said Jeff Bathurst, a Dickinson County farmer who serves as volunteer Chair of the KFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee. "Today's 20- and 30-something producers face unique challenges and we are eager to work together to find ways to help fulfill our dream of building our lives in and around agriculture."

During a Saturday morning keynote address, the KFB Young Farmers & Ranchers will hear from Dr. Jeff Stamp, recognized globally as a master creative practitioner in over 30 different industries,

including food processing, advanced agriculture and venture capital. Stamp's topic is "Creative Innovation: The Entrepreneurial Imperative."

Also on the agenda is a presentation from Troy and Stacy Hadrick, fifth generation ranchers from South Dakota, who will share their success in tapping into public trust of farmers and ranchers and actually influencing hearts and minds of those not directly connected with agriculture.

Registration deadline is January 14.

Young Farmers & Ranchers, an integral part of Kansas Farm Bureau, are hard-working agriculture professionals dedicated to developing their leadership skills

and empowering others to become actively involved in agriculture advocacy, promotion and education.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit ad-

vocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

## KARL program now accepting applications

Beginning now to the close of applications April 15, 2011, emerging leaders in the agricultural industry and rural communities of Kansas can take advantage of the opportunity to join the 20th Anniversary class, Class XI of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program (KARL).

The two-year KARL Program, which includes state, national and international study seminars and tours, begins next August.

Eligibility is based on leadership experience and a devotion to the future of Kansas agriculture and rural communities, according to president and program director Jack Lindquist.

"A dedication to a more positive future is key to selection," Lindquist said.

Current class members

and alumni agree that the 52-day commitment over a two-year period of time is not only well worth the investment, but needed in today's competitive and changing environment, he said.

Applicants must complete a profile form that will be reviewed by KARL's board of directors. An on-line application is available at [www.karlprogram.com](http://www.karlprogram.com), or interested persons may request an application by calling the KARL office at (785) 532-6300.

Applicants will undergo a screening process to select up to 45 candidates, who will then be invited to a location in their home regions for a personal interview in May, Lindquist said. New class members will be named in June.

This is the eleventh KARL class since the

program's inception in 1990. Each class consists of up to 30 individuals. The tuition fee for participants is \$1,500 per year, or a total of \$3,000. KARL donors pay the remainder of the \$17,000 cost per person.

Seminars and tours are generally balanced during production agriculture's "off-season" from November through March, including the national, Blue Chip and international study tours, Lindquist said. The monthly in-state seminars typically are held over a 48-hour period.

For more information, including how to donate to KARL, Inc., the not-for-profit organization that oversees the KARL Program, interested persons may contact the program's main office on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan at 785-532-6300.

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# Our Daily Bread

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Roni Caffrey, Hesston, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize

Winner Roni Caffrey, Hesston:

## SPICED PORK TENDERLOINS

Seasoning mix:

2 tablespoons ancho chili powder  
2 tablespoons coriander  
2 tablespoons cumin  
2 tablespoons kosher salt  
2 tablespoons Mexican oregano  
2 tablespoons garlic salt  
2 tablespoons cracked black pepper  
6 pounds pork tenderloins, trimmed  
1/4 cup olive oil, divided

Combine all seasonings and coat tenderloins evenly. Brown all sides of meat in heated olive oil. Bake in foil-lined pans or a baking bag until meat is tender, approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours in a 400-degree oven. Leftovers can be used for meat filling for tostadas or burritos.

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Gin Fox, Holton:

## FANCY PEACH FRITTERS

1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 cups flour  
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
15-ounce can sliced cling peaches, chopped  
Oil for frying

In a bowl, stir together sugar, milk, egg and oil. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add to liquid mixture. Stir lightly. Add peaches. Heat oil to 365 degrees and drop batter carefully by tablespoon into oil. Fry until brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Dip fritters in glaze icing and place on a rack to cool.

Glaze Icing:

2/3 cup powdered sugar  
1/3 cup milk  
3 tablespoons butter  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

In a saucepan, combine powdered sugar, milk and butter. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, over medium high heat. Stir in vanilla. Let glaze set for 5 minutes.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka:

## SCALLOPED POTATO DUO

1 onion, chopped  
1 tablespoon oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes peeled & cut into 1/4-inch slices  
1 1/2 pounds baking potatoes, peeled & cut into 1/4-inch slices  
1/2 cup flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 cups ham, chopped  
8 ounces Gruyere cheese, shredded & divided  
1 1/2 cups whipping cream  
2 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

Saute onion in oil over medium heat 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds.

