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Roberts vows to be a champion for agriculture

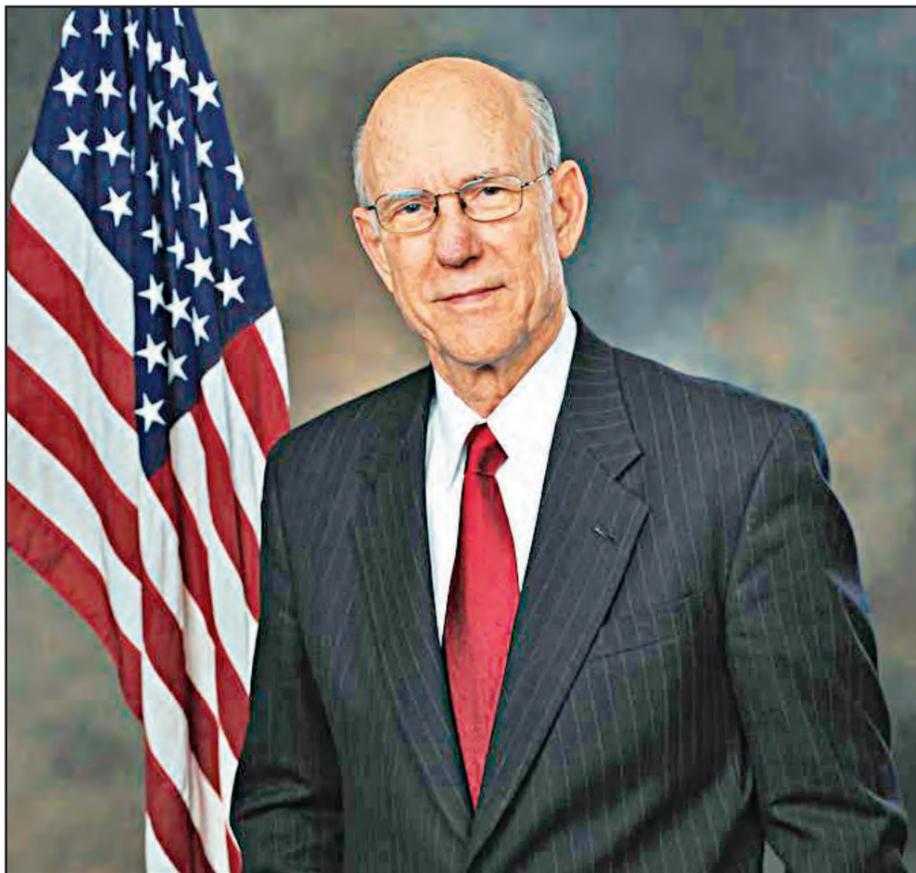
By Donna Sullivan, Editor

"Business as usual is not business as usual today," Sen. Pat Roberts stated in his opening remarks at the Kansas Commodity Classic last Tuesday. "I have never seen a Congress that places so little value on agriculture." Roberts is the ranking minority member of the Senate Ag Committee.

Roberts was joined by retired Rep. Larry Combest of Texas. "Kansas is the envy of a whole lot of people in production agriculture," Combest told the producers who had gathered in Great Bend for the event. "There are less and less people that care and have an understanding of production agriculture," he continued. "Thank God for people like Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran."

"There will be more scrutiny imposed on this Congress than probably in our history, both by voters and the media," Combest said. "And not all decisions will be made on what's good, as Pat and I used to make them, but made on what will help them get re-elected."

According to Combest, one-quarter of 1% of the budget is spent on non-nutrition farm programs and U.S. farm policy costs each person just 2.3¢ per meal. He said that agriculture is a "victim of our own suc-



Sen. Pat Roberts addressed the audience at the Kansas Commodity Classic on topics including the new Farm Bill, crop insurance and EPA regulations.

cess," describing how consumers don't have to give much thought to the safety of their food on a daily basis, and only do so when there is a food crisis such as the tainted spinach a couple of years ago.

As budget cuts come, he points out that agriculture

has already taken their share of hits. "You can't balance the budget on the back of farmers," he emphasized.

Following their opening remarks Roberts and Combest fielded questions from the audience, the first of which involved crop insurance. Roberts indicated that

he and Debbie Stabenow, the Democratic senator from Michigan and chairwoman of the Senate Ag Committee, are working together to do what they can to provide a safety net for farmers. "Stabenow's provisions add specialty crops, so everybody is included," he

said. He said that crop insurance will be easier to defend because people understand the concept of insurance, but doesn't expect that to be the case with direct payments, which could face more opposition.

The subject of ARS research funding was also covered. Roberts indicated that it wasn't funded at a level he thought it should be in the president's budget. Pointing out a projected population of 9.3 billion in the next several decades, he posed the question, "How will we feed them unless we double production? This isn't just a policy issue," he said. "It's a moral issue if you want the U.S. to feed ourselves as well as a troubled, hungry world." He acknowledged that ag research may experience some setbacks, but has faith in the land grant universities to continue the important work.

The president's budget and the bill that passed the House last week will never become law as it is," Combest added. "At the end of the day, it may be less, but there will still be money for research."

Over-reaching regulations by the EPA were also addressed. "Debbie and I want to sit down with Lisa Jackson and do away with the more egregious things they're doing," Roberts

said. As to the amount of control Congress has if a federal judge sides with the EPA on any given issue, he responded, "Congress can take their money away. That gets their attention. The biggest priority has to be to roll back all these regulations. It's absolute madness."

"Following the 2008 elections, my prediction or warning was that the thing we would probably be talking more about is environmental policy rather than farm policy," Combest said.

Roberts spoke again after the luncheon and reiterated his vow to keep agriculture front and center. "People and experience do make a difference," he said. "I will need your advice and counsel more than ever."

He spoke of introducing the Regulatory Responsibility for Our Economy Act which codified the president's executive order that forces agencies and the Office of Management and Budget to perform a cost-benefit analysis and remove loopholes from regulations.

"To the contrary of some in Washington, you will not hear a misinformed criticism of agriculture from me," Roberts promised. "Agriculture will not be a dirty word, a four-letter word on my watch. I will be your champion."

Lawmakers question proposed meatpacking reforms

(AP) — An effort by the Obama administration to overhaul antitrust rules for the meatpacking industry with the toughest regulations since the Packers and Stockyards Act was passed 90 years ago has run into skepticism from Republicans.

The reforms, which would redraw the balance of power between meat companies and the farmers and ranchers who raise animals for them, have been one of the administration's signature efforts in addressing the growing concentration of corporate power in agriculture. The new rules have faced resistance since they were proposed in June, but with Republicans in control of the House of Representatives after the November election, critics of the overhaul have powerful new allies, including the new chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

The proposed changes would in part make it easier for farmers and ranchers to sue companies on antitrust grounds. To win a lawsuit now, they have to prove a company's actions harmed competition in the entire industry. Under the new rule, farmers and ranchers would need to prove only that they were personally harmed.

Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., the new Agriculture

Committee head, said he has questions about the rules proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and added that the agency will have to work hard to change the minds of skeptical members on the panel and others interested in the issue.

"The primary concern, and this is reflected in the conversations I have with both my colleagues and constituents, is about the potential adverse impact on producers," Lucas said in an e-mail after a spokeswoman said he would not be able to discuss the issue on the phone.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman said officials weren't available to comment on the proposed rules. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has said the reforms could help stimulate rural economies where just a few companies dominate livestock production, and his department has been working with the Justice Department on an investigation of antitrust violations in the industry.

Many farmers and ranchers have long complained about their lack of power.

Chicken farmers, for example, say poultry companies force them to invest hundreds of thousands of

dollars in industrial barns or face the loss of their contracts. They say taking on such debt makes it hard for them to make money.

That would be banned under the new law unless

poultry companies compensate the farmers.

Ranchers also complain there are so few meatpackers buying cattle that the

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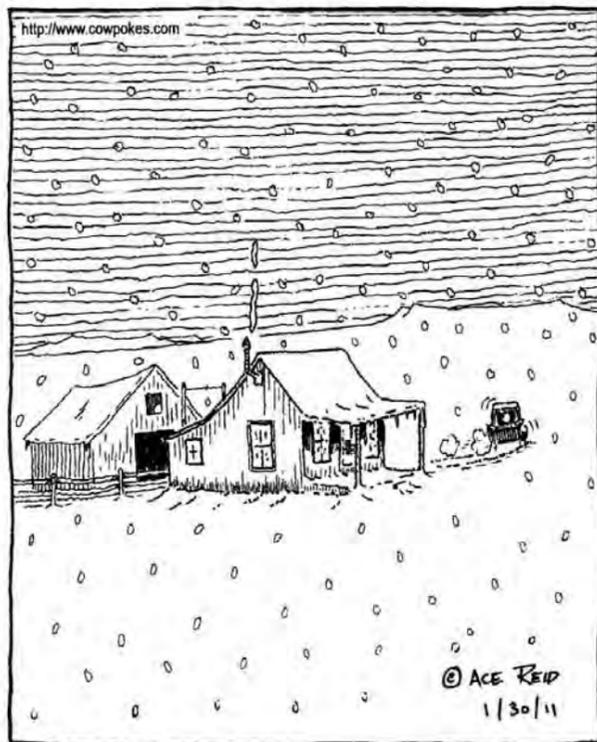


This old barn has fallen since this photo was taken, having given in to the ravages of time and the elements. It was located in Hayes Township in Clay County, on 23rd Road near Quail Road.

