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Judith Canales, left, along with USDA Rural Development Kansas state director Patty Clark, listen as BIVAC administrator Ron Madl describes the extrusion process.

## Funding available for flex fuel pumps and other renewable energy projects

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Judith Canales, Rural Business Cooperative Services Administrator, was in Manhattan last week to tour the Bioprocessing and Industrial Value Added Program (BIVAP) facility at Kansas State University. The tour was part of what Canales calls The Road Show that also included a stop at the ICM pilot facility in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Midwest tour is designed to promote USDA Rural Development's efforts to support the bioenergy industry and to illustrate how its intersection with energy security for the United States can enhance the American economy.

Her primary focus was promoting new funding through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to

install flex fuel pumps in rural areas. She also discussed the need for developing infrastructure for flex fuel.

The mission of REAP is to help create renewable energy systems and reduce energy needs of small business and agricultural producers in rural areas. It is a \$70 million program that originated in the 2002 Farm Bill. Grants can fund up to 25% of a project's total eligible costs, as much as \$500,000 for renewable energy projects or \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements. Grant requests can also be as low as \$2,500 for renewable energy systems and \$1,500 for energy efficiency improvements.

Projects that are eligible for grant funding are ones that produce energy from

wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and hydrogen-based sources that produce any form of energy, including heat, electricity or fuel.

"We must remove ourselves from 100% fossil fuel and seek other fuel alternatives," Canales said. "In the long term, energy is going to be answered in rural America."

K-State's BIVAP provides a model for how research and industry can work together to find solutions. Client Suites allow entrepreneurs to have offices right where the research is being conducted. Describing the facility as the "pilot plant for entrepreneurial research," BIVAP Administrator Ron Madl said that it "offers entrepreneurial-based solutions to environmental challenges."

## All eyes on Kansas now

According to AccuWeather.com agricultural meteorologist Dale Mohler, the percentage of U.S. wheat considered "poor" or "very poor" increased from 32 to 36 last week due to lack of rain in the southern Plains and southwest.

Reports have even said that many wheat farmers have considered switching to another crop altogether this year.

"There will not be much of a crop in western Texas and western Oklahoma," Mohler said, "Now the focus is on Kansas and eastern Oklahoma."

As AccuWeather.com Staff Writer Gina Cherundolo pointed out, "Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas combined produce more than half of the nation's winter wheat crop, with Kansas alone producing about a quarter."

Mohler said that while there will be storm systems moving through the Plains over the next two weeks, rainfall may not be widespread enough across the areas that need it most to improve the situation.

"Kansas has been very dry over the last six weeks," Mohler stated. "Some of the storms will bring rain, but any improvement may only be temporary."

## Research seeks better control of resistant weeds

Brett Craigmyle snipped off shoots of brown and wilted waterhemp one at a time, weighing the plants to determine how dead they really are.

For the University of Missouri weed science graduate student, this is just one step in a research project looking at how best to control herbicide-resistant weeds, which present an ever-escalating challenge in farm fields across Missouri and the country.

The point is to find the best chemical mix that controls weeds and works well with newly developed herbicide-resistant seeds.

"What we're doing here is evaluating different chemistries together, where one herbicide previously had only been used as a pre-emergent burndown and now will be able to be applied after weeds germinate," Craigmyle said. "We spray weeds in the greenhouse at 6-inch and 12-inch heights, rate how much injury they have and then harvest, weigh and dry them to see how much living tissue remains in their system."

Increasing resistance is reducing the effectiveness of go-to herbicides like glyphosate. MU researchers are working to fill the void. New combinations of herbicides use different modes of actions, attacking weeds in different ways. For example, one herbicide can hurt a weed by manipulating its hormones while another can hinder photosynthesis.

"These alternative tank mixes can control glyphosate-resistant weed species," said Kevin Bradley, an MU Extension weed scientist and associate professor in the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. "We have to do a better job at managing weed populations and not just controlling weeds with one herbicide."

Current tests focus on the best tank mixes for 2,4-D and dicamba in waterhemp, giant ragweed, cocklebur and a variety of other weed species. By pairing those chemicals with different amounts of other herbicides like glyphosate and glufosinate (often known by the brand names Roundup and

Liberty, respectively), they hope to give farmers better control of the problem weeds in their fields.

"Our No. 1 thing is we have to move away from spraying just one herbicide over and over and get a different mode of action out there," Bradley said.

He hopes that U.S. agriculture can avoid measures taken by other countries that have previously experienced these resistance problems. "In countries like Australia, they've had to adopt different crops, they've had to move towards a greater reliance on tillage for weed control, they've had to develop new types of machinery to remove weed seeds from fields, all as a result of herbicide-resistant weed problems. We haven't had to even think about doing those kinds of things — yet."

New developments will soon make 2,4-D and dicamba tank mixes all the more important.

MU recently partnered with Dow AgroSciences to engineer and field test soybean plants that tolerate 2,4-D. The chemical, developed during World War II, is one of the cheaper herbicides on the market, and 2,4-D-resistant seed would work in much the same way as Roundup Ready soybeans and corn.

Regulated testing started in MU field plots last year, Bradley said.

While 2,4-D-resistant seed won't hit the market for several years, it's important for farmers to learn now from the mistakes made during the Roundup heyday, he said. "Growers might look at 2,4-D- or dicamba-resistant soybean technologies and think it will be the next silver bullet, just like Roundup Ready. If we have that mindset we'll lose these technologies to resistance, too."

He says the days of one

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Conditions were right for burning in the Flint Hills much of last week and a good number of acres were set ablaze.

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By Ace Reid

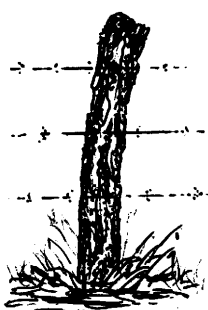
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In the hopes of reaching the moon men fail to see the flowers that blossom at their feet.

— Albert Schweitzer



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### A Time To Be Born — A Time To Die

I have been told that my first great-grandson is to be born next month. The baby's father, who is my grandson Clay, has informed me that I am to be there with them not long after Wyatt's birth (the name of the baby was selected quite some time ago).

It seems that Clay wants to establish a tradition of handing the new baby to me for my blessing. I am not sure of all that this is going to entail. I just hope that I am up to it. While the due date for the baby is May 7, only God knows when the time of his birth will be.

Last week, when a friend of mine was checking his cows that were yet to calve, he noticed that one was in labor. I was not there; but based upon my own experiences and what I have been told, the cow was brought into the barn and secured in a head gate. When Tom then proceeded to pull the calf, he learned it was a breech birth. This means the hind feet are often chained and an attempt is made to pull the calf quickly in order to get its head out of the womb before it suffocates. It is a very critical time that requires much exertion and strength. The calf fell to the ground and was soon up on its feet. Everything seemed to be fine; nature had done its job well with a lot of help and effort from Tom.

As he was walking away from the scene to wash the slime from his hands and arms, he suddenly, and without any warning, slumped to the ground. He was experiencing a massive heart attack. At age 62, he was pronounced DOA (dead on arrival) at the Cloud County Health Center. No one had any knowledge that his death would occur on April 3, 2011, but it was his time to die. He died with his boots on, which I think would be to his liking, but leaving behind his wife and other family members as well as many friends who will miss him.

My high school class of 33 students graduated in 1947. There are about a fourth of us still living. Earlier this week I received a phone call that informed me that Margaret, a former classmate and close friend, had passed away. She had struggled with poor health for several years but had been able to enjoy a reasonably good life with the help of doctors and an occasional stay in the hospital. Then death caught up with her.

Tomorrow May and I will travel to Parkerville to pay our final respects and participate in the memorial service. The poem, "The Farmer's Wife," which so aptly describes Margaret's life, will be read. I want to visit with the grandchildren about their great heritage. Her offspring will continue operating one of the largest farms in Morris County on the upper end of the Neosho River bottom.

We were aware that Margaret was in poor health toward the last, but no one realized that death was so imminent. I believe it is best that we do not know when it will be our time to die, for it could be a great dread if we knew.

We are much aware that in our region there are more deaths than there are births. That is one reason why school enrollments and small town populations are plummeting in our part of rural America.

There are people in rest homes who pray that they will never wake up on this side of life, but they may linger for many days, months, or years. Then there are mothers battling cancer or some other devastating disease who very much desire to live in order to rear their children and see them into adulthood; but they are taken by death. I have a few questions to ask God whenever I see Him. Yet, I realize that with His all-knowing and all-loving characteristics, I can trust Him completely.

By John Schlageck,  
Kansas Farm Bureau

Food is deeply entrenched in family values. While most people don't acknowledge it, a recent nationwide survey reveals people value the joy and pleasure that results from eating.

Without question, emotions are also tied to what we're eating for lunch or dinner. Emotional connections to our food sometimes make potential risks within our food supply appear frightening to some.

How people look at risks provides a clear understanding of why consumers react so strongly to food safety issues. People often perceive unfamiliar things as risky if they can't con-

trol the outcome, if their exposure is involuntary, if the effects are irreversible and if it's caused by human actions or failures. Food-borne illnesses are an example of the results of actions uncontrollable and unforeseeable by the consumer.

Depending on where you look for figures, approximately five million illnesses each year and 4,000 deaths can be attributable to meat and poultry products, according to Centers for Disease Control. About 9,000 people die and at least six million become sick each year from food-borne infections.

Today, more and more livestock producers are doing their part to ensure a quality, safe and healthy product. With each passing generation, consumers become further removed from the farm and ranch that provides them with the food they eat. As these same consumers become more detached from the farm, they've decided to look for and buy "brand name" products including food that often implies great quality, safety and taste.

Livestock producers today are participating in cattle identification programs, including the Beef Verification Solution. Such programs allow an individual producer to track his/her cattle from the cows to the calves to the processing plant as the marketplace continues to demand exact animal

traceability to satisfy consumer demands.

The main reason for traceability or an animal identification program is to know exactly where each and every animal comes from. With the new programs it can be traced throughout the entire life cycle to determine it is healthy and disease-free.

And while beef from such programs must meet strict U.S. Department of Agriculture standards to ensure its safety, like the food industry and our government, we have an obligation to keep food healthy and safe, the way we handle, store and cook food can mean the difference between a satisfying meal or a bout with E. coli or salmonella.

Purchasing, storing and preparing food, especially traditional and new meat and poultry products may present challenges. As a wise and safety-conscious shopper, it is our responsibility to keep food safe once it leaves our local grocery store or meat market.