Remove pan from heat, set aside. Place potatoes in a large bowl. Combine flour, salt, pepper and sprinkle over potatoes, tossing to coat. Arrange half of potato mixture in a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Top with onion mixture, ham and 1 cup cheese. Top with remaining potato mixture. Pour cream over potato mixture. Dot with butter and cover with foil. Bake at 400 degrees for 50 minutes. Uncover, top with remaining 1 cup cheese and bake 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender and cheese is browned. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

## BROWN SUGAR-PUMPKIN PIE WITH CARAMEL WHIPPED CREAM

1 crust pastry (either home-made or bought)

Filling:

3 eggs  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
3/4 cup whipping cream  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/4 teaspoon allspice  
15-ounce can pumpkin (not pie filling)

Topping:

1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped  
1/4 cup caramel topping

Heat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl beat eggs slightly with wire whisk or hand beater. Beat in remaining filling ingredients until smooth. Cover edge of pie crust with 2- to 3-inch strips of foil to prevent excessive browning; remove foil for last 15 minutes of baking. To prevent spilling filling, place pastry-lined pie plate on oven rack. Pour filling into pie plate. Bake pie 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake about 45 minutes longer or until knife inserted in

center comes out clean. Cool on cooling rack for 30 minutes. Refrigerate until chilled, about 4 hours. Serve pie topped with whipped cream and drizzle with caramel topping. Makes 8 servings.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

## FRUIT CAKE COOKIES

3 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup butter

3 large eggs

1/2 cup whole milk

7 cups coarsely chopped pecans

2 cups candied cherries, chopped

6 slices candied pineapple, chopped

15-ounce box golden raisins, chopped

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease cookie sheets. Sift the flour, baking soda and cinnamon. Cream the butter and sugar, then gradually add the eggs. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the milk, blending well. Mix the fruits and pecans in a large bowl, then pour the batter over them. Fold the fruit into the batter by hand mixing well. Drop the batter by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until filling is bubbly around the edges and topping is brown.

Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Juice of 1 lemon

Salt & pepper to taste

Cover beans with water; add salt and soak overnight. The next morning add 2 quarts water and ham or hamhock and bring to a boil. Simmer 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Add onion and tomatoes and add your choice of red pepper, chili powder or chiles. Add lemon juice, salt and pepper and simmer another 30 minutes.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

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16 chocolate cream-filled sandwich cookies, broken into chunks, divided  
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 2/3 cups vanilla or white chips  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Line an 8-inch square pan with aluminum foil. Coat with nonstick cooking spray.

Place half of the broken cookies in the pan. In a heavy saucepan, combine milk, butter and chips; cook and stir over low heat until chips are melted. Remove from the heat, stir in vanilla. Pour over cookies in pan. Sprinkle with the remaining cookies. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Cut into squares. Yield: 3 dozen.

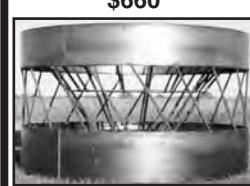
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1/2 teaspoon salt

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1 1/4 cups sugar

1 cup cranberry juice

1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

To make topping, in a large bowl beat butter and sugar with a wooden spoon until smooth and creamy.

Beat in vanilla extract and orange zest. Add flour, baking powder and salt and beat until well blended. Beat in vanilla extract and orange zest.

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To make filling, in a 2-quart shallow baking dish, combine cranberries, sugar, juice and orange zest. Spoon topping over cranberry mixture by heaping tablespoonfuls. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until filling is bubbly around the edges and topping is brown.

Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Darlene Thomas, Delphos:

## BEAN SOUP

2 cups mixed beans (13 different kinds of beans)

2 tablespoons salt

2 quarts water

Ham or hamhock

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1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup whole milk (I use 1% milk)  
1/2 cup cooking oil  
2 large eggs  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
3/4 cup boiling water  
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat (2) 8-by-2-inch round cake pans with shortening and flour. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa, granulated and brown sugars, baking soda, baking powder and salt. In a large measuring cup or bowl, whisk together milk, oil, eggs and vanilla. Add the milk mixture to the flour mixture and mix until fully incorporated. Add the boiling water to the batter and mix well to combine (the batter will be very thin). Divide the batter between the prepared pans and bake until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes in the pan before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. I use a buttercream or 7-minute frosting on cake.