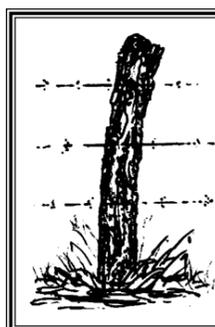
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"I wish whoever prayed for this snow would go to prayin' for next spring's cattle market!"



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator
Our New Used Caddy

In my column two weeks ago I mentioned that we had recently traded cars. I had been hoping to find a Cadillac and when the salesman showed this one to me, I knew it was the one; no need to look further. It is ten years old, looks and drives like a new one; but instead of paying \$40,000 or more, we got it for \$6300 plus our purple van, which had 141,000 miles on it. There is one drawback to it; it has too many buttons. I'm a simple man; and as I sit here looking at all those gadgets, I become somewhat befuddled. Even though the salesman demonstrated how the important ones work, it takes a little time to get used to the changes.

For example, when we headed to town the other day, I must have accidentally bumped a lever, for the windshield wipers suddenly came on. When I tried to turn them off as I normally do in other vehicles, they stayed on. May reached over to shut them off in the same manner we did on the van, but they wouldn't shut off. Knowing the dry windshield might get scratched with the wipers going, she turned on the washer fluid (that button was in the same place as it was on the van). Finally the wipers shut off. But when we stopped at the stop sign before entering Highway 81, I accidentally turned them on again. May reached over to turn the switches back and forth on the wiper lever with nothing happening, so she again applied the water. We continued down the highway for another mile or more washing the windshield, when it dawned on me that maybe I had bumped the lever itself. I pulled down on that lever, and like magic, those pesky wipers shut off.

"These heated seats are nice, May, but mine is too hot. Can you do something quick, before my pants catch on fire! No, not that button." She soon found the heat control and gave me some relief. "Let's try the radio to see if it's clear. Wow, it's a Bose and the sound is great even though I'm half-deaf."

Before we acquired our used white Cadillac, I had not realized how many white cars there are. It was always easy to spot our purple van in a parking lot or on the street, but we have to pay closer attention now. The next day after we bought the car, May dropped me off at a meeting before running some errands. She parked downtown and walked across the street with her answering machine to have it repaired. Soon she returned with her little machine in a bag and got into the car, placing her purse and bag on the passenger seat. But when she tried to insert the key into the ignition, it didn't fit. She suddenly realized that she was in the wrong car. Being somewhat embarrassed and in a hurry to get out, she quickly grabbed her purse and got into our car, parked just a few yards away.

After our shopping and other business was finished, we returned home. May wanted to plug in the answering machine but couldn't find it. Then she said, "Un-oh, I know where I left it, but I have no idea where it is now." She related her experience about getting into the wrong car and now realized she had left it behind in her haste to get out. We laughed about it, but I may have laughed too soon.

Less than a week later I drove to town for a meeting and parked in front of the office where it was held. After the meeting was over, I walked outside with a couple of friends. I took out my keys, pushed the unlock button, and walked to the white car parked in front of me, but I couldn't get in. Pushing the unlock button again and again did not open the door. Finally, one of the friends pointed out that the white car just two parking places over had blinking lights; it appeared I had unlocked it. I grinned sheepishly and thanked them.

While we like our car quite well, it is providing a few learning experiences. With a little time and the aid of the manual, perhaps we will actually enjoy it.



By Matt Perrier,
Eureka

The mainstream press has been giving significant amounts of attention to agriculture lately. Unfortunately, it has not always been positive. With increasing global population and improving economies in many regions of the world, demand for U.S.-produced food is on the uptick. Plus dry, variable La Nina weather patterns have driven global production estimates and grain stocks lower. Couple these factors with increasing amounts of grains being used for energy produc-

tion, and the supply/demand curve indicates one thing: higher agriculture commodity prices.

Yes, we hear of food riots and uprisings globally, but most of the news items that I have read recently focus on domestic prices for food at retail — here in the U.S., where we have spent roughly 10% of our annual income on food for decades! Estimates vary depending on levels of income, but Americans' expenditures for food have increased between 10- to 15% since the beginning of the trend in 2007.

As food producers, America's farmers and ranchers fully understand the effects of increasing costs with stagnant or decreasing incomes. We have faced these challenges for decades. We continue to find ways to improve our efficiencies of production. We adjust priorities and make tough decisions. And it will become increasingly important to continue our businesses with this mindset.

But during this pivotal time in production agriculture, we must also do something else. We must continue to tell our story to help shape consumers' perception — both within the U.S. as well as abroad. We have seen our costs of production increase exponentially over the past several

decades. Few — if any — articles were written about "farm riots" when costs for fuel, fertilizer, land, equipment, seed and other inputs rose steeply. We simply buckled down, made appropriate decisions pertinent to production levels, and assumed the risks of our occupation.

Now, this is not a time to become flippant of others' struggles. Farmers and ranchers have always been a compassionate bunch, and we need not change that character. But as we hear from consumers about 10- and 15 percent increases in

food prices (which actually equate to about one- to three percent increases of total household earnings, since food expenditures now represent between 10- and 20% of income), let us reinforce that food price increases since 2006 are the first significant increases since the 1980's. During that 30 year span, farmers' costs of production have skyrocketed.

And most of all let us recall the following: None of us like to think of price increases, but it is a small price to pay to maintain our food production infrastructure in the U.S. Over the

Middle East crisis will affect U.S. ag industry

Fallout from the crisis in Libya and the Middle East could put pressure on U.S. agricultural production due to escalating fuel costs, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"Libya has the largest crude oil reserves in Africa, and it's a flash point," said Parr Rosson, AgriLife Extension economist and director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University. "The concerning thing is what it's going to do at a time when we've gone through a couple of years where (crude) prices have been relatively stable. This could put some real economic pressure on costs in agriculture."

If sustained, higher petroleum prices would result in higher agricultural commodity prices as well, Rosson said. That would be passed on to the consumer resulting in higher food prices.

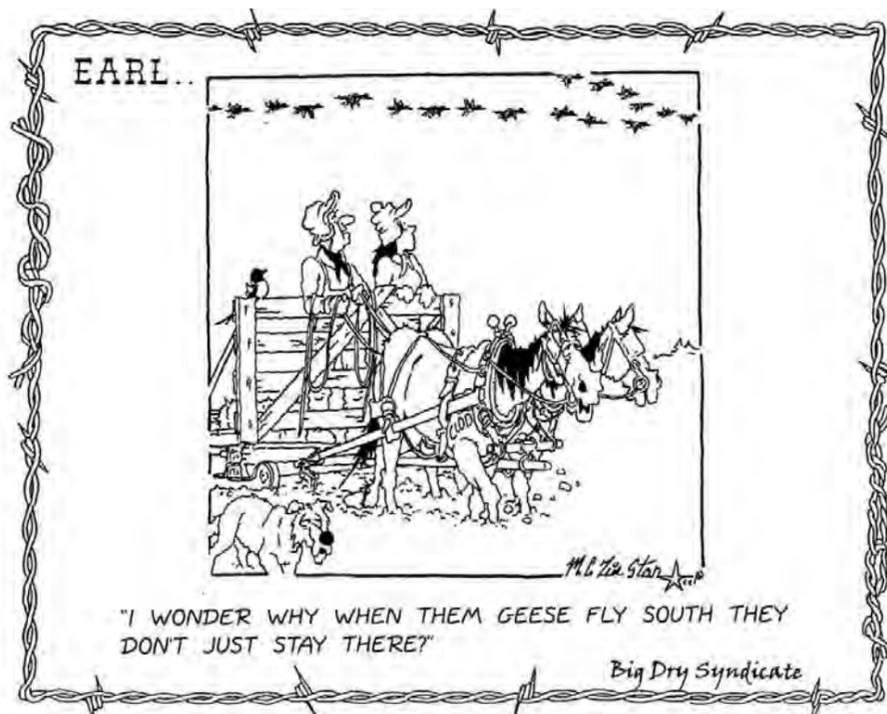
"The whole overarching issue of instability in that region is interesting and amazing at the same time," Rosson said. "This all started with a small country (Tunisia) and because of instant communications, that being social media, it's now spread throughout a large portion of the Middle East and even evidence of some unrest in China."

"That's very important as well. All of this comes on the heels of one of the worst recessions we've experienced in decades. We are extremely vulnerable as a manufacturing industry, and the agricultural industry in particular, because of energy costs."

Rosson said this strengthens the discussions of utilizing natural gas as an alternative energy source.

"Our saving grace in Texas is natural gas prices," he said. "Converting to natural gas over the longer term is a real plus for Texas because of our reserves and the ability to produce natural gas. There's a lot of incentive there to effectively produce and utilize that very important resource."