Always buy food from a reputable dealer, with a known record for safe handling. If you don't know if the meat is fresh ask a neighbor or friend who's shopped there before.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) advises to buy dated products only if the "sell by" or "use by" date has not expired. While these dates are helpful, they are reliable only if the food has been kept at the proper temperature during storage and handling. Although many products bear "sell by" and "use by" dates, product dating is not a federal requirement.

When we purchase

products labeled "keep refrigerated," do so only if they are stored in a refrigerated case and cold to the touch, USDA advises. Buy frozen products only if they are frozen solid. Never buy something that feels mushy.

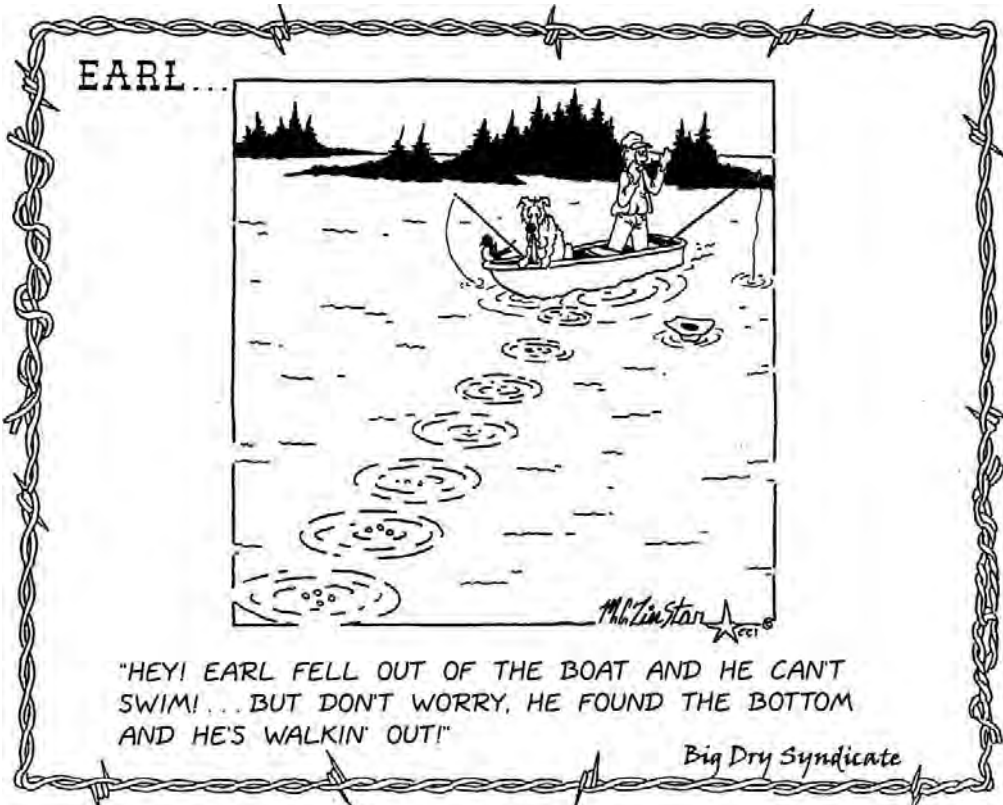
Buy packaged pre-cooked foods only if the package is sound – not damaged or torn.

Avoid cross-contamination. To prevent raw meat and poultry from contaminating foods that will be eaten without further cooking, enclose individual packages of raw meat or poultry in plastic bags. Position packages of raw meat or poultry in your shopping cart so their juices cannot drip on other food.

Always shop for perishables last. Keep refrigerated and frozen items together so they will remain cold. Place perishables in the coolest part of your car during the trip home. Pack them in an ice chest if the time from store to home refrigerator will be more than one hour.

When it comes to making sure the beef and other food on your family's table is healthy safe and tastes great – it's a team effort. Everyone from the livestock producer, packer, retailer and family who buys and prepares the finished product has an obligation to follow sound, tried and true steps to ensure each every one of us eats a healthy food product.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.



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## Controlling weeds

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chemical solving all weed problems are over, and farmers will need to be smarter and timelier to control problems.

"What we're seeing with waterhemp and even with giant ragweed is multiple herbicide resistance, so now some weeds are resistant to three or four different modes of action all in one plant," he said. "We're start-

ing to run out of options to control those species with herbicides we have, and while that's not widespread yet, we're seeing this as a growing problem."

The solution is a balanced approach, he said. Farmers should spray fields while weeds are small, use herbicides that have different modes of action and even use traditional control techniques involving crop rotation and tillage.

That's especially important for farmers looking to eke out a few more bushels per acre.

"Yield loss from weeds can be astonishing if the proper measures aren't taken to control them," Craigmyle said. "In the end it's all about farmers making that dollar to get by and feed the world."

"With the growing population, we need every edge we have, and controlling weeds is just one part of it."



Wade Collins, Monsanto Fund Representative, presents EJSHS science teacher with the check won for them by Colleen and Jesse Cross, right.

## Greenwood county farmer wins \$2,500 for EJSHS Green Team

Jesse Cross of Eureka has been selected as a winner in the America's Farmers Grow Communities<sup>SM</sup> program, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local nonprofit organization to benefit from the donations. Cross has designated the Eureka Junior/Senior High School (EJSHS) Green Team to receive the donation. Cross says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Greenwood County. "The America's Farmers Grow Communities program is great. Our little town needs all of the support it can get. It's important to help fund things

like ag youth education and recycling."

Bret Howard, principal of EJSHS, said, "Anytime people give back to the community it helps. This can only be positive for the community. We really appreciate Jesse and the Monsanto Fund helping our school."

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7 at EJSHS. In more than 1,200 eligible counties, farmers can win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3 million in local communities. Previous Grow Communities projects resulted in the donation of nearly \$1.2 million in 477 counties in Arkansas, California, Iowa,

Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and South Dakota. In total, more than \$202,000 has been donated to nonprofits in Kansas.

The America's Farmers Grow Communities program is part of a broad commitment by Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. To date, more than 60,000 farmers participated in the program, which is designed to benefit nonprofit groups such as ag youth, schools and other civic organizations. Visit [www.growcommunities.com](http://www.growcommunities.com) to view a complete list of winners.



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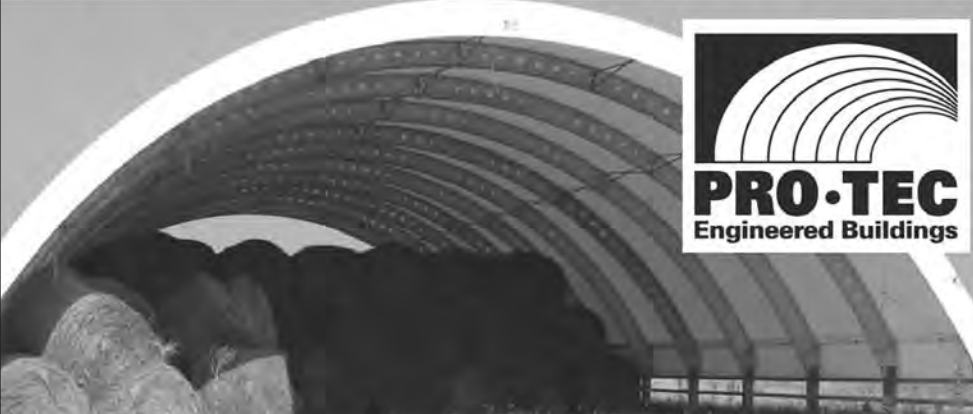
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Louise Yarrow, Wakefield: "A very delightful dessert, serve either with ice cream while warm or each piece warmed in microwave or with whipped topping when completely cool."

LEMON CRUMB CAKE

- 2 cups buttermilk
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 2 tablespoons butter, melted
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- In a large bowl beat the five ingredients until well blended. In a small bowl combine the following:
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder

- 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- Gradually beat into buttermilk mixture until blended. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray.
- 15 3/4-ounce can lemon pie filling

Drop pie filling by teaspoonfuls over batter. In a small bowl, combine the following:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup COLD butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds, sliced

Combine the flour and sugar. Cut in butter until

crumbly. Stir in almonds; sprinkle over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes on a wire rack. Serve warm with ice cream if desired. Yield 20 servings.

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- Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
- MEXICAN CASSEROLE
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
  - 1 envelope taco seasoning
  - 3/4 cup water
  - 16-ounce can refried beans
  - 1/2 cup salsa
  - 6 flour tortillas (6-inch)
  - 2 cups frozen corn, thawed
  - 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, shredded

Lettuce, chopped tomatoes, sliced ripe olives & sour cream, optional

In a large skillet cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in taco seasoning and water. bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in a microwave-safe bowl combine beans and salsa. Cover and microwave for 1 to 2 minutes or until spreadable. Place three tortillas in a greased, round 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Layer with half of the beef, bean mixture, corn and cheese; repeat layers. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Let stand for 5 minutes. Serve with lettuce, tomatoes, olives and sour cream, if desired. Yield: 6 servings.

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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "A good casserole for potlucks."

BARBECUED GREEN BEANS

- 6 slices bacon, browned
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- (3) 16-ounce cans green beans, French or regular
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons barbecue sauce

Mix ingredients together in a 2 1/2-quart casserole. Cover and bake 2 to 4 hours at 275 degrees.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

ASPARAGUS WITH BACON DRESSING

- 3 slices bacon
- 2 tablespoons sliced shallots
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1/2 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed

In a skillet cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, reserving drippings in skillet. Drain bacon on paper towels, cool, crumble and set aside. Add shallots to drippings, and cook until tender. Remove from heat and cool

slightly. In a bowl, combine shallots with drippings, vinegar, mustard and zest, whisking until blended. In a deep skillet add enough water to fill to within 2 inches of rim, bring to a boil over medium high heat. Add asparagus, and cook for 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain well. Serve asparagus with warm dressing and top with crumbled bacon.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge: PIG CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 stick butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup juice from can of mandarin oranges
- 1 can mandarin oranges, drained

In a large bowl combine cake mix, eggs, butter, vanilla and juice and beat 4 minutes. Add oranges and beat until oranges are in small pieces. Pour into a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool.

Topping:

- 1 package instant vanilla pudding (4-ounce)
- Can crushed pineapple, drained (reserve juice)
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces whipped cream

Blend pudding with juice from pineapple. Add powdered sugar and mix well. Fold in whipped

cream and pineapple. Spread on cake and refrigerate.