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Another recipe from Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

**CRANBERRY SORBET**

2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries  
1 1/2 cups water  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 cinnamon sticks

Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with plastic wrap, leaving 2 inches of overhang on all sides in a saucepan; add cranberries, 1 1/2 cups water, sugar and cinnamon sticks. Cook over medium high heat until mixture comes to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Discard cinnamon sticks. In a blender, add half of cranberry mixture, process until mixture is almost smooth. Strain through a strainer into a bowl. Repeat with remaining mixture. Stir cranberry mixture and pour into prepared pan. Cover with plastic wrap, freeze for 2 hours or until mixture is nearly frozen. Remove from freezer. Using a stainless steel spoon stir mixture well, scraping from the sides of pan. Cover and freeze 8 hours longer. Let stand at room temperature for 5 minutes before spooning into dessert dishes.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

**CHICKEN & CORN CHOWDER**

2 slices bacon, chopped  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 1/2 cups peeled & diced potato  
2 tablespoons flour  
4 cups milk  
2 cups chopped cooked chicken  
1 1/2 cups frozen corn kernels  
14 3/4-ounce can cream corn  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Add onion to bacon and drippings in pan and cook for 3 minutes. Add potato and cook for 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Sprinkle onion mixture with flour. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Gradually add milk, whisking constantly. Bring to a simmer about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Simmer an additional 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add chicken, corn, creamed corn, salt and pepper. Cook until thoroughly heated.

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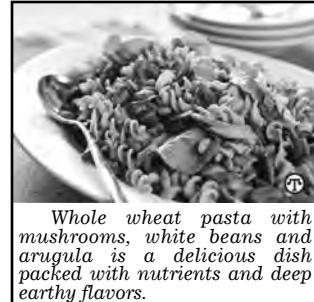
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The 2011 Topeka Farm Show dates are January 11th-13th while the Kansas Soybean Expo will be held Wednesday, January 12th. Show hours are Tuesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Producers, families and distributors come together for three days of education and entertainment at the Kansas Expocentre. The 2011 Show is once again a complete sellout with over 400 companies and over 660 display booths. Don't forget to visit the R.R. Domer Livestock Arena located out the west side of Landon Arena. Once again the Livestock Arena is full of ag displays to include grain and livestock trailers, portable buildings, livestock handling equipment, hay haulers, pellet stoves, tools, gates and paneling, welders, western supplies, antique equipment, concrete bunks, and much more.

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- 8:30 a.m. Kansas Soybean Expo 2011 — Maner Conference Center, "Leadership, Innovation and You"  
9:00 a.m. — Exhibit Floor open to the public  
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1:00 p.m. — Scott Daily Horsemanship — R. R. Domer Livestock Arena  
6:00 p.m. — Scott Daily Horsemanship  
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Registration and exhibits open at 8:30 a.m. with the program scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Morning sessions include research and production information from Kansas State University Extension Specialists.

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## Best Laid Plans

According to Joseph McCoy, six hundred thousand head of Texas cattle arrived in Kansas in 1871. Rains brought early good grazing but turned to washed-out grass with little nutrition as the rains continued. Buyers lost interest in the poorly conditioned cattle that continued to lose weight. Three hundred thousand head of cattle were unsold at the end of the season. Drovers chose to hold their cattle on the dryer buffalo-grass range of western Kansas and Eastern Colorado. Some drove north to the river bottoms of the Platte River. Ellsworth reported that eighty thousand head of cattle were being prepared to be held through the winter in Ellsworth County with hopes of a better market in the spring.

Mother Nature's whims can often prevail over best-laid plans. A series of very cold blizzards raged throughout the country from late 1871 into the New Year of 1872.

In November, a severe rainstorm set in, followed by a cold wind which froze the water. The grass became covered with a sheet of ice two or three inches thick. A furious gale blew for three days and nights. Many men

and horses were frozen to death and thousands of cattle perished. Mrs. W.F. Burks of Banquette, Texas was with her husband's drove of cattle. "On stormy and rainy nights a candle always burned in my tent to guide the men." The outfit survived the snowstorm but witnessed young cattle that lost their horns from the cold. The early cold weather convinced Mr. Burks to sell his cattle at any price and return to "Sunny Texas." Burks made a lucky decision. Too many drovers chose to "weather" through.