Farmers already regularly use natural gas to power irrigation systems, Rosson noted.



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past twenty years, Americans have been increasingly concerned about our dependence on imported oil. We certainly do not want to become dependent on imported food.

American farmers and ranchers are some of the few folks who still PRODUCE a life-sustaining good domestically. As increasing numbers of careers in the U.S. become fo-

cused on creating a service or luxury item, ag producers still walk out the door each morning with one mission: to efficiently raise products essential for life itself. We should not need to apologize for commodity prices that might finally bring our wages close to average annual incomes of our urban and suburban counterparts. Let us continue our goal of

producing the most healthful, wholesome, reasonably-priced food in the world. But let us also remind our consumers of the continued demands that cost of production place on our bottom line. And by the way...America's farmers continue to purchase nearly all of their "higher-priced food" from the same grocery stores as every-one else.

Cover crop seminar to be held March 9

Emporia area producers and landowners will have another opportunity on March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to learn if cover crops have a place in their operation.

Please ask yourself: are doing all you can with your current production system, if it is sustainable in the long term, and if there are things you can do to improve water, soil and air quality and plant health?

"Cover Crops II: Growing Your Soil" will be hosted by K-State Research and Extension, Lyon County, Neosho Headwaters WRAPS, Kansas Rural Center, and Flint Hills RC&D. Sponsors include AGChoice, Cropping Solutions, Frontier Farm Credit, and Harveyville Seed.

Gabe Brown, Farmer/Rancher and Burleigh County Conservation District Supervisor from Bismarck, N.D., and Dr. Kristine Nichols, Soil Microbiologist with the USDA-ARS in Mandan, N.D. will be sharing part of their research and experiences on cover crops, mixtures, soil

health, and the many interactions that can help improve your productivity.

Pre-registration is requested by March 7 with the Lyon County Extension office at 620-341-3220, or brees@ksu.edu. There is a \$20 fee payable at the door for materials and lunch.

Mr. Brown has spent many years working with different production practices, and is consistently growing 100+ bushel corn on 15 inches of average annual precipitation. He is using mixtures, or "cocktails" of cover crops to help hold soil, shade the ground, and provide additional organic material for the soil. Included in the organic material are a variety of roots, which stimulate a favorable environment for soil microbes and more closely simulate the variety of the natural prairie ecosystem. Gabe has also incorporated livestock production into his no-till cropping system and the utilization of cover crops has dramatically increased his grazing season and per acre returns to his operation.

Dr. Nichols is a leading national expert on life beneath the soil surface. Her topics will include planning for cover crops and some interesting tools developed by the Agricultural Research Service at Mandan, N.D., as well as how you can help to bring your soils to life - increasing productivity, water supplying capacity, and aggregation of the soil particles, thereby helping to increase infiltration and reduce runoff and sedimentation in our local streams and reservoirs.

Pre-registration deadline is March 7. To pre-register, contact the Lyon County Extension office, 620-341-3220, or e-mail Brian Rees at brees@ksu.edu.

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1 cup water
1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
1 cup all-purpose flour
4 eggs
Filling:
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
3 1/2 cups milk
(2) 3.9-ounce packages instant chocolate pudding mix
Topping:
8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
1/4 cup chocolate ice cream topping, optional
1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping, optional
1/3 cup chopped almonds, optional
Bring the water and butter to a boil over medium heat. Add flour all at once; stir until a smooth ball forms. Remove from the heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is smooth and shiny. Spread into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool completely. For filling, beat the cream cheese and a little bit of the milk then add pudding mix and rest of the milk, beating until smooth. Spread over puff, refrigerate for 20 minutes. Spread with whipped topping; refrigerate until serving. Drizzle with the chocolate and caramel toppings; sprinkle with almonds. Serves 12.

Rose M. Dietz, Hoisington: "Very easy to put together (and delicious)."

EASY CHICKEN

1 pkg. chicken Rice-A-Roni
2 1/2 cups water
2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken pieces
Mix Rice-A-Roni, water, seasoning packet from box, and 1 tablespoon teriyaki sauce. Salt and pepper chicken to taste and rub in remaining tablespoon of teriyaki sauce. Place chicken on Rice-A-Roni mixture in a casserole dish. Cover and bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees or until Rice-A-Roni is tender. Stir well and serve.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

CHOCOLATE COOKIE CAKE

1 white cake mix
16 cream-filled Oreo cookies, coarsely crushed
3-ounce package cream cheese
2 tablespoons milk
2 cups heavy whipping cream
3/4 cup powdered sugar

Grease and flour a bundt pan. Prepare the cake batter according to directions. Stir in crushed cookies. Bake at 350 degrees for 33-38 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan on a wire rack to cool completely. In a bowl, beat cream cheese and milk until smooth. Beat in cream until mixture thickens. Gradually add powdered

sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Frost cake.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: POTATO PANCAKES FOR TWO

2 medium shredded potatoes
1 egg
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 cup oil

Rinse shredded potatoes in water. Drain thoroughly. Add rest of the ingredients but oil. Mix well. Heat oil in skillet. Pour 1/4 cup batter at a time and fry 5 minutes or until potatoes are done inside and golden brown outside and flip over and do the same. The seasoned side may not take as long to cook. Drain on paper towel. Serve with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage or ham. Biscuits go well with it too.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: MACARONI & GRUYERE CHEESE

1-pound elbow macaroni
3 cups grated gruyere cheese
3 cups half & half
4 large eggs yolks
3 tablespoons butter, melted plus more for greasing aluminum foil

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cool water and toss with 2/3 cup gruyere. In a bowl, whisk half & half, egg yolks, 3 tablespoons butter. Pour over pasta and stir to combine. Transfer to 1 1/2-quart square baking dish. Cover with buttered aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, uncover, sprinkle with remaining 1/3 cup

gruyere and bake until top is golden about 20-25 minutes.

Gin Fox, Holton: OVEN FRIED POTATOES

4 large baking potatoes
1/4 cup vegetable oil or canola
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 or 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
1/4 teaspoon paprika
Salt & pepper (I use seasoned salt)

Wash potatoes. Cut into 4 lengthwise pieces. Place skin side down in baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Combine remaining ingredients and brush oil mixture over potatoes several times while baking. Turn over potatoes the last 15 minutes of baking time.

Note: Also used this mixture to marinate some pork loins before grilling. Goes very well together.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: MEAT LOVER'S PIZZA CASSEROLE

1 pound uncooked ziti or other tubular pasta
1/2 pound bulk Italian sausage
1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
(2) 15-ounce cans pizza sauce
8 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled
1/2 package (3.5-ounce size) sliced pepperoni
2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend (8 ounces)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 3-quart casserole with cooking spray. Cook and drain pasta as directed on package, using minimum

cook time. Return to saucepan. Meanwhile in a 12-inch skillet, cook and stir sausage, onion, bell pepper and garlic over medium-high heat about 7 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink and onion is softened. Stir in pizza sauce, bacon and pepperoni. Pour mixture over cooked pasta. Stir and spoon half of pasta mixture (about 4 cups) into casserole. Sprinkle with 1 cup of the cheese. Spoon remaining pasta mixture on top and bake 30 minutes. Top with remaining 1 cup cheese and bake 5 to 10 minutes longer or until hot and cheese is melted and bubbly. Makes 8 servings, 1 1/2 cups each.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:

BING CHERRY JELLO

15-ounce can bing cherries (dark sweet pitted cherries)
(2) 8-ounce cans crushed pineapple in juice
6-ounce package cherry gelatin
1 cup cold water
Mayonnaise

Drain cherries and pineapple, reserving 1 1/2 cups juice in a saucepan. If necessary add water to equal 1 1/2 cups. Bring juice mixture to a boil over medium heat; stir in gelatin and cook stirring constantly 2 minutes or until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup cold water. Chill 1 1/2 hours. Gently stir in drained cherries and pineapple. Pour mixture into an 8-inch square baking dish. Cover and chill until firm. Dollop with mayonnaise when you serve.

Marlene Swisher, Reading: GOULASH

1 pound hamburger
1/3 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 chicken bouillon cube, dissolved in water
1 can condensed tomato soup w/1 can of water
1 cup canned diced tomatoes
1/3 cup water
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 pound cooked macaroni

Brown hamburger in 1 tablespoon oil and 1/3 cup water. Add onion, green pepper and garlic. Add other ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CORN & BEAN SALAD

(3) 11-ounce cans whole kernel yellow corn with red & green bell peppers, drained
15.5-ounce can black beans, drained & rinsed
15.5-ounce can hot chili beans, drained
10-z. can diced tomatoes with green chile, undrained
1/2 cup chopped green onion
2 teaspoons minced onion
1/4 cup light olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons chili powder (I use Williams chili powder)
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a bowl combine corn, beans, tomatoes, onion and garlic. In a small bowl, combine olive oil, vinegar, chili powder and salt, whisking to combine well. Pour olive oil mixture over corn mixture, stirring to combine well. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight.