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Another one from Millie Conger, Tecumseh: GREEN BEANS WITH BACON

- 2 quarts water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 1/4 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
- 2 slices smoked bacon
- 1/2 cup chopped shallots
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a Dutch oven combine 2 quarts water and 1 teaspoon salt and bring to a boil. Add beans and cook for 8 minutes or until tender. Drain. In a skillet cook bacon until crisp. Using a slotted spoon remove bacon from pan and drain on paper towel. Reserve 2 tablespoons bacon drippings in skillet and add shallots and garlic, cooking 2 minutes or until tender. Slowly add apple cider and broth. Bring to a boil and cook 2 minutes or until reduced to 2/3 cup. Add beans and cook 3 minutes or until heated good. Crumble bacon then sprinkle bacon, parsley, pepper and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt over beans.

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## Onion Sauté

7 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped chives  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped thyme  
1 teaspoon butter or margarine  
1 teaspoon olive oil

Break apart onion slices into individual

rings and place in large mixing bowl. Set aside.

Combine salt, pepper and herbs in small bowl. Sprinkle mixture over onion rings, tossing to combine. Heat butter and oil in large skillet; add onions and cook over medium heat. Cook and stir for about 8 minutes or until onions are soft. Makes 6 servings.

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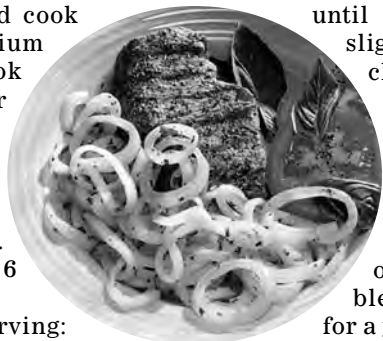
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Here's one recipe you may care to try:

## Ham & Potato Lasagna

9 uncooked lasagna noodles  
1 onion, sliced  
1/2 cup butter  
2 cups mashed potatoes  
1 pound Kentucky Legend Ham, cut into 1/4" ham slices

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions, adding 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

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to the water. Drain. In a separate large skillet over medium heat, combine the onion with the butter and sauté for 5 minutes. Place 3 noodles in the bottom of a lightly greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Spread 1/2 the potato mixture over the noodles in the dish. Top with a layer of ham slices. Top this with 3 more noodles, followed by the other 1/2 of the potato mixture and the remaining ham slices. Finish by topping with the remaining 3 noodles, then top those with sautéed onions. Bake at 350° F for 20 minutes or until bubbly. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before cutting.

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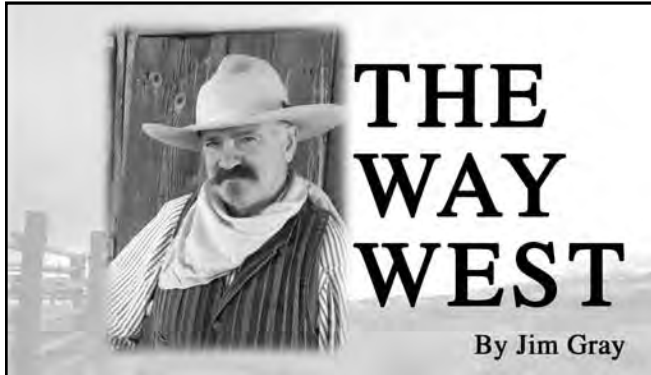
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## Ranch Notes

I am often asked where I get all those stories for *The Way West*. Folks are amazed that I can rattle off so many tales. I suppose it is like anything that attracts one's attention. I haven't a clue how a mechanic can keep all those auto and truck models straight and can tell me that my particular vehicle has a reputation for this or that. He understands vehicles. I understand history, or at least a portion of history related to Old West Kansas.

My father liked to hear the old-timers tell stories. I grew up in a family aware of its roots and I developed a habit of listening to, reading about, and collecting history. I have a fairly good library and have been writing historical articles for a good number of years. I'm not as good as my mechanic. I do have to return to my books to reinforce my memory. Which brings me to a very interesting old book that is filled with stories of ranching in the late 1870s and early 1880s. *Ranch Notes in Kansas, Colorado, the Indian Territory and Northern Texas* is written by Reginald Aldridge, an Englishman who recorded quite faithfully his captivating attraction to the cowboy life.

Aldridge proceeded to southern Kansas to "inspect

the fine grazing country" he had heard about. He offers wonderful observations that are rarely found elsewhere. "Barber County since its first settlement has always been a great stock-raising country, on account of the grass there being chiefly 'buffalo grass,' which cures naturally on the ground, and affords nutritious feed during the winter. There are several kinds of grass fit for winter grazing in the stock-raising States and Territories. They are known as 'buffalo,' 'mesquite,' 'gramma,' &c. These grasses are too short to be used for hay, which has to be made from coarser grasses such as are usually found along the river bottoms. In some places these long coarse grasses seem to be gaining entire possession of the prairies, to the extinction of the winter grass, and wherever that occurs it becomes necessary to supply the stock with hay for four or five months in the year, which of course adds considerably to the expense account."

Being new to the country, Aldridge thought it best to establish a partnership with a German man who had established a homestead at Newton. That is where the story got interesting. The German man had originally made a good liv-

ing breaking sod for other homesteaders. "His business grew and he kept a crew. As it was not always easy to find lodgings for his men near their work, he had built a small wooden house, ten feet by six, which could be placed on ordinary wagon-wheels and drawn wherever it was required, and which would afford shelter to a couple of men. We thought this would be useful for ourselves..." The "mobile home" had two bunk beds, one above the other, a hinged table that folded to the wall when not in use and a box nailed to one corner for a cupboard.

The men took on another partner, "a Massachusetts man," who provided an additional spring wagon for conveyance of supplies. They must have been quite a sight as they left Newton for the cattle range. "First went the Massachusetts man, driving his wagon with a couple of ponies; then followed the herd driven by three hired lads and myself, all mounted on horseback, and my partner brought up the rear, standing in the doorway of the shanty, which was drawn by a yoke of oxen."

The men found that the "house" proved to be too

heavy for one yoke of oxen. At first opportunity they purchased a second yoke and placed them in the lead. "They proved to be not so well broken as those we had, and succeeded once in running away with the shanty. My partner managed, however, to stop them before they had done any damage beyond smashing some of our crockery, which had not been put away after breakfast sufficiently carefully to encounter such an unexpected earthquake."

The men traveled approximately eighty miles to a location they had selected in Kingman County. "We deposited the house after removing the wheels on which it had travelled."

If you find the book, don't hesitate to read it cover to cover. Aldridge continues with a fascinating tale of the ranch life he experienced and the life that he lived 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.droversmercan.com](http://www.droversmercan.com) ©2011

## Early spring grazing tips: manage height, cut early

A frequently asked question in late May-early June is, "How come my pastures look so spot-grazed?"

The answer is fairly simple, but hard to do much about for that grazing season, according to Eldon Cole, a livestock specialist with University of Missouri (MU) Extension.

"An evenly grazed pasture in early summer usually results from optimal grazing pressure early in the spring. Get on the pastures early with enough cattle to graze it off like you would with a mower," said Cole.

Don't leave the cattle on very long and plan on returning for several grazing bouts, he recommends. When grass is growing fast, the rest period can be as short as 10 to 14 days.

"This type of grazing management reduces your chances of having that ragged, spot-grazed pasture later this year," said Cole.

If a producer's cattle population is too small to graze the pastures down to a 3-inch height, use power fencing to force the cattle to achieve that grazing height.

Keeping the grass, usually fescue, short early in the season also aids in new legume seedling establishment that may be in the mix. Pastures that get away and grow too tall should be cut for hay early in May.

"A May cutting makes excellent hay and sets the pasture up for hay cutting in July, or it can be worked into the grazing rotation the rest of the year," said Cole.

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# Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

## Consigned To This Fair Land

It seemed like another lifetime, distant, tinted with a faint sepia tone like an old faded photograph, and at once as familiar as the instant of its recollection.

A long line of cars snaked down dusty backroads as we wound our slow way toward the Winkler cemetery, the dust so thick at times that the vehicle before us faded into invisibility with only a glint of reflected sunlight off the chrome to mark its presence. I remember the sun's sting as we stood at the gravesite and the smothering damp heat beneath the canopy where the family sat. I can still feel the bony shoulder of Lori's grandmother as I stood behind her, the terse face of her father as he struggled for control, the faces of strangers and old friends and relatives as they circled us looking on, as if we were the ones on display and foreign to their eyes. The wind howled from the south, billowing women's skirts, rocking cars, lashing the oaks and elms, kicking up a spume of dust in the fallow field to the north. The canopy snapped and bucked and tore at its reins like a wild stallion.

We were brought together from far-flung regions to meet at this lonely place and say our final goodbyes to Lori's grandfather. To be together in blood and family. It was a rural setting and everything about it declared it so, and all the while I was studying the farms we passed, thinking of their geographical set-

ting in relation to tornadoes and north winter winds, heat from the afternoon sun, and whether we could someday fit into this land as natives by blood relationship and history rather than by birthright. And like anything else there was so little time to reflect upon it while caught up in the procession, the scripted rites and the chaotic family gatherings muted from an undercurrent of tension and grief.

It was early summer, 1999. What I remember most was staring at a distant ridgeline with an unquenchable yearning to live there. We had talked about it for decades, always with the stipulation that we'd escape the city while her grandparents were still alive. And here we were: one down and the other in failing health, our plans as yet unborn. Too late.

Death has a way of reminding us of our priorities.

We met again this week under similar circumstances. Those, I should say, who remained. A decade plus two had engraved lines, bleached hair and robbed mobility, but for the most part we were strangers no more. I might not have been able to put names to all the faces, but I had a good idea which branch of Lori's family tree they descended from.

What surprised me was how our roles had changed. Rather than being counted among those flooding in — problems to be surmounted — we were the problem solvers. We arranged lodg-

ing and pallbearers, choreographed various funeral details (as well as the inevitable, if not comical, snafus), proofed obituaries and prepared meals. Much of it fell on me by dint of association and to alleviate the pressure on my wife. Friends dropped by with enough food to feed an army. The outpouring of sympathy was staggering.