Not only cattlemen, but buffalo hunters were caught in the unexpected assault of bad weather. Charles Rath set out from Osage City in the fall of 1871 with twenty-one men and a full wagon train of supplies. The hunting camp was established on Pawnee Creek, forty miles south of Hays City.

The sky began to grow ominously dark as orders were quickly sent out to the skinners and cutters to return to camp pronto. Those already in camp quickly turned attention to a nearby bluff. Like badgers digging for China, the men carved out a hole in the bluff. Wagon bows were taken from the wagons and placed

at the entrance. Buffalo hides were placed over the bows providing a protected entrance to the dugout.

The icy wind wailed and snow began to blow as supplies were unloaded from the wagons and brought into the dugout. Firewood was collected and placed near the entrance. The wagons were lined up near the stacks of buffalo hides to provide some protection for the horses and mules.

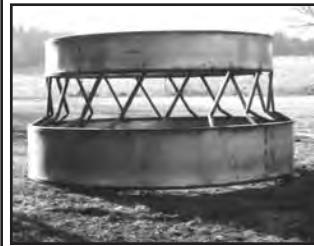
The storm raged as the men finally secured themselves in the safety of the hastily prepared refuge. Inside, a fire was built near the entrance. Vents were fashioned through the

ponies and an estimated quarter of a million head of cattle died before spring. But cattlemen persevered and soon the long trail north was black with cattle headed once again for the Kansas railheads. There were adventures to be lived and fortunes yet to be won and lost somewhere out there on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or [www.droversmercantile.com](http://www.droversmercantile.com).

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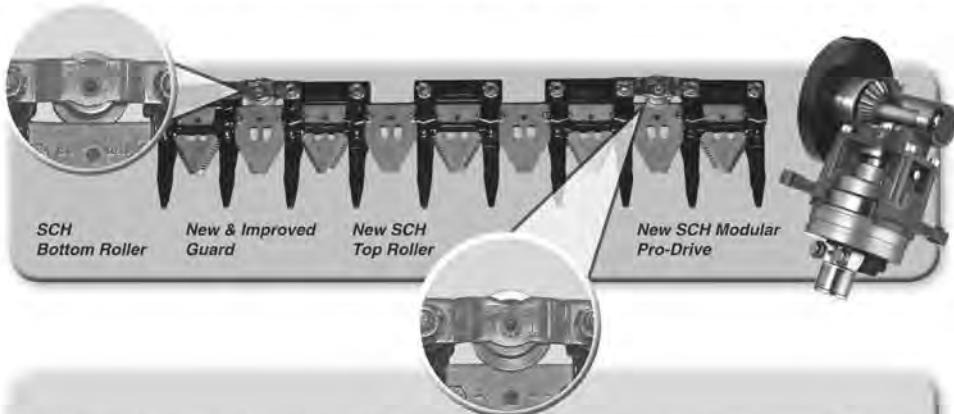
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# Picket Line

by Ralph Galeano



## Whoa! Don't Shoot

Horses are getting shot by owners, poachers, hunters, black market butchers and for target practice.

I read recently in a local newspaper that a man was arrested for shooting a horse near Miami, Florida. He was convicted of slaughtering horses and sentenced to five years in prison for shooting the registered breed horse. Horse meat is illegal to sell but authorities believe there is a thriving black market for the meat. A few months back, I read that two show horses were found in the same area and had been butchered on the spot. The carcasses were found with the front and hindquarters removed. The horses were valued at over \$30,000. The quarters, sold on the black market, probably brought less than \$5,000. Since the slaughter houses were banned in the United States, there is no market for horses to be slaughtered for meat. There is no place to take old or crippled horses whose life has no value except for slaughter. Most ranches and private owners give their old horses a decent retirement in their home pastures with other horses that have shared their lives together. These old friends can spend a decent retirement in familiar places. Some owners have chosen to end their old and crippled horse's life with a

gunshot. In these instances, the slaughterhouse may have been the right answer but needless killing of a horse is a despicable act.