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- Don't have three meals a day — have more. Your diet schedule should include a good breakfast, three small meals (including snacks) with three hours between them and one meal at least three hours before going to bed.
- Think about what you can add to your diet, not what to remove. Set a goal to consume the recommended five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables every day.
- Spice up your food. Seasonings can enhance the taste and make you feel you've eaten more.
- Don't exclude any nutrient or vitamin from your diet. Eat all kinds of foods.
- Treat high-calorie foods as jewels in the crown. Make a spoonful of ice cream the jewel and a bowl of fruit the crown. Cut down on the chips by pairing each bite with lots of chunky, filling, fresh salsa. Balance a little cheese with a lot of salad.
- Downsize your dinner plates. Studies find that the less food put in front of you, the less you'll eat. So serve your main course on salad plates (about seven to nine inches wide). Instead of 16-ounce glasses and oversized coffee mugs, use 8-ounce glasses and 6-ounce cups.
- Serve dinner restaurant style (food on the plates) rather than family style

(food served in bowls and on platters on the table). When your plate is empty, you're finished; there's no reaching for seconds.

- Serve individual courses rather than piling everything on one plate. Make the first two courses soup and salad. By the time you get to the meat and dessert, you may already be full (leftovers are a good thing).
- Close out the kitchen after dinner. Wash all the dishes, wipe down the counters, turn out the light. Late-evening eating significantly increases the overall number of calories you eat, a University of Texas study found. Stopping late-night snacking can save 300 or more calories a day, or 31 pounds a year.
- Brush your teeth after every meal, especially after dinner. That clean, minty freshness will serve as a cue to your body and brain that mealtime is over.
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(NAPSA) — Having to exercise some caution when budgeting for a kitchen makeover does not mean doing without beautiful things.

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Here are some simple tips for a do-it-yourself (DIY) customized kitchen makeover that won't break the bank:

1. Remove old fluorescent lighting that reminds you of your third-grade classroom and replace it with recessed lighting to add elegance and extra height to the kitchen.
2. Painting cabinets can completely change the feel of the room. If color is what you're looking for, painting an accent wall rather than the cabinets can create a bold statement and a nice backdrop for artwork.
3. Replace the hardware on your kitchen cabinets. This is inexpensive and easy for DIY beginners.
4. Swap out your old featureless faucet with a new one that will provide greater functionality and add a sense of style to the room. The new Avanti Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet from Pfister is the first pull-down from

Cooking Up A Kitchen Makeover On A Budget

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5. The area between the bottom of the cabinet and the countertop is known as the backsplash. Customizing this blank canvas with textured materials rather than paint is an easy way to personalize the kitchen and add a sense of style. Whether you go modern with glass or slate tiles or more eclectic and ornate with a custom mosaic, the possibilities are virtually limitless.

6. Add crown moldings to the kitchen. Crown molding is now available in much-less-expensive fiber composite materials. Not only are these materials going to save on overall costs, they are also

easier to work with.

7. Bring wall décor from the living room into the kitchen to integrate the spaces and make them more continuous and connected. This is a valuable tip for small living spaces as it makes the layout feel more open.

8. If you have a small, cramped kitchen, open it up by removing the cabinets and replacing them with shelves or pot racks to show off your fabulous cookware.

9. In need of some fabulous cookware? Restaurant supply stores have great deals on appliances such as ovens, refrigerators, rolling carts, shelves and sinks, as well as cookware.

10. Last but not least, don't forget the kitchen sink. Vessel sinks, which have become very popular in the bath, are gaining popularity in the kitchen. If you love cooking as a group with your family, a trough sink, which is long and can accommodate multiple faucets, might be the best choice for you.

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Meatpacking reforms

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companies can discriminate against those they don't like. That wouldn't be allowed under the regulations, a move meatpackers say would add to their costs and result in layoffs in an industry with historically thin profit margins

The American Meat Institute, which represents meatpackers, said the new rules will upend decades of evolution in the industry. Instead of buying animals in an opening bidding process, meatpackers now sign deals with ranchers to produce just the kind of beef that consumers want. The new rules would limit the terms of those contracts and make meatpackers the target of litigation by unhappy ranchers, AMI said.

While Democrats still control the Senate, opposition is mounting among Republicans there as well. Sens. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., sent a letter to the head of the Office of Management and Budget in late January, identifying the reforms as part of a series of "burdensome and ineffective" regulations that could hurt meat producers and should be dropped.

The USDA doesn't need Congress to approve the new rules since, technically, they don't create a new law but simply define and clarify terms in the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. But Congress has ways of fighting agency rules members don't like.

Lawmakers could refuse to provide funding for enforcement, reject the changes under congression-

al review procedures, or "effectively overturn the regulation with additional legislation," Chambliss spokeswoman Bronwyn Lance-Chester said.

Chicken farmer Bill Harvill, 51, said he's a political conservative who's usually opposed to more government regulations. But he's hoping the USDA's antitrust division, called the Packers and Stockyards Administration, puts the new rules in place and he's offended by Republican opposition to them.

"It needs to be of great concern to the Republican party as to how farmers are treated out here in the real world," Harvill said

In a typical arrangement, Harvill has about \$1 million invested in a set of eight large chicken houses near Monett in southwest Missouri, where he raises birds on contract for Tyson Foods Inc. He said he has little bargaining power with the company over how much he gets paid.

The new rules "would be more like giving the grower a voice with the company that they would at least have" Harvill said.

Bill Bullard, chief executive of R-CALF USA, which represents ranchers and supports the new rule, suggested corporate influence is behind much of the opposition. Campaign finance disclosure forms reviewed by R-CALF showed the 115 lawmakers who signed a letter to the USDA expressing concern about the rule received a combined \$48.6 million from donors with ties to agribusiness. The 69 Republicans who signed the letter re-

ceived \$28.4 million, while the 46 Democrats who signed it received \$20.2 million, according to R-CALF's tally, which tracked donations over lawmakers' entire careers.

Bullard said a peculiarity of the modern meat industry allows lawmakers and others to oppose the bill and still say they support "producers." Traditionally, ranchers and farmers produced meat, and packers bought and processed it. But since World War II, corporations such as Tyson Foods and JBS SA have gotten into the business of raising animals as well as slaughtering, processing and selling them.

"You have to distinguish between the corporate-owned and controlled producers, versus the independent family farmers and ranchers who are not bound by contracts with the packers," Bullard said.

He and others who support tighter antitrust rules worry the proposals will be delayed or even killed by opposition in Congress.

The Packers and Stockyards Administration is reviewing 61,000 public comments and conducting an economic analysis of the rules' potential impact. Spokesman Jim Brownlee said no date has been set for the rules to be published, or put into effect.

Lucas said Congress will look at ways to affect how the rules are implemented, although he wasn't specific.

"I would hesitate to predict the future, but it's not unreasonable to imagine that either Congress, or the courts for that matter, may weigh in before everything is said and done," he wrote in an e-mail.

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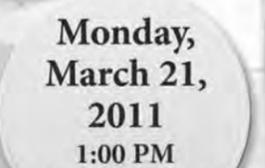
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

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Another highlight of the garden show is the gardening seminars. Topics on Saturday include orchids, watering, new plants for

2011, conifers, small trees and shrubs. Sunday starting at 1 p.m. will be more new plants for the garden followed by growing blueberries and grafting tomatoes. A complete listing on show times and seminars are available at our website www.riley.ksu.edu and by contacting the office at 785-537-6350. I will be giving a presentation on fragrant shrubs at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The earliest fragrant shrub to bloom in my garden is the witchhazel. Typically, it will start blooming in early March. Another kind of witchhazel is also the last to bloom in my garden around Thanks-

giving. Flower color is yellow to gold depending on the variety.

My favorite fragrant shrub is the Korean Spice Viburnum. It has pink buds that open to pure white in May. The fragrance is sweet and intense. Mature shrub size is about five feet in height and width. I placed mine near the front door. We have 40 different fragrant shrubs. That doesn't include fragrant roses. These shrubs provide fragrance for our landscape most of the growing season.

Placement of plants, fragrant or not, takes some thought. I will be teaching a home landscape class with UFM Learning Center in March. This three-night class will provide time to go into depth on designing outdoor space. Hopefully, by attending several of the garden show seminars you will be ready to blend that information into a new or invigorated landscape. Register for the home landscape class by calling 539-8763 or on line at www.tryufm.org. Spring is on its way. Until then, the garden show is a good primer.

If you would like additional information on a horticulture topic, please contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.

Kansas wetlands education center to host turkey seminar

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC), located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend, will conduct a turkey hunting seminar on Sunday, March 6, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is designed for those with an interest in learning more about wild turkeys, what it takes to get started turkey hunting, or those just looking for some tips about turkey hunting or turkey calling.

The National Wild Turkey Federation JAKES program, in association with the Great Bend Recreation Commission, KWEC, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will sponsor this free, family-friendly event. All participants who bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the local food bank will receive a free mouth-diaphragm call from Rod Pettit, the current Kansas state turkey calling champion and Elite Hunting Team Pro Staffer for Knight and Hale Game Calls.