On the morning of the funeral I lapsed into an inescapable sense of déjà vu. The procession left the country church to zigzag down a bewildering maze of gravel roads, the dust white and powdery and cloying, fires darkening the prairies on all sides and the ascendant sun hazy from the smoke. Our little knot clustered around a steel-gray casket, heads bowed against a wind that snapped and cracked the canopy and whisked away the words of the preacher. Above the distant ridgeline vultures kited on heated updrafts.

My eyes were drawn to the greening valley and the bare tentacled arms of the oaks shadowing the small clear stream below the cemetery. It looked the same but wasn't. Much had changed, not the least being the subtraction of the last of our grandmothers, now consigned to this fair land. But the consignment worked both ways. For even as they went into the land we became part of it, native in heart if not a birthright spanning a century and a half. We weren't successors, we were inheritors, and this time we weren't too late.

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# Kansas exports rise to \$9.93 billion in 2010: Canada, Mexico, Japan and China are top export markets

Kansas exports showed a respectable increase in 2010, rising to \$9.93 billion, according to data released by the Kansas Department of Commerce. Canada, Mexico, Japan, China and the United Kingdom were the top five export markets receiving Kansas products. While exports were down in 2008-2009 because of the global recession, since 1999, Kansas exports have increased 131 percent, an average annual increase of \$469 million over the past 12 years.

"After two very difficult years for the world economy, our export numbers reflect a definite turnaround," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George, "The great news for Kansas is that our long-term export numbers have been trending ever higher, which shows that our products are more in demand and that our state is doing a better job of tapping into foreign markets."

Aircraft, industrial machinery, meat products, cereals and electric machinery topped the list of most exported industrial

sectors. The top 10 industrial sectors bounced back from the 2009 low by an average of 35 percent. The largest gains were seen in pharmaceutical products (110 percent); vehicles (63 percent); and raw hides and skins (61 percent). Aircraft sales continued to lag with a decline of 25 percent.

China continues to rise up the rankings, moving up one spot in 2010 to fourth with 5.3 percent of the export market. Exports to China totaled \$527 million in sales, a 49 percent increase from the prior year's sales. Raw hides and skins is the top export product category from Kansas for China.

"China has become an important market for Kansas," said John Watson, Trade Development Division Director for the Department, "In 1997, China only ranked as the sixteenth largest export market. Kansas businesses are finding more markets for their products in China. There will continue to be strong growth potential in the China market."

Other findings regarding key international markets and industry sectors in 2010:

In 2010, the top 10 industries accounted for 74.5 percent of the state's exports. These industries, on average, increased in export sales 35 percent compared to last year. Only aircraft had a decline (-25 percent).

Despite the 25 percent decrease from 2009, aircraft remained the state's largest export industry, with \$2.14 billion in exports. That is a 125 percent increase from 2003, the low point in sales for the last decade.

Top market Canada accounted for 25.5 percent of total exports. Canada and Mexico accounted for

38.4 percent of the total.

The top ten markets accounted for 68 percent of total exports.

The top three regions were North America (39 percent), Asia/Pacific (23 percent) and Europe (20 percent) accounting for 82 percent of total exports.

Of the 94 product classifications exported from

Kansas in 2010, 62 had an increase in sales from 2009, while 31 saw a decrease.

Complete rankings of 2010 Kansas exports by markets and product classifications can be found by going to [KansasCommerce.com/trade](http://KansasCommerce.com/trade). The links to the rankings are under the "Kansas Exports" heading.

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# National Sorghum Producers elect two Kansans to board of directors

National Sorghum Producers recently welcomed two new members to its board of directors, Tony Heitschmidt of Bushton and Leon Sowers of Murdock.

Heitschmidt farms 400 acres of no-till sorghum in central Kansas. As a seed dealer and producer, he hopes to bring new insight to the board and anticipates taking sorghum's message to the nation's key leaders and lawmakers, promoting the many benefits sorghum has to offer.

Sowers hopes to expand sorghum's role in the

ethanol industry, and he looks forward to representing the sorghum industry both at home and through legislative and regulatory representation in Washington, D.C. Sowers farms 700 acres of no-till sorghum in south central Kansas.

Gerald Simonsen, chairman of the board and sorghum producer from Ruskin, Neb., welcomed the newly elected Kansans, regarding the board's expansion as a positive step while the sorghum industry continues to grow and move forward.

"The National Sorghum Producers board of directors is happy to have Mr. Heitschmidt and Mr. Sowers on the board. They are passionate about sorghum and committed to the industry," said Simonsen. "We appreciate them stepping up and being a part of our organization. Because Kansas is the largest sorghum producing state, it's important we have their representation."

The NSP board has now increased from nine to 11 members. The two added seats resulted from a by-law change during the

board's November meeting that not only increased the size of the board, but also required at least seven producer members.

"I think the newly expanded board will represent sorghum producers more efficiently by allowing more input to be given, coupled with new and fresh ideas as well as opportunities to increase flexibility within the board," said Simonsen.

NSP will resume its regular board nomination process at the end of April for 2012 seats, which will be voted on in August 2011.



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## Buyers from Mexico to examine U.S. white corn options, opportunities

A group of grain buyers from Mexico were in Nebraska and Kansas City recently to explore white corn production and contracting opportunities. The trip is in response to frost that damaged part of the white corn crop in Mexico earlier this year and was organized and supported by the U.S. Grains Council, Nebraska Corn Board and Kansas Corn Commission.

"A significant portion of Mexico's winter white corn crop was damaged, which has tortilla manufacturers concerned," said Julio Hernandez, USGC director in Mexico. "The cost of replanting and a shortage of seed allowed only about half the acres to be replanted, and frost damage will likely impact overall yields."

Hernandez estimated that in the end, the country will be short about 2-2.5 million tons (78.7-98 million bushels) of white corn this year. "About 750,000 tons (29.5 million bushels) of white corn from the United States has been sold to Mexico for delivery from June to October," he said, "but this will only make up part of the difference."

The buyers from Mexico came to Nebraska because white corn is grown there for several markets already. They are interested in identifying options for longer-term solutions to white corn shortages in Mexico.

"About 75 percent of the 145,000 white corn acres planted in Nebraska are grown under contract, so it is essentially sold before it's even planted," said Kelly Brunkhorst, director of research for the Nebraska Corn Board. "While that limits what may be available for purchase this year, discussing the process and meeting with those who contract white corn may offer opportunities down the road."

Brunkhorst was to travel with the group while they were in Nebraska, beginning April 11. They spent time at two cooperatives and a private grain company, all of which supply white corn to buyers in different U.S. markets by contracting white corn production with Nebraskan farmers.

"We're going to introduce buyers and sellers and talk about Nebraska corn production, the quality and reliability of that corn and find out how we can help them ensure consistent supplies in the future," Brunkhorst said. "If they are able to find some acres or bushels this year, all the better."

Following their time in Nebraska, the delegation traveled to Kansas City to meet with additional suppliers. Later this fall, the Council, along with the Kentucky Corn Promotion Council, will follow up with the team.

# Aquifer in south-central Kansas slowly refilling

(AP) - A few rainy years and reduced pumping by the city of Wichita has helped replenish a Kansas aquifer that is the primary source of fresh water for parts of south central Kansas, according to a new federal report.

The Equus Beds aquifer has recovered about 65 percent of the water it lost during extended dry years in the 1980s and 1990s, the U.S. Geological Survey said. The agency surveyed 55 square miles north of Wichita, where most of the pumping occurs.

"It's good news for the area," said Andy Ziegler, director of USGS Kansas Water Science Center.

The Equus Beds aquifer lies under parts of Sedgwick, Harvey, Reno and McPherson counties. Water levels in the area studied by the USGS reached an all-time low in 1992, when it was short about 283,000 acre feet of water — about the same amount Cheney Reservoir holds. An acre foot is about 326,000 gallons or the volume of water it would take to cover an acre with water a foot deep.

Through the years, Wichita has drawn about 25,000 acre feet a year from the ground and farmers have pulled about 30,000 acre feet annually,



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Ziegler said.

Besides improving water supply and hedging against future drought years, the improved health of the aquifer provides a barrier from saltwater that is moving from old oil well fields toward shallower parts of the aquifer, the Wichita Eagle reported Tuesday.

Wichita is helping shore up the saltwater barriers with the first phase of its \$27 million aquifer recharge project, which pipes above-normal water flows from the Little Arkansas River back into the aquifer close to where the saltwater is moving in. The city council has approved \$250 million for the project thus far.

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Acro Chimp Porter toy in orig box; The Action Ferris Wheel, orig box; Hallmark Kiddie Car Classics, NIB include: 1955 Murray Royal Deluxe, Atomic Missile, 1955 Murray Red Champion, 1962 Murray Super Deluxe Fire Truck. 1961 Casey Jones Locomotive; 1995 Ken Kovach Dump Truck, NIB; Texaco Diamond-T "doddle bug" Tanker, NIB; Cast iron ice wagon w/horse & driver, repro; Halogen tractor lamp & desk organizer; Few JD & Farmall 1/64th, NIP; Operators manuals include: Farmall "C", H-M-MD: JD "B", "50", 80 diesel, KBA disk, moldboard plow, "R" spreader, #5 mower; Case 200 series hay rake, 940 LP tractor; 5-1/64th semi express trucks w/boxes; Numerous sand box toys & tractors; Back issues of The Toy Farmer, Toy Tractor Times, Old Abe's News; 15-Glass shelves, 12"x 48"x 3/16th thk; Other misc.

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**CATALOG AUCTION**  
**Starting at approx 10:30 AM**

**PEDAL TRACTORS & CAR**  
**Sell approx 12:00 Noon**  
Farmall 400 Pedal, type 1, square axle, repaint; JD 55 Pedal, repaint; Murray F-506, Fire Chief pedal car, repaint,

**PRECISIONS, NIB**  
Farmall # 1, Regular-Grey, missing brochure; Farmall # 8, Super "M"; Case # 12, 930 Comfort-King; Ford # 8, 640 tractor; JD # 1 thru # 24.

**CASE/IH, NIB**  
7130 MFW, cab; 2594, cab; MX135, Phoenix Launch; 5120 SE w/duals; 7120 w/duals, SE 1987; 7130 MFW, Strassbourg, 1990; MX270 MFW, triple rear, CE; MX240 MFW, duals quik-tach, no box; 7140 MFW, duals, no box; Others.