A Brooks, Georgia horse owner found her eight-year-old mare with three arrows stuck in her. The mare survived after surgery and now several organizations are offering a total of \$7,000 for information leading to the conviction of the shooter. It seems an archery enthusiast was simply using her for target practice.

There isn't any one area that is safe from gunshots, arrows and the illegal butchering of horses. Senseless killing seems to be to be happening at an alarming rate. Rewards, convictions and jail time don't seem to curtail the acts of cruelty. The numbers of incidents are increasing and no horse is safe.

If you run a check on Google using the keywords of "Horses found shot," the number of horses will shock you. All the states are having problems. A University of Tennessee student found a horse that had been shot in a university pasture. Police also found a deer that died from a gunshot wound near where the student discovered the horse. The university has offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest.

The closure of all slaughter houses has sparked the

illegal killing and butchering of horses. It seems the influxes of people from countries that consider horse meat a delicacy are willing to pay high prices for the meat. Natives of the Caribbean, Cuba and South American countries crave the meat which is legal in their home countries. This has caused the black market trade to flourish in areas with a high population of these people.

We can't provide 24 hour security for our animals. Pastures are usually located in remote or semi-remote areas where no one is around. This makes horses an easy target for poachers and others who want to shoot animals for what they consider sport.

Authorities should consider handing out very stiff sentences for anyone caught shooting horses and other farm animals. It might help if convictions carried lengthy jail time.

Sometimes horses are shot accidentally by hunters. There's no excuse for it but it happens. There are several companies that manufacture high visibility apparel for horses and riders. Required by some states for hunters while in the woods, it would also help hunters recognize horses while in the field.

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Registration and Exhibits

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Kansas State University Extension Panel "Soybean Update"

Moderator: Gary Kilgore, Professor Emeritus, K-State Research & Extension  
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Morning Session – Policy Update

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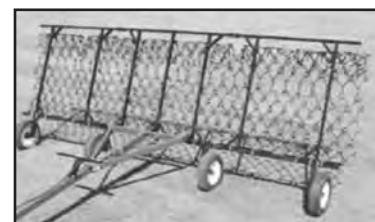
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# Women Managing the Farm Conference dates announced

The 2011 edition of the Women Managing the Farm Conference will be held Feb. 11-12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. The annual conference is recommended for women who are independent agricultural producers, farm and ranch partners, managers or record keepers, agribusiness professionals, and agricultural helpers, said Helen Norris, chair of speaker committee for the conference. Norris, who grew up in Wichita and married into farming, attended her first agriculture conference for women in 2006. "I've learned so much," said Norris, who considers the conference "a must because it touches on many aspects of agriculture and, also, allows time for networking with others who share similar challenges and concerns." The 2011 conference will feature four keynote sessions:

\* Stewart Kennedy, an agriculture educator, entrepreneur and motivational speaker, will present "Thinking Outside the Jar," with an emphasis on cultivating creativity and the entrepreneurial spirit important to building a suc-

cessful business.

\* Dr. Ashley Simmons will present "Change of Heart" and introduce new heart health programs and tips for early detection and reducing the risks of cardiovascular disease.

\* Anne Burkholder, will present "Sharing Your Personal Story of Agriculture — How to Do It and Why It Is So Important" and explore how agriculture producers can make the connection with consumers.

\* Ed Bell, a strawberry grower, will present "Dealing With Change and Other Four Letter Words" and offer tools for meeting challenges and overcoming adversity.

Break-out sessions will complement keynotes and social/networking opportunities, Norris said. The cost to attend the 2011 Women Managing the Farm Conference is \$125 if registering before Jan. 28, 2011, or \$150 after. Registration includes conference sessions, materials, socials and most meals. A limited number of scholarships will be provided by a Kansas Soybean Commission grant. More information about the conference, including scholarship

applications, is available online: [www.togpartners.com/wmf/](http://www.togpartners.com/wmf/). A limited number of hotel rooms are available at the conference rate (\$94 plus tax for single/double occupancy, and \$94 for triple/quadruple occupancy). For hotel reservations or more information, call 1-888-421-1442.

According to Norris, the low cost for the conference is made by possible with the help numerous sponsors, including the Kansas Soybean Commission, Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, Kansas Wheat, Kansas Agri-Women, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Kansas State University College of Human Ecology, School of Family Studies and Human Services, and K-State Research and Extension. "Early registration is recommended," said Norris, as the conference typically draws more than 300 women in agriculture and is expected to fill quickly. "Attending empowers women to become more confident leaders and more active in agriculture," she said.