Pettit will give a seminar for adults and kids on how to use calls, as well as a program entitled "Hunter Versus 6 Toms," which discusses different hunting scenarios and techniques, decoy use, equipment, and gear. KDWP's Pass It On program will hold a free wingshooting clinic, providing all firearms, ammunition, and targets.

Door prizes donated by local businesses will be drawn throughout the event. Whether you are new to hunting or have hunted your entire life, there will be something for everyone interested in turkeys.

For more information, phone the KWEC at 1-877-243-9268 or email Eric Giesing at ergiesing@fhsu.edu.

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During the exams, trained veterinarians or doctoral animal scientists specializing in reproduction evaluate physical soundness, the reproductive organs and semen quality. The exam typically takes 10-15 minutes. A semen sample is collected, evaluated for motility and stained for further evaluation of semen characteristics in the lab at a later time.

The exam will determine whether a bull has the ability to breed.

"If a bull passes the exam, it does not guarantee pregnancies," Lemenager said. "But if the bull

fails the evaluation, it means there is a very good chance cows will not get bred, and that knowledge saves the farmer time and money."

Lemenager suggests testing bulls 60 days before the breeding season to ensure a bull is fertile, free of diseases and physically sound. Producers limit their options if they have the exam done later, he said.

"If a bull is marginal or fails the evaluation, the animal can come back in 30 days for re-evaluation," Lemenager said. "If the bull fails again, the producer has time to find a replacement."

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Bulls should be tested before every breeding season. Exams are a good management practice that producers should strongly consider, Lemenager said.

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Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported recently that the total value of production in 2010 was \$8.2 billion.

Average prices for all major Kansas crops were up.

The agency valued the state’s corn production in 2010 at more than \$3 billion. That was followed by the winter wheat crop at \$1.87 billion.

Coming in a close third was the state’s soybean crop, which was pegged at \$1.65 billion. The Kansas sorghum crop was fourth at \$952.8 million.

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time that Wick Buildings had brought together local builders, sales representatives, administrative staff, field construction personnel and drivers for a combined annual meeting.

"Shawn Baer of Junction City participated in many workshops and cross-functional discussions. Topics were aimed at continuously improving the quality of products and services pro-

vided to our customers," said Tom Wick, president and general manager for Wick Buildings, LLC. "In addition, Shawn was recognized for his outstanding performance in 2010 with the Wick Buildings District Sales Manager of the Year award."

Mr. Wick emphasized that constantly working to improve products and services is the only way to grow in challenging times. "Better understanding of our customer's needs throughout a building project, combined with managing sites safely and efficiently, and providing great follow-up service, allows us to grow and prosper in any economy."

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On-farm renewable energy production shows growth

The number of solar panels, wind turbines and methane digesters on America's farms and ranches has increased significantly over the past decade and there are now 8,569 operations producing their own renewable energy, according to the results of the 2009 On-Farm Renewable Energy Production Survey released in late February. Conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, this was the first-ever nationwide survey that looked at renewable energy practices on America's farms and ranches.

"These results indicate that farmers and ranchers are increasingly adopting renewable energy practices on their operations and reaping the important economic and environmental

benefits," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "At USDA we are committed to natural resource conservation, prosperity and energy independence in rural America. This survey gives us a benchmark against which we can measure our future successes."

According to the survey results, solar panels were the most prominent way to produce on-farm energy. In 2009, farmers on 7,968 operations nationwide reported using photovoltaic and thermal solar panels. The use of wind turbines was reported by farmers on 1,420 operations across 48 states. The use of methane digesters was reported by 121 operations in 29 states.

On the state level, California leads the nation with 1,956 operations producing renewable energy, accounting for nearly a quarter of

all operations in the United States participating in this practice. Texas, Hawaii and Colorado were the other major states where farmers on at least 500 or more operations were producing their own renewable energy.

The survey results also show an economic upside to producing energy on the farm. Farmers in nearly every state reported savings on their utility bills. The savings were especially noticeable in New York, where utility bill savings reported by respondents topped \$5,000 for 2009.

Conducted as a follow-on to the most recent Census of Agriculture, the 2009 On-Farm Renewable Energy Production Survey focused on three principal renewable energy systems: solar panels, wind turbines and methane digesters. The survey expanded upon the energy questions asked in the census to provide a deeper analysis of American on-farm renewable energy production practices.

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120.2 taxable acres, 65 acres presently being farmed, could possibly break out more. Has nice pond, oak trees and some wildlife cover. 32 acres planted to wheat. Remainder is open for 2011.

Note: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co. is acting as an agent for the Sellers and not as an agent for the buyer.

See last week's Grass & Grain or Website for complete details.

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BETTY JO STRADER LAND AUCTION

310 acres M/L Marshall County, Blue Rapids, KS
Sale held at Blue Rapids Community Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 — 10:00 AM

Location: From the Blue Rapids Elevator go East, Southeast on gravel road 3 1/2 miles to 11th and Zenith intersection. The land lays on joining Northeast, Southeast, Southwest of intersection.

TRACT I: This farm consists of approx. 105 acres m/l, consisting of approx. 102.69 acres cropland according to new G-6 new measurement, tillable 93.13 acres plus 3.67 w/w, 3.4 w/w or 100.67 approx. acres. Balance road, w/w, wasteland.

TRACT II: This farm consists of 125 acres m/l, consisting of 121.69 acres more or less according to new G-6 new measurement. Tillable 30.75 acres plus .71 acres w/w = 31.46 acres, balance pasture, road and wasteland.

TRACT III: This farm consist of approx. 76.33 acres cropland m/l, with 54.39 acres of tillable acres, with balance house lot, pasture, road, water ways. This house is a 3 BR ranch house, DR, LR, kitchen, unfinished basement, attached garage, extra machine shed and grain bin.

TRACT IV: This farm consists of approx 5 acres m/l consisting all cropland and tillable acres. The farm lays very level, river bottom land.

These farms will be offered individually.

These farms lay very well. These farms are in an excellent location to farm or for investments. Look it over before sale, contact Donald Prell Realty & Auction 785-799-3787, Joe Horigan Realty & Auction 785-250-5148, Olmsted Real Estate 785-353-2487.

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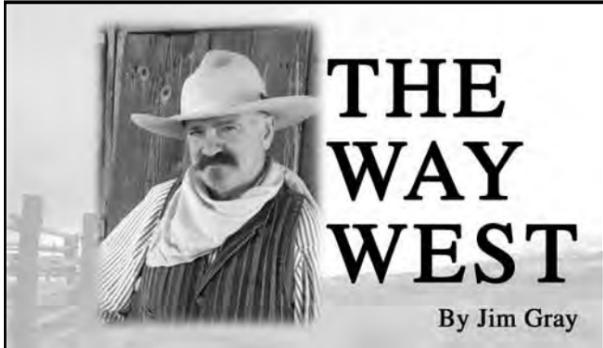
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General Sheridan's Winter Campaign

The December, 1867, Harpers New Monthly Magazine carried the news that a treaty had been achieved with the plains Indians in Kansas. General Philip Sheridan announced that the government intended to protect the tribes from the corruption of the invading American culture. Commanding officers were expected to use force to, "...restrain citizens, either on the bor-

der or who travel by established roads, from committing acts of violence against the Indians, trading with them without license, or doing anything to disturb the pacific relations thus established with these tribes."

Traditional hunting lands were recognized in terms that allowed complete hunting access "in the prairie country" west of the settled parts of

Kansas and south from the Platte River to Indian Territory. Troops were to treat all such hunting parties with a "friendly spirit." General Sheridan further stated that commanding officers should, "spare no proper effort to keep the peace with these Indians, because it is the earnest wish of the government of the United States that war should be avoided..." But in the east, the United States Congress became preoccupied with the impeachment proceedings against President Johnson who had come to the office following the assassination of President Lincoln. Promised food and supplies failed to reach the reservation during the cold of winter and by spring of 1868 Sheridan found discontent and disdain among the Indians. When asked if rifles promised in the treaty for hunting would be issued, Sheridan answered,

"Yes, give them arms and if they go to war my soldiers will kill them like men." Stone Calf, a Cheyenne leader, was quick to suggest. "Let your soldiers grow long hair, so that we can have some honor in killing them." The arms were not issued. At first the Cheyenne were content to take their frustration out on the Kaw people, their ancestral enemies. A raid on the Kaw reservation at Council Grove brought little satisfaction. They next turned their ire against the Pawnee north of Kansas, but as they passed through homestead settlements north of the Smoky Hill River a large band of Cheyenne, Sioux, and Arapaho began raiding settlers near present-day Lincoln, Kansas, extending northward near present-day Beloit. The Indian War of 1868 had begun. The war spread over the

plains with attacks on wagon trains and trading posts along the Santa Fe Trail in southwestern Kansas.

Sheridan's superiors in Washington ordered him to force the Indians onto the reservation

south of the Kansas state line. He was to "kill if necessary." But Sheridan's fighting force was too small to accomplish the order. A mercenary corps of civilian "Indian fighters" was formed to seek out and engage the

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FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

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Northwest Implement, Inc. will have an inventory reduction auction at their Stanberry, MO location.