**4WD TRACTORS, NIB**  
Case/IH 9390 w/duals, no box; IH 7488; IH 7488 w/duals, no box; IH 3588, 2+2; IH 3588, 2+2, white cab; IH 6388, 2+2 red cab; IH 6388, 2+2 w/duals; Case/IH 4894 1/32nd; Case 4890, 1/32nd; Case/IH 9150 1/32nd; JD 8870 w/duals, 1993; JD 8640 w/duals; JD 8650 w/duals; JD 7020, 2003 Toy Farmer.

**INTERNATIONAL TRACTORS, NIB**  
400, orig w/split rims, no box; 560, orig, NF, metal cab, no box; 1066, 5 millionth SE; Hydro 100 ROPS SE; 1066 Rops, SE; 1466, SE; 1566 w/duals, SE; 966 w/duals SE; 886, wf, rops; 1586, cab singles; 1586 w/added loader; 5288 w/duals; 350 "Tractors of the Past"; Farmall "H" w/black stack & air cleaner; Farmall "B" w/mower, 1991 fall show; Farmall "H" w/fenders; 1466, duals, white steel cab, no box; Farmall 1206, wf, Canadian Woodstock; 806, nf, round fenders, no box; 2- "Cubs", 2nd & 6th versions; TD-340 crawler, yellow, 1995 toy truck show; Others.

**COMBINES, NIB**  
IH 715 Hydro, knobby rear tires, 1970's, no box; Case/IH

1680 w/corn head; IH Axial-Flow, 1/20th; JD Titan II w/two heads.

**TOY FARMERS, NIB**  
JD 630LP, 1988; AC D-19, 1989; Case 800, 1990; MH 55, 1992; JD 4010, 1993; MM G750, 1994; Case 1170, 1996; JD 4230, 1998.

**JD PLOW CITY, NIB**  
JD 1010 Crawler w/ripper, 2002, JD 2010 Crawler w/blade, 2003, JD 420 Crawler, 1998, JD 1010 Crawler w/ripper 2001.

**JD TWO-CLY CLUB, NIB**  
62 Orchard, 420V, 520 Hi-Clearance, 60 Hi-Seat standard, 720 Hi-Crop, "HWH", "A" Hi-Crop, 730 Standard, 330 Utility, "GP: wide tread.

**COCKSHUTT, NIB**  
Set # 1- 40, 50 Deluxe, Blackhawk 40; Set # 2- 560, 570, 50 Super; Set # 3- 40 Deluxe, 50, Coop E-5; Set # 4.- 20, 20 Deluxe, Coop E-3; Set # 5, 560, Blackhawk 20, Blackhawk 50.

**TRACTORS, NIB**  
**AC, CASE, FORD, JD, Others**  
AC D-15, tricycle; AC D-21 SE 1987, missing air cleaner w/box; AC 7080 w/triples, Beckman High; Case 1170, Fox Fire; Case 200, triple range, w/box; Case "VAC" w/box; Case 600, Tractors of the Past; Case 800 CE; Case 3294, MFW; Case 3295 FWA w/cab; Case 7130, Denver Show 1987; Case/IH 5120 MFW 1/32nd w/loader, grapple & forks, no box; Coop #3, scale model; Deuts-Allis 8010 MFW; Deutz-Allis 6260 MFW SE; Ford 8600 1/12th, w/barge wagon, missing steering wheel; JD 6420 MFW; JD Gold "A" w/man; JD 70, wf; JD 420 row crop; JD 4010 w/Hiniker cab, CE, 40th; JD 430 Crawler, CE; JD 40 Crawler; JD "BW" w/umbrella; JD 830 Diesel, 200th B'day; JD 5010, industrial; MH 44 nf; MF 50E industrial loader; Oliver OC-3 Crawler; Oliver 1755, scale model; Yoder JD 720, WF; Others.

**OLDER FARM MACHINERY \* MISCELLANEOUS**  
JD 620, 3 pt, no rear seat light, orig; JD 4 btm plow, 3 pt, 1950's; JD 12A combine, stamped steel; JD 14T baler, w/o hitch, missing chute; JD grain drill, lift lever missing; JD manure loader, 620 style, no clips; JD Skid loader; JD Hydrapush spreader, NIB; IH gravity feed wagon; Nylint, Kenworth, Golden Eagle express semi; Texaco, gas delivery truck; INT livestock semi; JD stoneware steins, "Lunch Time-Big & Little Wheels" NIB; Farm Country, Dairy Barn set, NIB; Farmall "H", 4 pc farm set; JD 110 Garden tractor, 1/2 yellow seat; JD, 400 L & G w/light bar decal; JD Wheel loader, yellow; JD Machinery trailer; IH square baler; 2-IH Trail mowers, crank & C-hitches; IH Barge wagon w/hoist; IH Hay rake, NIB; Bush Hog 2615 Cutter, NIB; Several flats of 1/64th misc toys; Others.

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# Latest U.S. corn stock estimates down 15% from year-ago level

U.S. corn stocks are 6.52 billion bushels, down 15% from a year ago and less than initially expected, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"This is a big surprise, and indicates we're using up last year's crop faster than we initially thought," said Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist. "We saw corn trading for more than \$5 through the winter and expected to be backing off our use, but that hasn't happened. Demand has been so strong that we overestimated what we had in stocks."

The recent data released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA-NASS) suggests the nation may not have enough corn acreage to meet demand.

"(Before the report) we thought 92 million acres planted was enough," Welch said. "We may need 93 million or 94 million now. That's what the market is evaluating today in that we need more acres."

The largest increase in corn-planted acreage in 2011 is expected in South Dakota where growers intend to plant an additional 850,000 acres compared to 2010. Wet field conditions prevented many farmers from planting intended acres, according to USDA.

The largest decrease in planted corn is expected in Texas, down 150,000 acres due to an increase in cotton acreage.

"Producers are going take advantage of historically high cotton prices," said John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton

economist. "Texas will plant more cotton acreage this year than any other state."

Texas is estimated to plant 548,000 acres of cotton. The U.S. is projected to plant 12.6 million acres of cotton, 15% above last year.

"Even though the forecasted 2011 U.S. cotton plantings are 15% higher than for 2010, market watchers were actually expecting an even higher number," Robinson said. "So USDA's forecast of 12.6 million acres of U.S. all cotton was interpreted as bullish, sending Thursday's (March 31) cotton futures market limit up."

Acreage increases of more than 100,000 cotton acres are expected in North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

Meanwhile, corn demand has been strong in the livestock feedlot and ethanol production sectors, Welch said. Those sectors have been able to use options and other strategies to mitigate price risk, preserving margin potential, he said.

"For anybody to survive in an ethanol plant or feedlot, you locked in those prices last fall and got into futures and options strategies to limit your risk," he said.

Developments in the Middle East could create a hurdle in the improving U.S. economy, Welch said. That could cause consumers to cut back on spending as a result of higher crude oil prices, slowing the demand for meat proteins such as beef and poultry.

As Japan continues to recover from the devastating tsunami event, Welch

said he thinks they will need more imports of commodities in the future.

"Their demand for basic raw commodities may increase in response to the catastrophe," he said. "As they are concerned about quality or restocking supplies in case of another aftershock, I think they may be more

concerned about maintaining those levels.

"I think we will see positive export response in grain and meat products to Japan. Over the long term, the reputation of the American farmer providing reliable, quality commodities will keep them as one of our most important customers."



Riley Sleichter of the Willowdale 4-H Club won the Supreme Heifer division for Dickinson County at the Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up Beef Shoot-out held April 2 in Abilene. Judging the event was Luke Doris of Stillwater, Okla.

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# AUCTION

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**Furniture:** Oak Secretary (side by side) Oliver & Company circa 1910; 6ft display case; library table; oak end tables; cabinet tube radio; Tryber upright piano circa 1900; dressing table & bench; drop leaf table; 3pc. Bedroom set full bed, dressing table, dresser; folding side table; bookcases; wood/glass display table; cedar chest; child's dresser; vanity w/mirror; steel bed; dresser w/mirror; 4 metal kitchen chairs; quilt frame; rocking chair; wood chairs; end tables; side tables and more. **Coins:** 250 lots of coins 33 Morgan & Peace dollars 1879-1929; 30 Walking Liberty halves; many Franklin halves; Kennedy halves; silver quarters & dimes; nickels; pennies; **Glassware, China, Stoneware:** Fostoria, Fenton, McCoy, Roseville, Milk glass, Carnival glass, Depression glass (30 plus pieces Iris, Old colony, Queen Mary, Sandwich crystal, Pink); Franciscan Earthenware place setting of 8 w/service pieces; Pfaltzgraff Earthenware place setting of 8 w/service pieces Hurricane lamp and more; Style House China Contessa place setting berry bowls service pieces and more; Noritake Primastone 13 cups & saucers; **Collectibles, Primitives, Old Books:** Lightning rods w/milk glass balls; steamer trunk w/drawers;

Singer treadle pedal & Singer w/wood case; crocks; granite-ware; enamelware; cream cans; milk bottles; 2 Violins (Johan Geog Kessler, Franz Heberlien); Guitar; coffee grinder; bottles and jars; Linens (Chenille spreads, Quilts, quilt blocks, quilt tops, doilies, croch, table linens); old patterns; iron headboard & footboard; dressing screens; wood shutters; screen doors; wood ironing boards; wood tool box and other wood boxes; chicken feeders; glass & silver plate serving trays; McCormick train decanter; garter box; hosiery box; leather collar holders; tins & boxes; toys 50's & 60's; many old books 1890's & up Literature, Gulliver's Travels 1919, Edgar Allan Poe, KS readers, WWI, WWII, Ag books, 1919 news papers, cookbooks and many more books; Barbie, Cabbage patch and many other dolls; snowman collection; X-mas and other seasonal items; board games; tractor seat; red wagon; hall tree; kerosene lamps and other lamps; 3ft. Sir Galahad Knight; Fisher Price game table (ping pong, air hockey, pool); cow kickers; single yoke; oak school chair; bridle; lariat; Pepsi items; **and too much miscellaneous to list it all. Many more items to be unboxed. This is a partial list!**

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# AUCTION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 — 9:30 AM**  
215 S. Dacotah St., BURLINGAME, KS (from Main intersection, 1 blk. West on Hwy. 31/Santa Fe St., 1 1/2 blks South on Dacotah St.)