## Pie & Coffee Meetings scheduled

This year's Pie and Coffee Meetings will be sponsored with the Pottawatomie Co. Conservation District and will feature timely topics. Pie and coffee will again be provided courtesy of the Pottawatomie County Conservation District.

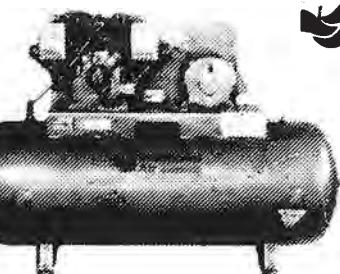
The first meeting in the series will be January 11 at Wanda's Country Cooking, Onaga. Program topic will be Smoke Management Plan Update. Speaker will be Dr. Walt Fick, K-State Research and Extension range management specialist. The meeting will start at 1:00.

The second meeting in this series will be on January 25 featuring Lease Hunting and Wildlife Management. Dr. Charles Lee, K-State Research and Extension wildlife management Specialist, will present this topic. Producers may ask questions during this interactive session. The meeting will start at 1:00 at the Community Center in Wheaton.

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Recent research by University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Iowa State University scientists has provided some welcome news in this area.

Dan Loy, interim director of the Iowa Beef Center at ISU, said scientists from the two universities

have worked together to evaluate their independent study results and determine how those results can be used to the best advantage by cattle producers.

"ISU folks have worked on developing a model for sulfur toxicity in cattle, so we can study the effects of elevated dietary sulfur on animals," Loy said. "At UNL, research over the past several years has included feeding trials of varying levels of sulfur and distillers grains with thousands of cattle."

Loy said UNL Extension beef specialist Galen Erickson and others are cooperating to share findings of the independent studies they've done and to offer new dietary recommendations for producers. Erickson said the

updated recommendations on sulfur inclusion rates might surprise some people.

"We're prepared to recommend higher levels of dietary sulfur, and therefore higher levels of distillers grains, than producers are used to working with," Erickson said. "Because of these higher levels, we also are incorporating slightly different management guidelines that include proper diet and feed bunk management."

In addition to Erickson, ISU beef nutrition specialists Stephanie Hansen and Mary Drewnoski will present research-specific information and recommendations, and Steve Ensley of ISU College of Veterinary Medicine's Diagnostic

Lab will answer participant questions on sulfur toxicity diagnosis and treatment.

The information and recommendations will be shared through a web-based program beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 6, 2011. The web address for the program is <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/sulfur>.

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Let's look at the livestock buying market; when one of the largest cattle brokerage companies in the U.S. issues up to \$130 million in bad checks, it directly affects hundreds of producers and the consequences of that company's actions could lead to a change in the way the industry does business. One company has that large of an influence in the industry.

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# National Ag Day essay contest announces February 4 deadline

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on ninth to 12th-grade students to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer," and the deadline is Feb. 4, 2011. The ACA asks teachers and parents to encourage student participation.

The theme presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today's growers are providing a safe, stable food supply and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life. "CHS believes in the mission of Ag Day," says Linda Tank, vice president, marketing and communications, CHS Inc. "The company is proud to help support the 2011 essay and video contest for students. Today's youth are vibrant and resourceful. We want to recognize their

ability to help communicate agriculture's ever-important role in keeping our nation's food, fiber and energy systems strong. We truly look forward to reviewing the written and video essays that students develop around the theme, "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer." The national written essay winner receives a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 15 at Whitten Patio at the USDA. During dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to read the winning essay as well as join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a festive ag celebration. The video essay winner wins a \$1,000 prize, and the winning video will play during the Celebration of Ag Dinner. This is the 38th anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal of the ACA is to provide a spotlight on agriculture and the food and fiber industry. They not only help consumers understand

how food and fiber products are produced, but also bring people together to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, High Plains/ Midwest Ag Journal, National Association of Farm Broadcasting, National Agri-Marketing Association, Country Living Association and McCormick Company.

All written entries should be sent to: Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210, or submitted by e-mail to essay@agday.org. Students may upload video essays at http://agday.leapfile.net and follow the directions on the page, or students may choose to mail video entries on a compact disc to the address above. Visit www.agday.org or www.hpj.com/agdayessay to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.