Directions: From Maryville, MO, go east on 136 approximately 27 miles to Hwy 169 in Stanberry, MO. Turn right and go south 2 miles to store on the right (just at the south edge of Stanberry, MO).

TRACTORS: 2008 JD 8430, 1780 hrs; 2007 JD 9230, 900 hrs; 2006 JD 6420, 3120 hrs; 2005 JD 8520, 1750 hrs; 2004 NH TG285, 2333 hrs; 1998 JD 8400T, 3500 hrs; 1995 JD 8400, 5685 hrs; 1994 JD 8870, 4870 hrs; 1993 JD 4960, 7929 hrs; 1982 JD 2940; 1978 JD 2840, 6400 hrs; 1992 JD 2700, 2910 hrs; 1967 JD 3020, 8000 hrs; 1962 JD 4010, 7000 hrs; 1991 JD 4955, 7949 hrs; 1980 Ford 1600, 1024 hrs; 1982 JD 2940, 11,500 hrs; 1979 JD 8640, 7560 hrs; 1979 JD 4440, 8128 hrs; 1978 JD 4440; 1976 JD 4430; 1975 JD 4430; JD 4030, 6124 hrs; 1941 Ford 9N; 2003 CIH STX 450 Quad Track, 4450 hrs; 1998 JD 6605, 2057 hrs; 1997 5200, 3050 hrs; 1996 6200, w/640 Loader, 2983 hrs.

COMBINES: 2007 JD 9760, 1230/950 hrs; 2006 Agco Gleaner R65, 2200/1500 hrs; 2005 JD 9660STS 3281/2370 hrs; 2001 JD 9650, 2684/1714 hrs; 2001 JD 9550 Sidehill, 2984/2013 hrs; 2002 NH TR99, 2328/1563 hrs; 2002 C-IH 2388, 2608/2007 hrs; 1994 NH TR97, 3493/2440 hrs; 1978 Gleaner F2, gas, w/13' platform.

CORN HEADS/PLATFORMS: NH 974, 8 row 30"; 1997 JD 893, 8 row, 30"; JD 643, 6 row, 30"; 1997 JD 693, 6 row, 30"; JD 843, 8 row, 30"; 2004 JD 625F; 2004 JD 630F; 1992 JD 925F; 2003 JD 930F; AGCO Gleaner 8200, 25'.

GRAIN EQUIPMENT: 2008 Kinze 1050 Grain Cart; Brent 774 Grain Cart.

SPRAYERS/FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT: 2008 JD 4830 Sprayer, 1200 hrs; 2005 JD 4720 Sprayer, 1600 hrs; 2001 JD 4710 Sprayer, 3825 hrs; 1993 JD 6500 Sprayer, 3000 hrs; 1994 Ag Chem 664 Rogator; 1996 1803 Terragator, 3787 hrs; (2) DMI 9 Knife Applicator; DMI 11 Knife Applicator; Dalton 13 Knife Applicator; Dalton 11 Knife Applicator; Dalton 15 Knife Applicator; Progressive 16 Knife Applicator; Blue Jet AT5000 19 Knife Applicator; Hardi NAV 1000M Sprayer; Hardi NP575 Sprayer; 1996 Spr-Coupe 3630 Sprayer; 1994 2800 Big A, New Leader Box; 1997 2800 Big A, New Leader Box; 1993 Mertz, New Leader 20-20; 1991 Patriot 2 Sprayer, 2753 hrs.

TILLAGE: IH 490 Disk, 22"; C-IH 496 Disk, 32"; JD 1710 Disk Chisel, 14"; C-IH 6500 Disk

TRACTORS: 2008 GP Turbo Till, 60"; 2004 JD 726 Mulch Finisher, 38"; 1980 JD 1010 Field Cultivator, 24.5"; IH 460 Disk, 21".

DRILLS & PLANTERS: 2005 JD 1770 Planter, 24 row, 30"; 2005 C-IH 1200 Planter, 16 row 30"; 2004 Kinze 3700 Planter, 24 row, 30"; 2003 JD 1790 Planter, 16/31 row; 1999 1560 Drill, 15"; 1999 JD 1760 Planter, 12 row, 30"; 1999 JD 1770 Planter, 16 row, 30"; 1997 Kinze 2600 Planter, 16/31 rows, 15/30"; JD 7000 Planter, 6 row, 30"; JD 7000 Planter, 8 row, wide row.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: 2005 JD 210LE Skip Loader, 3300 hrs; Case 60XT Skid Steer, 1140 hrs; NH LS185B Skid Steer, 1900 hrs; American Wedge Foot Soil Compactor, 48"x48", Full type.

HAY EQUIPMENT: (2) JD 640 Rake; Hesston 12 Wheel Rake; Vermeer R23 Rake; 2008 JD 956 MOCO; 2005 JD 535 MOCO, 11.5' cut; 1997 JD 935 MOCO, 11.5' cut; 1986 NH 488 MOCO, 12"; JD 270 MOCO, 9' cut; NH 1432 MOCO, 13"; JD 350 Sickle Mower, 9'; IH Sickle Mower, 9' cut; 2007 JD 568 Baler; 2005 Vermeer 605M Baler; 2004 Vermeer 605XL Baler; 2003 Hesston 956 Baler; 2002 JD 567 Baler; 2000 Vermeer 605L Baler; 1998 JD 566 Baler; 1992 JD 535 Baler; BH DM90 Disc Mower, 9'; Gehl 165 Disc Mower, 9'; 2006 NH 617 Disc Mower, 9'.

ROTARY CUTTERS: JD 2018, 20"; Bush Hog; Woods RD6000, 5'; Land Pride 5150 15'.

TRUCKS: 1995 GMC, ext cab, 190,000 miles; 1971 Int Wrecker, 133,000 miles; 1994 Mini Truck Subaru Sambar, 45,522 miles.

TRAILERS: 1977 American Cattle Pot, 45'.

LAWN MOWERS & UTILITY TRACTORS: 2007 JD 1445, 918 hrs; 1965 JD 110; JD LX255; Swisher ZT2350A; Kubota B1700 w/loader and 54" mower deck; 1986 JD 165 Hydro; Woods 6160 Zero Turn; 2005 JD LT160; Yardman Select.

ATV'S: 1993 Honda 300, 2WD; 2007 Kawasaki 650 Brute Force, 4WD, 3751 hrs.

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Good financial record keeping vital for the modern farm enterprise

enemy where traditional troops had failed. The results were less than satisfactory. The citizen soldiers known as Forsyth's Scouts were pinned down in an isolated part of northeast Colorado and had to be rescued by elements of the Tenth Cavalry, Buffalo Soldiers. Exasperated, Sheridan initiated an all out assault against villages resting peacefully on the reservation. On November 26, 1868, Lt. Colonel Custer's elite Seventh U. S. Cavalry attacked Chief Black Kettle's Cheyenne camp. The village, on the Washita River of present-day western Oklahoma, was overrun and completely subdued within ten minutes. One hundred Indians were killed. Black Kettle was among the dead. Fifty women and children were taken captive. With over two thousand warriors camped further downstream, Custer retreated to Camp Supply. In his haste he left eighteen troops behind with no knowledge of their fate. But Sheridan had his victory.

A follow-up investigation discovered seventeen bodies. Throughout the rest of December Custer traveled throughout the reservation, meeting with Kiowa, Co-

manche, and Apache. But Cheyenne and Arapaho leaders held out until December 31st when they finally brought their cold and starving people into Fort Cobb. The Winter Campaign seemed to be accomplishing the goal of clearing the Indians from Kansas, but appearances are not always what they seem. Early January brought reports that Indians were attacking the stage stations along the Smoky Hill Trail from the Kansas border west into eastern Colorado. Some bands had remained away from the reservation throughout the winter, living the best they could through the frigid temperatures. The soldier's work was far from done. There was promise for peace if the military resolve held out, but one event in March was about to bring even the most hard-bitten soldier to tears. It's a story that has been told throughout the years 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.*

Without a proper understanding of record keeping and its current and future implications, the farm operator will not make it very far in today's business environment, notes a University of Missouri Extension agriculture business specialist.

"While you may not have control over the weather and only limited ability to manage diseases and insects, you have the power and the responsibility to monitor the farm's financial performance," said Whitney Wiegel.

"The first and most important step in taking control of your farm operation's financial well-being is to keep good and accurate financial records," he said. "Do you want to know where your business is going? Do you want to avoid jeopardizing your borrowing capacity? If so, then detailed and accurate financial record keeping is for you."

There are three main reasons farm operators should keep good financial records, Wiegel said. "First, good financial records are essential for reporting income tax returns. Without accurate records, a farmer can underpay or overpay on their taxes. This might get

the farmer into trouble if there is an unexpected IRS audit of records."

Second, good records are essential in obtaining credit. "Bankers want to see a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement before they loan money to any business," he said.

Finally, accurate financial records along with production data are important in making decisions about the farm enterprise. Having the information contained in an accurate record-keeping system helps a farm operator make decisions about how to farm more efficiently and profitably.