**REAL ESTATE:** Historic 1 1/2 story stone home, 3BR, 2 ba., 3 car detached garage w/work shop. Many updates. Call for showing, Wayne or Michele, Century 21 Miller & Midyett, 785-828-4212. Home located at 215 S. Dacotah St., BURLINGAME, KS. Sells at 9:30 AM

**TOOLS, COINS, FURNITURE, COLLECTIBLES**

Maple dining table w/6 chairs; large oak rocker, older; Kenmore washer & dryer; assortment of holiday decor; antique rug loom; Dietz Acme inspection lamp; approx. 12 cartons baseball cards; rock, shell, driftwood collections; approx. 16 die cast 1/16 toy tractors; 30+ fish poles and tackle; 3 old trunks; 2 shop vacs; Meadow Gold wall clock; antique Penn counter scale; aluminum 14 ft. jon boat; what-nots; old record albums, glassware; kitchen items bedding; aluminum 40 ft. extension

ladder; Duracraft 16 sp. drill press; Sears router w/table; Sears 3 1/2 HP portable air compressor; Craftsman 8 in. table saw; Delta 12 in. portable planner; steel welding table w/vise; Peter Wright anvil; work benches & tables, storage stands, cabinets, electric motors, insulators, wash tubs, hand, garden & shop tools; 32+ silver dollars; 85+ Kennedy halves; 250+ Mercury dimes; plus other coins; Remington 870 12 ga. shotgun.

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# AUCTION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 — 11:00 AM**

**As we retired from crop farming, I will sell the following farm machinery and equipment at Public Auction located from Erie Kansas, North on 59 Hwy 1 Mile to 150th Road, then 1 1/4 mile West on 150th Road.**

**FARM MACHINERY**  
AC 180 D Tractor 3 pt. 540 PTO; 1983 JD 7720 Combine, Cab & Air, Diesel, 4x4 Hydro, Reversible Feeder House, Chopper & Chaff Spreader, 4473 Hrs.; 1979 JD 6620 Combine, Cab & Air, Diesel 4x4 Hydro, Reversible Feeder House, Chopper & Chaff Spreader, Rice Tires on rear, 3533 Hrs.; 1997 JD 925 Flex Header, Stainless Pan, Poly Skids, PU Reel; 1988 JD 920 Flex Header, Stainless Pan, Poly Skids, PU Reel; Gleaner Combine, K- Gas, 12' Header; 12' Gleaner Header w/PU Reel; Crustbuster 4025 All Plant, 25 ft. Drill "Maximerge", w/ liquid fertilizer, Nice! Mdl 400 SN13200; 1991 Great Plains, 13 Solid Stand Drill, 21x7 1/2; IHC #10, 18x7 Grain Drill; JD 7000 6 Row Planter w/Furrow Openers & Notill Coulters; Fertilizer Spreader; 500 Gal, 12 Row Field Sprayer w/Circulator; 16' Round Wheel Harrow, Portable.

**TILLAGE**  
AC 3 Pt. 15 Ft. Chisel; IHC #700, 5x16 Semi Mount Plow; MF 5x14, 3 Pt. Plow; AC 29' Field Cultivator w/5 Bar Harrow; IHC 19' Vibra Shank w/Noble Mulcher; Krause \$2934 Disc, 20 Ft., 20" Blades; JD 13' Heavy Duty Tandem Disc; JD 3 Pt., 16' Field Cultivator; IHC 3 Pt. Rotary Hoe; Glencoe 6 Row Cult-

vator w/Rolling Fenders; 3 Pt. Track Scrather.

**HAY EQUIPMENT**  
1990 New Holland #411 Disc Bine Full Rubber Rolls; 1991 New Holland #411 Disc Bine Full Rubber Rolls; NH #56, 5 Bar Hay Rake; Pop Up Hay Loader; Blair 6 Bale Hay Trailer.

**AUGERS & FEED TANKS**  
8 Ton Vertical Feed Tank; 8" x 48' GT Portable Auger, PTO; 5" x 30' Portable Auger, PTO; 5" x 10' Auger; Hyd Drill Fill Auger.

**TRUCKS & TRAILER**  
1973 Chevy Grain Truck, 360 Eng, 5 Spd w/2 Spd, 22 Ft. Steel Bed w/Rollover Tarp, 3 Stage Hoist, Tandem, Twin Screw axles w/Differential Lock; 34' x 8' GN Stock Trailer w/Tandem Dual Axles, Includes Air/Hyd or Vac/Hyd Brakes; Packer Gravity Flow 300 Bu on GN Trailer Frame; Killbros #385 Gravity Flow on GN Trailer Frame; GN 40 Ft. Tandem Axle Trailer (Set up to Haul 25' Header); GN 16' Trailer, Single Axle (Set up to Haul 20' Header); 4 Wheel (6' 8" X 14") Trailer w/Grain Sides & Hoist.

**OTHER**  
NH Grinder Mixer #350; Peerless Roller Mill, Portable; Air "Tag Axle"; 2 Churchill Pump Jacks w/4' Stands (Shallow Well); 4 Cook Pump Jacks w/Stands (Shallow Well); Portable Loading Chute, Steel Floor.

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## FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MAY 7 — 10:00 AM**

**AUCTION LOCATION: From Osborne, KS. 8 and 1/2 Miles South on Hwy 281**

**TRACTORS:** JD 4440 Tractor w/ 8650 Hrs., 3 pt. Duals and 12' Degleman Blade; Ford 846 Designation 6 4 Hyd.; Ford 276 Versatile w/ 6079 Hrs.; Caterpillar 5 T 918.

**COMBINE & SWATHERS:** IHC 1480 Combine w/ 4686 Hrs. 24' Header SN 1720216U 002993; New Holland 1112 Swather w/946 Hrs. SN325 716; JD 800 Swather for parts.

**TRUCKS & PICKUPS:** 1997 Ford F250 Power Stroke w/Besler Bale Bed Model 3100; 1991 F350 4x4 PU w/ Bale Bed and Pellet Feeder (propane); 1987 White Semi w/Eaton Road Ranger w/700,000 miles.

**TRAILERS:** 1980 28' Barrett Alum Stock Trailer; 1998 29' Hopper Trailer, 2 slides, 1 Hopper; 32' Donahue Implement Trailer; Donahue Swather Trailer; 8' Bed Trailer; 2 Wheel Trailer; 1973 6x16 WW Stock Trailer; Pride of the Prairie 12 Bale Carrier Trailer.

**FARM MACHINERY:** JD 16 x 24' Drill; 15' Tucker Speed Mower; 32' Sunflower Cultivator; LZ10 JD Drill; New Idea Pull Mower; Old Oneway; Old Wheat Binder; JD Drill w/Fertilizer; Rake; Dual 3 Pt. Bale Fork; 5x16 Int. Semi Plow; 12 Graham Hoheme; JD 455 Folding Disk Drill; Flex King 5.5" w/Richard Pickers; 16' Soil Mover; JD Stack Mover; Kent Springtooth; Krause Model 3518 Chisel; 3 pt. Bale Unroller; JD 3 Section Springtooth; Vermeer 605 w/Accubale; JD Disk w/Drags; The Grain Train 650 Bu. Seed Cart w/Hyd. Auger; Edko Auger Wagon.

**CATTLE EQUIPMENT:** Wilson Portable Corral 14 EX Custom; Hedge Post Corners; Pellet Bin;

Calf Feeder; Stock Tanks; Round Bale Feeder; Powder River Head Gate; 6 Bar Corral Panels; Slant Bar Panels; Lots of Winkle Panels; Squeeze Chute; Alleyways; Filson crowding tub & Alley; WW Hay Feeder; Lots of Wire; Wire Roller.

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**OTHER FARM ITEMS:** Mercury Lights; Auger Box; Overhead Storage Bin; Speed King 6"x40" Auger; Fuel Tanks (1 on Wheels); Implement and Other Tires and Rims; Rubber Tubes; Pickup Box w/Camper; PU Flat Bed; Cattle and Salt Mineral; Shelving; Baler Twine; Old Saddle; Antlers; Horse Collars; PU Fuel Tanks.

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# Wheat exports could benefit from U.S./Colombia FTA

Progress made by the Obama Administration on finalizing a U.S. free trade agreement with Colombia could boost U.S. wheat exports to that country and solidify this nation's position as Colombia's preferred

source of Hard Red Winter wheat.

An agreement was reached on April 6 to finalize the agreement, which was first signed in 2007, but has stalled since then. The deal means that more than

half of U.S. agriculture exports to Colombia will be duty-free, with remaining tariffs phased out over the next 10 years. More than 80% of U.S. exports of consumer and industrial products to Colombia will be-

come duty-free, with the remaining tariffs on those products phased out over the next 10 years. Colombia is the third largest economy in Central and South America.

In the June 2009-May 2010 crop year, Colombia imported 299,000 metric tons of Hard Red Spring wheat, worth more than \$55 million. Colombia also imports nearly 250,000 metric tons of Hard Red Spring and Soft Red Winter wheat classes, according to data provided by the U.S. Wheat Associates and National Association of Wheat Growers.

In a joint statement from both organizations, NAWG president Wayne Hurst, Burley, Idaho and U.S. Wheat Chair Don Schieber, Ponca City, Okla., said the agreement will enable the U.S. to compete on a level playing field in one of the

largest wheat markets in South America. "Without this FTA, U.S. wheat farmers face a potential loss of sales currently valued at about \$100 million per year. U.S. wheat producers need this FTA to compete in the Colombian market on the basis of quality and supply with wheat from other countries," the growers said.

Leading competitors to U.S. wheat producers already have some advantages with Colombia; Argentine wheat enjoys trade preferences under the Mercosur agreement. Meanwhile, Canada and Colombia have ratified a separate FTA that will eliminate import tariffs on Canadian wheat and most other agricultural goods likely by July of this year. When that happens, the existing tariff and price band system applied to U.S. wheat imports will, in effect, make Canadian

wheat significantly cheaper than U.S. wheat. As a result, Colombian millers who want to keep buying U.S. wheat would be forced buy more wheat from Canada because of the significant tariff disadvantage alone. The U.S.-Colombia FTA would remove that barrier.

The Obama administration must submit the Colombia Free Trade Agreement to the U.S. House of Representatives for approval. Assuming Congress and the Colombian legislature ratify the agreement, several months will be needed before the FTA is implemented.

Meanwhile, pending U.S. free trade agreements with South Korea and Panama are still in limbo; NAWG and U.S. Wheat will continue to work with the Obama Administration on those agreements, the growers said.

## USGC views China as critical long-term corn trade partner

During his recent visit to China U.S. Grains Council president and CEO Thomas C. Dorr heard from Chinese sources that state corn reserves are 10-12 million metric tons (390-472 million bushels) of corn less than previously thought for the 2011/2012 crop year.