## ANTIQUE AUCTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 — 10:00 AM

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January 8 — Household goods, antiques, tools, misc. at Leonardville for Wanda (Mrs. Elbert) Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

January 8 — Trucks, trailers, tractors, hay equipment, equipment, livestock, hay & misc. S. of Hiawatha. Auction conducted by Hoffman Auction Service with Tom & Rex Lockwood.

January 8 — Collectibles, Louis Icart Art Deco art work, Lee Reynolds 49/62 Vanguard Studios oil painting at Salina for Norris & Ellouise Marshall. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 8 — Liquidation auction at Lawrence for Abe & Jakes Landing/ Mike Elwell. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions & Wayne Wischropp.

January 8 — Coins & guns at Sabetha. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

January 8 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Jones & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

January 8 — Construction company dispersal, coin collection, new Stanley tools, ATV, skidsteers, tractors, trailers, dump truck, commercial van at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Eastern KS Auction Barn, Daryl Stottlemyre.

January 8 — Restaurant equip., Harley Davidson motorcycles, Corvettes, trucks, cars, semi, furniture, heating & air parts,

tools, mowers, boats, trailers, coins & more at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure & Business Liquidation. Auctioneers: United Country, MidWest eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

January 9 — Collectibles, furniture at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 13 — Real estate, home & acreage SW of Scranton. Auctioneer: Wayne Wischropp, Century 21 Miller & Midgett.

January 15 — Farm toys at Osage City. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

January 15 — Greenwood County section of native grass and Madison for Greenwood Living Trust.

Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

January 16 — Antiques & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 20 — Whitewater Creek hunting land, Butler County at Benton. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., John or Terry Rupp.

January 20 — farmland auction at Abilene for The Bo & Bernadine Ryan Land. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

January 22 — Real estate, pasture, hay land, homesite & acreage (near Admire) at Allen for Brad & Kim Karr. Auctioneers: Flott Auctions.

January 23 — Real estate, household & misc. at Wamego for Darlene Wilson Estate. Broker & Auctioneer: Dale I. Douglass.

January 24 — Clay County (land) real estate (W. of Oak Hill) at Clay Center for Elmo & Dorothy Evans. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

January 25 — Kansas Livestock Market Auctioneer Competition at Holton. Sponsored by Ks. Auctioneers Association.

January 25 — Butler County land at Douglass. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., John or Terry Rupp.

January 27 — Butler County land at Leon. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., John or Terry Rupp.

February 5 — Farm machinery W. of Randolph for Bob O'Neill. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

February 18 — Farm machinery & farm related items at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

February 19 — Farm/construction toy auction at Osage City. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 21 — farm items, large machinery NE of Tipton for Leon & Janet Eck. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 21 — Real Estate at Clyde for Wanda Jansen. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 7 — Farm sale N. of Concordia for Linden, Julie & Janet Snavely. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 12 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery sale at Concordia.

March 12 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

March 19 — Farm auction S. of Baileystown for Cletus & Phyllis Broxterman. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Co.

April 9 — Furniture, antiques & misc. at Concordia for JoAnn Hauck. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 27 — Farm auction at Seneca for Dan & Karen Henry. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Co.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Good native grass, good fences. This section is well watered with 2 ponds.

**MINERALS:** None of the mineral rights are included in this transaction.

**TAXES:** The buyer will be responsible for 2011 taxes.

**TERMS:** \$50,000.00 as earnest money day of auction. Balance of purchase price due at closing prior to January 31, 2011. Purchaser to pay 1/2 the cost of an owner's policy of title insurance.

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**TAXES:** Seller pays all of 2010 taxes. Buyer pays all 2011 taxes. Taxes for 2010 are \$155.14.

**MINERAL RIGHTS:** Seller's mineral interest transfers with property.

**POSSESSION:** Possession at closing within 30 days.

**MERCHANTABLE TITLE:** Title insurance policy for the amount of purchase with purchase split 50-50 between buyer and seller.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of auction. Balance at closing. Buyer to have any finance arrangements completed prior to auction.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 — 1:30 PM

Auction Location: Sauder Community Center, 110 S. First St.  
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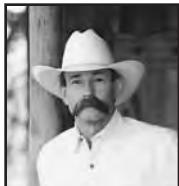
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I have spent most of my life in the mountain west so trout has been my primary fish source. But I come from deep Oklahoma roots and, from my youth, I have been a frequent visitor to my Okie farmer kinfolks. Each one had a pond stocked with bass and catfish. Catfish almost tastes like meat, whereas trout tastes like fish.