Wiegel suggests keeping the following guidelines in mind when implementing or reviewing your financial record-keeping system:

-Keep it simple! "If the record-keeping system is unnecessarily complicated, you are more likely to make mistakes," Wiegel said.

-Maintain financial records that have the appropriate level of detail for the complexity of your business. A more complex farm operation requires a more detailed system.

-Make sure your records provide essential information on a timely

basis.

-Consider including the following components when constructing your record-keeping system: (1) a business checking account to handle business transactions; (2) an income ledger by calendar month; (3) an expense ledger by calendar month; (4) an inventory ledger for physical counting and valuation; (5) a depreciation schedule for pro-rating original costs of assets; (6) a balance sheet to determine net worth; (7) an income statement to determine net profit or loss; (8) a cash flow statement to measure flow of funds.

"Following these guidelines will deliver positive results for your farming business," he said.

A number of software packages on the market can assist in implement-

ing a financial record-keeping system. Examples include Quicken, PcMars, and the QuickBooks and Red Wing product lines. "Most software packages range in price from \$30 to \$1,000," Wiegel said. "Products vary in price with the level of computing power of each package. Microsoft Excel may also be an option that you may already have installed on your computer."

Computer software can help you establish and organize your records; however, no program will do all of the work for you, Wiegel notes. "Research the different options before deciding on the right system for your operation. Look for one that fits your specific farm operation. It should provide all the resources you need, not only financially but also managerially."

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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

March 1 — Jewell County land at Burr Oak. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

March 1 — Tractors, combines, planting, drill, hay, forage, tillage, misc. & new equip. at Salina for Dauer Implement Co., Inc. Auctioneers: Gehling Auction, Inc.

March 1 — Butler County land at El Dorado for Howard R. Roths Family Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc., Land Brokerage Division.

March 2 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

March 2 — 21st annual production sale, Angus & A+Plus Balancer bulls near Agra for Spring Valley, LTD.

March 3, 4 & 5 — Winter Gun auction at Topeka for Kull's Old Town Station.

March 3 — Marion County real estate at Peabody for F.W. (Bud) & Marjorie Gray. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

March 4 — Marshall County real acreage at Frankfort for Rosemary Musil Clark. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

March 4 — Angus production sale, bulls & females at Olsburg for Lafflin Ranch.

March 4 — Angus, Hereford & Simmental bull & female sale at Manhattan for KSU Purebred Beef Teaching Unit, Kansas State University.

March 4 & 5 — Polled shorthorn bulls & heifers at Pawnee Rock for Loving Farms.

March 5 — Blacksmith tools, NASCAR models, tools at Osage City. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

March 5 — Building materials at Salina. Auctioneers: Flint Hills Auctions.

March 5 — Farm, construction, machinery & equipment at Tracy, MO. Auctioneers: J&J Auction, LLC.

March 5 — Tractors, combine, trucks, trailers, vehicles, farm & livestock equip., irrigation items, forklifts, mowers, motor home & boats, specialty items at Leoti for area farmers. Auctioneers: Berning Auctions.

March 5 — Tractors, loader, 4-whlrs, lawn mowers, trucks, combine, heads, machinery, power units, generator, collectibles & misc. near Beatrice, Neb. for Orlealee & Karen Zimmerman. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

March 5 — Tractors, loaders, trucks, trailers, ATVs, livestock equip., construction, dozer, excavator & skid loader, long guns, tires, lawn mowers, hay & misc. at Effingham. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.

March 5 — Glassware, furniture, coins, camping gear, housewares & tools at Lyons for Claude McDonald Estate & others. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

March 5 — Tools & household at Manhattan for Lewis Family. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auction.

March 5 — Boats, jet skis, RVs, 4-wheelers, trailers, etc. at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcom Auctions.

March 5 — Tractors, combines, sprayers, fertilizer equip., cornheads, grain

equip., trailers, & more at Stanberry, Mo. for Northwest Implement Co. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions.

March 5 — Tractors, combines, trucks, grain bins & handling equip., hay, planting & tillage equip. & misc. at Andale for

Dave Reichenberger. Auctioneers: Hillman Auction Service.

March 5 — Consignment sale at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 5 — Tractors, combine, semi & trailers, machinery, livestock equip. & misc. at Seneca for John J. Haverkamp. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 5 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, live-

stock & farm related items W. of Inman for James (Jimmy) Peterson Trust, Elaine Peterson Trustee. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

March 5 — Tractors, combine, combine, trucks, rotary mower, hay & tillage equip., field sprayer, gravity flow bins at LaCygne for Mrs. Donald Stainbrook. Auctioneers: Marty Read Auction Service.

March 5 — Gelbvieh, Balancer & Red Angus bull

sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch 33rd annual sale. March 5 — Greenwood County land at Eureka for property of Teichgraeber Ranch, LLC. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Land Brokerage Division.

March 5 & 6 — Indian collectibles, Carnival glass, furniture, dolls & collectibles at Salina for Polly Vering Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.



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- March 6 — Memorabilia, cabinets, baskets, artwork, pottery, jewelry, coins at Lawrence for I Stamp Studio & Store. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Co.
- March 6 — Tractors, trucks, collectibles, trailers, machinery, hay, lawn, garden, ATV & misc. at Wetmore for St. James Church Fund. Auctioneers: Wischropp, Dan Deters, Dan Harris, Rodney Burdick, Herman Renyer, Dennis Wenger.
- March 7 — Farm sale N. of Concordia for Linden, Julie & Janet Snavely. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- March 7 — Black & Red Angus bulls & females at Plainville for Rock'N R Angus Ranch.
- March 7 — 23rd annual Angus production sale, Angus bulls, open heifers near Manhattan for Lyons Ranch.
- March 8 — 21st annual production sale, Gelbvieh, Balancer, Angus & Red Angus bulls at Phillipsburg for Bar Arrow Cattle Co.
- March 8 — Wabaunsee Co. real estate at Alma for Ronda Katt, Lori Murray & Carol Wagner. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.
- March 8 — Angus & Sim-Angus performance tested bulls at Washington for Cattleman's Choice, T7 Ranch & G&G Ranch.
- March 8 — Complete fitness center liquidation at Riley for Riley Fitness Center. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- March 9 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, tillage, planting, combines & harvest, forage harvest, haying equip. online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
- March 9 — Angus bulls & reg. Angus females, 14-18 mo. old at Kingman for OS Stucky Ranch.
- March 11 — Angus choice bull sale at Olsburg for Good Farms.
- March 11 & 12 — Guns (shotguns, hand guns, rifles), cartridges, Winc. collectibles, wood ammo boxes at Sabetha for Paul Dwerlkotte Estate. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.
- March 11 & 12 — Angus performance bulls & females at Holton for Rinkes Cattle Co.
- March 12 — Machinery, shop, carpenter tools & household at Woodbine for the Eugene Riffel Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.
- March 12 — Farm equipment at Colwich for Eugene & Judy Betzen. Auctioneers: Hillman Auction Service.
- March 12 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery sale at Concordia.
- March 12 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.
- March 12 — Construction equip., tractors, trucks, trailer & Expedition, combine & heads, tillage, planting & spraying, hay equip., jet skis, ATV, scooter, lawn & garden, tools & misc. in Northern Miami County for Tim Lopatofsky. Auctioneers: Bricker Auction Service.
- March 12 — KDOR Tax Asset Seizure auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
- March 12 — Antiques & collectibles at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auction.
- March 12 — Pottery, Aladdin lamps, Winchester & Keen Kutter tools, railroad items, Fostoria & other glassware, quilts, Tom Clark gnomes at Abilene for Teresa Harris Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
- March 12 — Angus bulls & replacement females at Maple Hill for Mill Brae Ranch.
- March 13 — Limousin & Lim-Flex bulls & females at Liberty, NE for Boyer Limousin.
- March 15 — Tractors, combines, cornheads, tillage equip., drills, grain handling equip., trucks, trailers, vehicles at Baileyville, Illinois for Kampen Farms, Delmar Kampen Estate. Auctioneers: Gehling Auction Inc.
- March 15 — Marion Co. real estate at Durham for Wes & Richell Bailey. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
- March 15 — Angus fall & spring bulls, bred heifers at Cottonwood Falls for Hinkson Angus Ranch.
- March 15 — Simmental, Angus & Simm-Angus bulls at Wamego for Gold Bullion Group.
- March 15 — Annual production sale of Angus bulls at Zenda for Moli-
- tor Angus Ranch.
- March 15 — Internet equipment online only (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.
- March 16 — Farm machinery NW of Alexandria, Neb. for Westerhoff Farms. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son Auction.
- March 16 — Real estate at Concordia for Pauline & Keith Fuller Sr. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- March 17 — 22nd Annual production sale at Esbon for Benoit Angus. James Birdwell, auctioneer.
- March 18 — Farm machinery E. of Barneston, Neb. for Ernest & Ruth Hroch. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son Auction.
- March 19 — Farm auction S. of Baileyville for Cle-tus & Phyllis Broxterman. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Co.
- March 19 — Pottawatomie Co. real estate at Havensville for Tammy Wesley and Lawrence & Donna Valburg. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.
- March 19 — Equipment & farm machinery consignments at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Moore Auction Service, Inc.
- March 19 — Consignments at Belleville for Belleville High Banks Hall of Fame & Museum. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
- March 19 — Farm equip., farm items, tools, pickup, antiques, modern household E. of Enterprise for Mr. & Mrs. Orville Lang. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
- March 19 — Kaw Valley bottom ground NW Shawnee County, log home, small home, greenhouses, equipment at Silver Lake. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.
- March 19 — Tractors, farm machinery W. of Topeka for Albert Root & Arlen Kirkwood. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auction.
- March 20 — FFA Alumni annual consignment auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
- March 20 — Angus spring & fall yearling bulls, open heifers & cow/calf pairs at St. Joseph, Mo. for April Valley Farms.
- March 21 — Farm sale, machinery, vehicles & misc.. E. of Courtland for

Sothers Partnership Liquidation. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 21 — Charolais & Red Angus bulls & females at Plainville for Raile Charolais/Red Angus.