The economic growth in China, and throughout Asia, is placing stronger than anticipated demands on livestock, poultry and dairy supplies. As a result, last year China made the first significant purchase of U.S. corn since 1995, buying around 1.5 million metric tons (59 million bushels).

"After reviewing the figures with a number of sources, I believe it is possible that China will purchase another 2-3 million tons (79-118 million bushels) of corn prior to the end of the 2010/2011 crop year," Dorr said. "Chinese buyers would ideally like 5-7 million tons (197-276 mil-

lion bushels) but realize present global inventories may not accommodate this added demand."

If the United States is to capture the long-term value of this change in the U.S.-China corn trade relationship, Dorr believes it is important for both countries to develop a system that adequately signals demand, which, in turn, convinces U.S. producers to increase production to meet the new demand. One critical component of developing this relationship will be China's ability to work with U.S. suppliers to provide an accurate reading of production estimates and carry-over stocks.

"U.S. farmers need consistent signals, and if given the correct ones, they will step up to the task at hand. Chinese buyers and end-users need to be transparent with regard to becoming a sustainable market," he said.

Dorr also said it is in the interest of Chinese and U.S. corn farmers and their customers to produce normal to above-normal trend yields, emphasizing the importance for both countries to work to foster the most efficient use of seed and production technology possible.

"It is important Chinese buyers and U.S. producers work together to address these challenges and opportunities in the immediate term," Dorr noted. "We need to work together to make necessary commitments to technology and infrastructure development. The Chinese can produce more corn and we can deliver more. All of this will be necessary to reward the market accordingly. The U.S.-China relationship is critical and the Council looks forward to future opportunities to solidify this relationship."

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cloths; linens; lace table cloths; ladies hankies; 3 started quilts; 100's cones thread; sewing & embroidery items; many new towels; new ladies shirts & jackets; cotton quilt batts; poly fiber fill; quilt notions; quilt guides; scissors; plastic organizer containers; sewing & quilt books; yarn; binding; sewing mats; assortment of other sewing items.

**Note:** This is a local estate. There are many sewing items. Check our website for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com).

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# Auction Sales Scheduled

April 19 — KDOR Tax Asset Seizure auction at Wichita. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 20 — Real estate (cropland) at Clyde for Darrell & Lois Payeur Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 23 — Tractor, combine, trucks, golf cart, generator, livestock, machinery, butchering equip., motorcycles & collectibles, household & misc. at Galatia for Rufus & Alvina Haas. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

April 23 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, boat, tools & misc. at Junction City for Fiddler & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

April 23 — Show pigs at Abilene for Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 23 — Real estate, tools, coins, furniture, collectibles at Burlingame for Carol & Don Kurtz. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

April 23 — Farm machinery, tillage, hay equip., augers, feed tanks, trucks, trailer & other at N. of Erie for Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Yarnell. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

April 23 — Cars, pickup, camper, household, furniture, collectibles, guns,

knives, coins, tools, shop items at Galva for Clarence Russell Estate. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

April 23 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, farm & household S. of Newton for Howard & Wynona Haun Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 23 — Farm machinery and livestock equipment east of Onaga for Gale and Nadine McDougal. Auctioneers: Cline Realty and Auctions, LLC.

April 23 — Machinery, tools, antiques & household N. of Hubbell, NE for Norman Fangmeier Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

April 23 — Coins, furniture, glassware, collectibles & more at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

April 23 — Tractors, machinery, combine, grain trucks, livestock & more near El Dorado. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

April 23 — KDOR Tax Asset Seizure Auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 25 — Farm machinery, tractors, combines at McCracken for Jay Pfeiffer & Friends. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 26 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, grain bins & farm related

items near Canton for Bruce Otte Farm, Diane Otte. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 27 — (Bidding starts to close) Ag Equipment online only auction (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

April 27 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, combines, harvest, forage, planting equip., skid steer & attach., lawn & garden ATVs online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

April 28 — Tractor, machinery, antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Avery Inc. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

April 28 — Pasture, farmland, house & buildings W. of Wakefield for Avery, Inc. of Wakefield. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

April 28 — Quilting & sewing at McPherson. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 28 — Saline Co. farmland & grassland w/nice home at Salina for The Larry & Agnes Sims Land. Auctioneers: Rior-dan Auction & Realty.

April 28 — Linn County farm at Lacygne. Auctioneers: Cates Auction.

April 29 — Vintage wine auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist

April 30 — Farm Toys, Pedal Tractors, Pedal car at Sabetha for 2 Private Collections & One Estate. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

April 30 — Farm machinery liquidation NW of Morganville for Ferd Schwab Estate & Edna Schwab. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC

April 30 — JD riding lawn tractor, household, collectibles, appliances, furniture, kitchen at Blue Rapids for Martha (Petr) Kneuvén Estate. Auctioneers: Rim, Tom & Rob

Olmsted and Jeff Sandstrom.

April 30 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related & household items at Moundridge for Nelson & Joan Goering. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 30 — Furniture, antiques, tools & misc. NE of Aurora for Floyd & Marceline Buckley Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 30 — Estate of Dr. Jones at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 30 — Real estate & farm equipment at Hartford for Ronnie Thomsen & Tracy Thomsen. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

April 30 & May 1 — Red Wing Crocks, pottery, Dryden & Shawnee, Glassware at Salina for Shirley & Stan Swander Collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 1 — Household, antiques & car at Clay Center for Sam & Linda Gibbs & Others. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 & SUNDAY, MAY 1**

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

**SELLING SATURDAY, APRIL 30 — 10:00 A.M.**

### RED WING CROCKS, POTTERY, DRYDEN & SHAWNEE

Rare 5 gal Waconda Water jug w/large wing RW Union oval; rare 2 gal Waconda Water jug; 2-5 gal Waconda Water jugs; rare 2 gal Ada Okla churn; Mason fruit jars blue letter qt., 2 qt., gal; Mason fruit jars black letter qt., 2 qt., gallon; 8 gal water cooler w/lid; 5 gal water cooler w/lid; 3 gal churns w/large wing & lid; 3 gal churn w/small wing & lid; 6 gal churn w/lid; 5 gal churn birch leaf w/lid; 3 gal bail lock jar small wing; 2 Barril HDWE Lucas, Kansas bean pots (1 has lid); 7" bowl w/Lincoln, Ks adv; 2 Red Wing rolling pins; 6" bowl w/blue line; 1 gal brown top jug w/wing; pt. brown top fancy jug; salt crock; 5 lb. butter crock; 5 gal large wing crock; 2 gal Ruckles shoulder jug; 2 gal birch leaf churn eared handles; 2 gal large wing churn; 2 gal churn; 4 qt. casserole; 5 gal white shoulder jug small wing; 2 gal crocks small wing; 2 gal crock birch leaf; 1 gal jugs (1 has bail); 1 gal Minnesota jug; 5 RW beater jars; RW refrigerator jars (small, medium, large); 2 qt. brown top bean pot; 4 qt. brown top bean pot; 2 brown wax sealer; 1/8 pt. Excelsior Springs fancy mini jug; cruet The Cudahy Packing Co. Omaha; Armour & Co Chicago cruet w/stopper; RW soap dispenser; lay down chicken water; 2 qt RW jar; 2 qt. RW white jug; sponge hand reamer; jug w/wire handle; mini chicken water; 1/4 pt. mini Excelsior Springs jug; mini jug Baxter's Old Nawoo brand wines; Excelsior Springs 1903

jug; milk crock; sponge ware bowls (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10); C E Heinse Samborn la bean pot; 3 RW chicken feeders; RW bowl w/handle; Mitropoliton Club Freeberg & Kohn Distillers mini jug; mini cookie jar w/lid; McPike & Fox Wholesale Drugest Atchinson, Ks jug; Glasner & Bargen Fine Whiskies KC Mo. Jug; Ham-boldt Dairy Products Chicago butter crock; sponge ware beater jar; large pitcher; bailed handle jar w/advertising; Heinz apple butter crock; bailed handled crock Pure Apple Cider Vinegar Abilene, Ks.; RW butter crock; RW mini sewer tile; 1/2 pt. mini jug SW Co; paneled sponge ware bowl; brown Minnesota high butter jar; sponge ware pitcher; 2 mini jugs Water from the Worlds Largest Hand Dug Well Greensburg, Ks; Excelsior Springs mineral water jug; Linden honey crock Milwaukee; 1991 Sieg & Dahl souvenir of RW; Red Wing vase; RW cookie jars inc.: ("Thou Shalt Not Steal, Katrina "The Dutch Girl" blue, RW Chef blue, cattails w/blue top & bottom, yellow); RW Collectors Society Commemoratives 1986-2007; RW Trails West commemoratives; pig cookie jar USA "Chrysanthemum"; brown insulators; McDonalds Red Wing inc.: (1993-2002 crock jars, 1995-1997 pitchers, cookie jar w/lid, 1996 jug bank); red leaf; RW deer center piece Rum Rill; candle holders; pink jardiniere; 43 pc Red Wing Bob White dinnerware inc.: (plates, platters, sugar & creamer, quail & regular salt & pepper, butter w/cover, handled marmite w/cover, individ-

ual salad, divided veg dish, 3 compartment relish, gravy boats w/cover, casserole's, tea pot & cover, 60 oz water jugs, beverage server, tumblers, cookie jar, cups & saucers, Horsdouvre large Bob White); Red Wing Bob White inc. (2 & 4 qt. casserole, tea pot & cover, 60 oz water jugs, beverage server w/stopper, tumblers, Horsdouvre large Bob White, cups & saucers, cookie jar); Red Wing Village green dinnerware inc. (salt & pepper, mugs, cream & sugar); Tampico water pitcher & 10" plate; Lute Song divided veg dish; Town & Country salt & pepper, Lotus plates; Red Wing Capistrano dinnerware inc. (8 place setting, platter, tea cup & saucers, cream & sugar w/cover, bread tray, cereal, rim soup, salad bowl, sauce dish, celery, nappy, gravy, tea pot w/cover); Shawnee inc.: (Smiley pig salt & pepper, pitcher, cookie jar; Cat cookie jar, large fruit, salt & pepper, milk can salt & pepper; Mugsey small & large salt & pepper; Lucky Elephant cookie jar; Dutch Boy salt & pepper); Dryden inc.: Ellsworth & Arkansas 175 pieces (vases, pitchers, planters, bowls, Isis pitcher, jugs, coffee mugs, Kanaoplis Lake planter, Brookville Hotel pitcher, mauve tankard & glasses, salt & pepper, boots, green tankard & glasses, wall sconce, yellow swan frog & planter, mauve whale, candle holders, green & brown Great Bend Kanapolis brick ash trays, mauve center piece, African violet planters, cornucopia brown Lindsborg, Ks., brown wall pocket, Broadmore ash tray.