Anybody who lives in the S.E.C., South East College Football Conference, appreciates that catfish beats country ham and red-eye gravy as the supper of choice, most of the time. Catfish is to the south what chili is to the southwest, brisket is to Texas, crabs to the Chesapeake Bay, pizza to middle-school soccer moms, and porridge to Minnesota.

Catfish on the menu still flourishes but the local catfish farmer's market is in decline for the sixth straight year. Reason: Cheaper imported catfish, primarily from Asia. Sound familiar? Just ask the three sheepherders still in the United States, or ask an American lumberjack if you can find one, or a shoemaker or steelworker.

America is still capable of supplying all our catfish needs but raising them is now being "outsourced." The Catfish Institute blames higher grain prices as a factor, but I'm guessing even if soybeans and corn dropped to less than a dollar and the USDA and EPA removed all the catfish regulations, the Hmong, Vietnamese and Chinese could still furnish it cheaper! The Institute is pushing for a mandatory "Country of Origin" label.

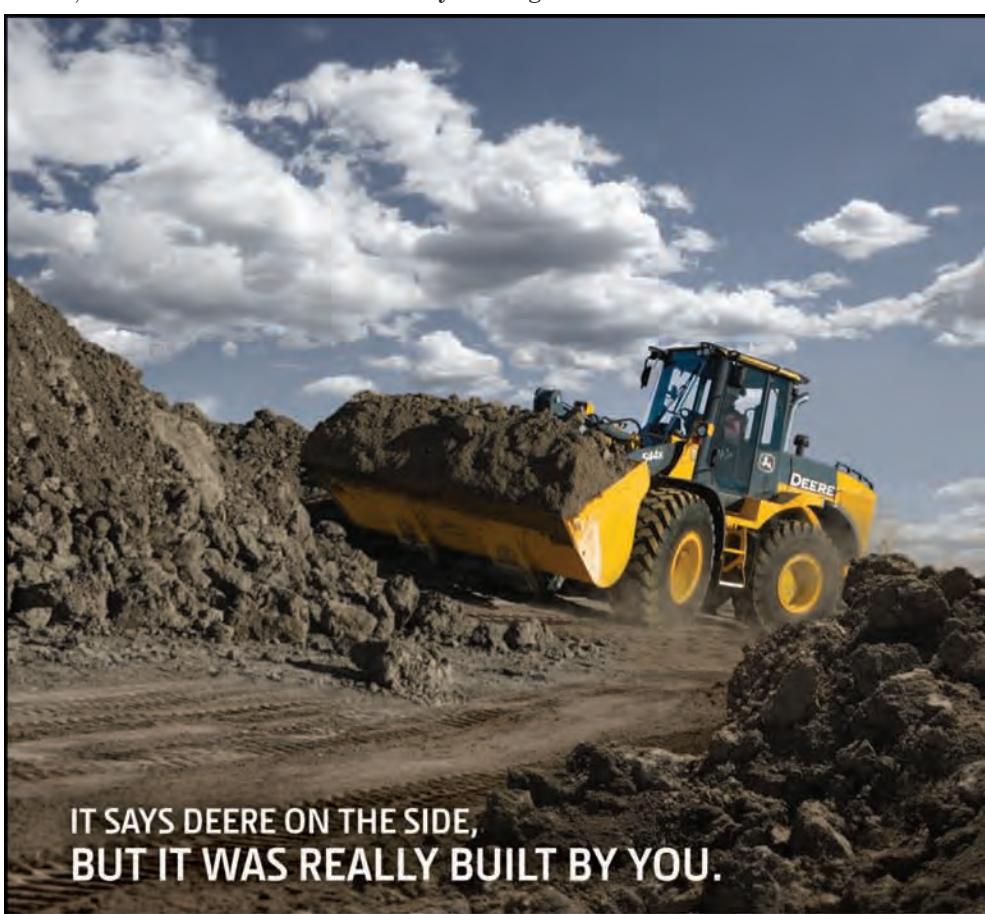
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