March 21 — Angus bulls & open heifers at Salina for Don Johnson.

March 22 — Wabaunsee Co. real estate at Eskridge for Helen Smith, Brett Woods, James Woods & Randal Woods. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

March 22 — Genetrust at Suhm Cattle Co. Brangus, Ultrablack & Angus bull sale at Eureka.

March 22 — Angus & Hereford bulls, 1st calf heifers & bwf replacement heifers at Claflin for B&D Herefords & Beran Bros. Angus.

March 24 — Absolute dealer auction at Corsica, South Dakota for Noteboom Implement Inc. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

March 25 — 7 farms in 3 counties (Barton, Lane & Ford) at Ness City for Kimberly Christina Gralnick. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

March 25 — Simmental, Sim-Angus & Angus bulls, open heifers at Maple Hill for Sunflower Genetics.

March 26 — Farm machinery, tractors, trucks, GN trailers, tillage & hay equip., combine & livestock equip. at Salina for John & Phyllis Sundgren. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

March 26 — Real estate, guns, autos, furniture, antique at Maple Hill for Frieda Kemble Trust & the late Roy (Shorty) Kemble. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auction.

March 26 — Farm equip., classic tractors, tools, iron, wood, antiques & collectibles, farm trucks & misc. near Chapman for Larry (Duff) & Nicki

Dolton. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

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

March 28 — Horned Hereford & black Angus bulls & bwf heifers at Dwight for Oleen Brothers.

March 28 — Large farm sale, late model Case IH pieces, other misc. machinery & farm related items E. of Clay Center for the Harold Habluetzel Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

March 31 — Land W. of Abilene for Bill & Carol James. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction.

April 2 — Washington County pasture & building site at Washington for Lucille Gassert. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 2 — Washington County farmland at Washington for Larry & Diane Ditmars. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 2 — Machinery & livestock equipment W. of White City for the Kickhaefer Brothers (Roy & Harvey). Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhaefer & Dave Bures.

April 2 — Real estate, autos, furniture, household at Manhattan for Mildred Lee Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auction.

April 2 — Antique furniture, yard & garden equip., guns & other collectibles at Greenleaf for John Depew. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

April 2 — Going to Grass production sale at Canton for Circle S Gelbvieh.

April 3 — Consignments at Centralia.

April 8 — Farm equipment, antique pulling tractors, buggies, wagons & horse tack at Wa-

terville for Mrs. (Joe) Joyce Stryker. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

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

April 9 — Farm machinery E. of Washington for Gary Stamm & Stanford Stamm. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 16 — Farm sale NE of Delphos for Mrs. Vern (Dorothy) Carver. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 16 — Cattle equip. & farm misc. at Ada. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

April 16 — Personal property & collectibles at Waterville for Gerald & Lorraine McNary. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

April 23 — Household & collectibles at Linn for Pauline Hatesohl. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 14 — Farm equipment & household at Ada. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

May 27 — House & household, tools, Ranger pickup, 136 MF tractor at Waterville for Russell Kalous Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

May 30 — Harley Gerdes 18th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

June 11 — Fink Beef Genetics Angus Female Sale at Randolph.

August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

September 5 — Harley Gerdes 16th annual Labor Day consignment Auction at Lyndon.

November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

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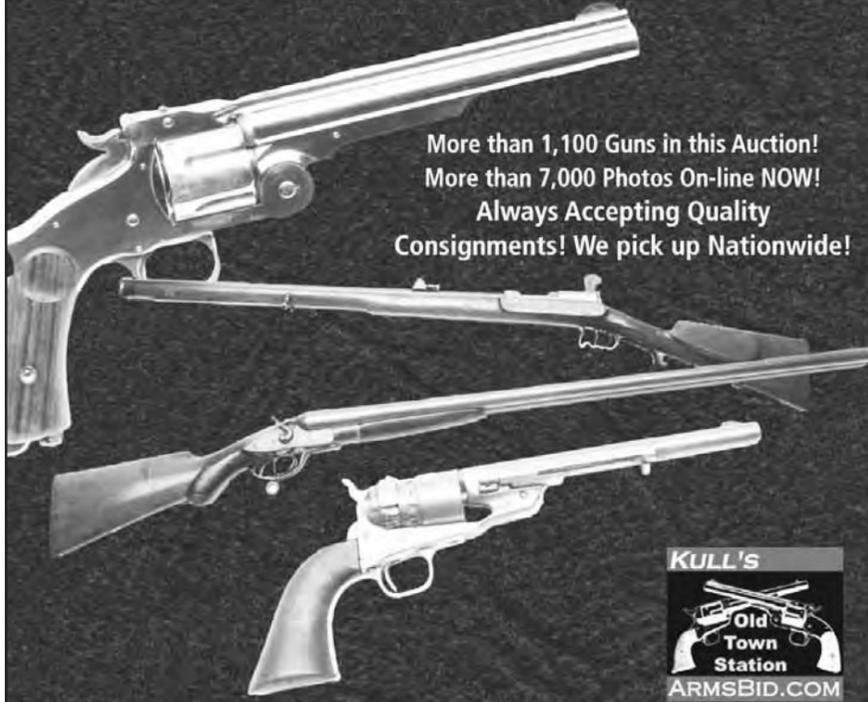



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Food Safety Act

What will the Food Safety Modernization Act, if put into effect, do to Ms. Obama's backyard garden? Congress has taken up the issue of food safety because of the headline-grabbing occurrences of, primarily bacterial, outbreaks of disease in fresh meat and produce. With the exception of eggs, most E. coli and Salmonella outbreaks are a result of human or animal contamination in the growing or processing of the product. This is the reason that organically grown produce is especially vulnerable. Unable to use chemical fertilizer, pesticides, or insecticides, organic growers must make an extra effort to reduce organisms carried by using manure fertilizer, invasive insects and vermin.

I have a garden. I battle many of tomatoes' natural adversaries! I appreciate how difficult it must be for a gardener to ward off the tomato worms, hungry caterpillars, beetles, grasshoppers, bugs, birds and rodents by hand, to keep it "organic." I use early season Sevin and pyrethrum because I'm lazy, I guess, or just don't have the time. Besides, I get healthier tomatoes and more of them!

So what would the Food

Safety bill have to do with Ms. Obama's garden? Would she be allowed to take her tomatoes, lettuce and celery down to the Saturday morning Farmer's Market? Or serve them in a salad to guests of the White House? I expect the bill would limit her options. An FDA spokesman said the Food Safety bill could actually "kill the very farmers they are trying to help."

Amendments that place lesser restrictions on smaller producers have been discussed to reduce their paperwork burden. But, does that make the product safer than blueberries from Chile and avocados from Mexico? I don't think so. Congress is trying to avoid eliminating the availability of homegrown fresh meat and produce to consumers with the new law. Sometimes politics enters in and skews the science. Some amendments discussed even want to inflict laws based on where the food is sold or how much the farmer earns, which has nothing to do with food safety!

Under the Food Safety bill, will local co-ops, local producers, and Ms. Obama be required to place warning labels on their radishes and zucchini? If she

serves it to the French Ambassador will she have to give a short announcement at the table like a flight attendant, "Ladies and gentlemen, Joe and I will be serving you this afternoon, please give us your attention. Eating of the legally unrestricted fresh food in front of you, none of which has been grown or processed or approved by the Food Safety Act, can result in distention, nausea and uncontrollable evacuation. Eat at our own risk. This room has several exits, please take note of the one nearest you. In case of a universal attack, emesis bags will fall from the ceiling..."

All of us in agriculture are concerned with these food-carried, usually 'operator error,' disease outbreaks, whether it stems from a packing-plant contamination of ground beef, field contamination by fruit pickers, or fertilizer contaminated homegrown cabbage. However, regardless of any laws passed, the risk of eating fresh food will always be there. In the future I can envision genetically modified foods or antibiotics that will resist, contain, or even prevent bacterial or fungal contamination in the growing process, and someday the government will get wise and require irradiation of fresh meat and produce that is marketed to the public. But, for now, I will continue to grow my tomatoes and jalapeños, and I wouldn't be afraid to eat out of Ms. Obama's garden either. It's hard to beat homegrown!

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