**SELLING SUNDAY, MAY 1 — 10:00 AM**

### GLASS

**Blue custard inc.:** (Chrysanthemum water set; Chrysanthemum Sprig berry set); large collection of custard patterns inc.: (Geneva, Inverted fan & feathers, Geneva, Vermont, Bead Swag, Fleur-De-Lis, Grape & Gothic, Northwood Grape); water tumblers, spooners, vases, sugar bowls, hair receiver w/lid, plates; Janentun Victoria berry set, tooth pick holders, goblets; Northwood Louis XV water pitcher & tumblers; Ribbed Drape berry set; Intaglio 4 piece table set; Chrysanthemum Sprig water set, pitcher, salt & pepper; Intaglio berry set; Northwood dessert bowls; **Ruby Flash:** mini lamp, syrup, sugars, cheese dish w/lid, berry set,

wine glasses, vases, toothpicks, cream pitchers, water glasses, coal bucket, money tray, table sets sugar, creamer, spooner & butter, spooners, celery cruet, punch cups, tumblers, mugs, salt & pepper; (patterns Box in Bob, Fancy Archer, Ruby Thumbprint, Champion, Majestic, Mardis Gras, Buttons & Arches, Heart Band, Royal Coops, Pavnica, Dakota, Fleur-Do-Lis, Diamond w/pig, Arched Ovals, Sweet Sixty-one, Okay, McKee's Gothic, Corona, Coop Block, Tacoma, Cambridge Ribbon, Galloway, Frost Crystal, Beaded Swag); **Pattern glass inc.:** green paneled Her-ringbone water pitcher & glasses, spooners, sugar & creamers, berry sets, cruet, butter

dish, syrup, vases, green Florida (7 3/4" bowl, berry bowls, open compote, 8 3/4" berry set, table set butter, sugar, creamer & sugar), Nippon shaving mub; left handed mustache cup; mustache cups w/saucers; **De-pression glass:** pink Cherry Blossom cake plate, creamer & sugar, relish, Mayfair bowl, salt & pepper, Sawtooth platter; green Cherry Blossom bowl, salt & pepper, tall & short juice reamers on measuring cup, Blue cream & sugar, Green canister set; barrel mugs; Shirley Temple blue inc.: 9 milk pitchers, 3 mugs; amethyst w/white daisys & orange center barber bottle; purple compote, honey dish; 3 new oak 4 door displays.

**Note: This is a very large collection. On Saturday, we will sell the Red Wing, Dryden & Shawnee. On Sunday we will sell a large collection of glass, table sets and other. Shirley & Stan has collection for many years. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.**

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(2) 98 Peterbilt 379 Semi Trucks	ATVS
99 Freightliner Century Classic Semi Truck	08 Kawasaki KRF750A Teryx 750 ATV, 111.2 Hrs.
97 Freightliner F L-80 Truck	08 JD 620L Gator ATV, 150 Hrs
94 Freightliner Semi Truck	FERTILIZER/CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT
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May 3 — Real estate, lakes, hunting, fishing, country getaway at Rose Hill. Auctioneers: Weigand Auction & Sons, Inc.  
May 3 — Morris County land at White City for Sue Britt Evans. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.  
May 4 — Lyon County creek & river bottom farmland & timber at Olpe for Heirs of the Farthing Family Trust. Auctioneers: John Flott.  
May 7 — Lonnie Wilson's consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneer: Lonnie Wilson.  
May 7 — Diesel dually pickup, von trailer, new furniture, fixtures and miscellaneous at Clay Center for Furniture City. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auction Service.  
May 7 — Real estate, farm machinery & household at Greenleaf for Lee O. Hinkle. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.  
May 7 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related items & shop equipment at Moundridge for Virgil & Mel Goering Farms. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.  
May 7 — Tractors, combine, swathers, trucks, pickups,

trailers, farm machinery, cattle equip., 4-wheeler, tools, farm items, salvage items, hay near Osborne for Johnny O'Conner Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

May 7 — Woodson County land at Toronto. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

May 7 — Tractors, trucks, farm & hay, livestock equip., antiques & household at Glasco for Danny & Laurie Srna. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

May 7 — Marshall County land at Waterville for McKenna Marshall Trust. Auctioneers: Donald Prell Realty & Auction.

May 7 — Pickup, cars, tractor, car parts, signs, collectibles, tools, trencher & other at Beloit for Red & Christine Kadel Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 7 — Collector tractors, Farmall parts, loader, skid steer, compressor, trailers, machinery, car, pickups, dump truck, golf cart, concrete equip., tools, household & misc. near Odell, Neb. for Minge Construction. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

May 9 — Republic County farmland at Cuba for

Rosemary Andrews. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 11 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery at Durham for Dennis White. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 12 — Flint Hills land E. of Augusta. Auctioneers: Weigand Auction & Sons, Inc.

May 14 — Farm tools & woodworking equipment S. of Wamego for Delta & Kenny Alt. Auctioneers: Ivan Seele & Ron Walsh.

May 14 — Guns, antiques, collectibles, shop & tools, pickup, machinery, furniture, household & misc. at Ada for A.L. (Pro) Prochaska Estate. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

May 16 — Consignment auction at Council Grove for Council Grove FFA.

May 17 — Marion Co. Flint Hills grassland at Cottonwood Falls for Herschman Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 17 — Chase County river bottomland at Florence for Betty Yoder Estate, c/o James Yoder. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

May 19 — Acreage OK Ranch (Florence) at Cottonwood Falls for Herschman Family. Auction-

eers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 19 — Cloud County real estate at Aurora for Glen Gutka. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 21 — Abilene High School Carpentry house at Abilene for Abilene High School Carpentry Class Project. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 21 — CCCHS carpentry home at Clay Center for Unified School District 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC

May 21 — Home & contents at Cottonwood Falls for Busselle Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 24 — Antique tractors, train caboose & equip., yard decorations, furniture & collectibles near Haven for Louise "Babe" Hefling Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt 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 18 — Real estate, antiques, furniture & miscellaneous at Belleville for Paul & Elsie Fahrback Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estates.

July 16 — Farm equipment, John Deere 4-wheel drive tractor, JD combine, trucks, pickup, tillage equip. N. of Culver for Dean & Emma White. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

September 2 — Farm machinery consignment at

Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC  
 September 5 — Harley Gerdes 16th annual Labor Day consignment Auction at Lyndon.  
 September 24 — Farm sale SW of Courtland for Richard Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.  
 November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.  
 December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

# Missouri grazing dairy farms to host national meeting in Joplin July 6-8

The latest in dairy farming, from the farm to the international view will be presented at the Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference, July 6-8, at Joplin, Mo.

The program will be in the Holiday Inn Conference Center the first and third days. On the middle day, July 7, bus tours will go to grazing dairy farms in Southwest Missouri.

The conference, held every two years, brings dairy producers from across the nation and the world. Primary emphasis is on midwest grazing.

“Most all topics will apply across the country,” said Tony Rickard, MU Extension dairy specialist, Cassville, Mo. “We’re not just talking about the fescue belt.”

In the opening session, Jay Waldvogel, vice president, Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), will give a global view: "Where Grazing Dairies Fit In."

That afternoon, Rickard will talk to local users. He will describe “Hybrid Systems — How to Bring Grass into High Production Systems”.

"We're finding that producers with high performance herds on mixed rations are finding ways to use both winter and summer annual grazing. That lowers feed costs by 85 cents to a dollar per head per day."

Other topics that afternoon include "Environmental and Regulatory Issues," "Milk Quality on Pasture," "Heifer Raising, Grazing Systems" and "Using the Grazing Wedge." Those topics will be by Missouri speakers.

Managing Pasture-based Systems in Hot Climates,” “Mob Grazing,” and “Once-a-Day Milking” will be dis-

Buses will go to Meier Dairy, Monett, Mo., Wentworth Dairies, Pierce City, Mo., and Mariposa Dairies, Pierce City, Mo.

The third morning features speakers at the Convention Center.

Rob Kallenbach, MU Extension forage specialist, Columbia, and Dennis Hancock, forage specialist, University of Georgia, will start the program. Their topic: "Planning Forage-Agronomy Systems."

Paul Rapnicki, University of Minnesota, will talk on "Low-stress Dairy Handling." Joe Horner, MU Extension dairy economist, will present "Key Drivers of Profitability on Pasture-based Dairies."

Randy Mooney, dairy grazier, Rogersville, Mo., and chairman of the DFA board, will give a closing summary.

Mooney was an early adopter of managed grazing, Rickard said. He went from using temporary fences and hauling water to installing permanent electric fences and trenching in water lines.

After lunch the last day, attendees can visit other Missouri grazing dairies on their way home. Maps will be given to those who sign up.

Details and registration forms are available on the “MU AgEBB” website. Search for “dairy grazing” on the front page.

**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28 — 7:00 PM

**Sale to be held at Mom's Hilltop Cafe  
(former Lakeview Restaurant) in WAKEFIELD, KANSAS  
368 acres in Clay County, Kansas**

**LOCATION OF TRACTS:** Just west of Wakefield, Kansas on the north side of Highway 82 and on the east side of Sunflower Rd. which is also a paved road.

**TRACT 1:** This farm consists of 167.94 acres more or less.

**TRACT 2:** This tract consists of 190.15 acres more or less and is all good native grass with good fence and 3 ponds.

**TRACT 3:** 10 acres more or less. This parcel contains the old farmstead and several acres of pasture.

**NOTE:** Acreages stated are based on FSA computer generated calculations of aerial photographs. A survey is to be completed prior to auction to separate tracts and confirm acreages. Tract 3 is sold subject to a 30ft. utility easement along the east property line.

**TERMS:** Contract, deed and down payment to be escrowed at **Clay County Abstract and Title, 509 Court St., Clay Center, Ks. 67432.** The auction firm is working for the seller. Announcements made sale day to take precedence over printed matter.

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**This real estate was the long term home and property of former Kansas Governor William H. Avery**

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# FARM AUCTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 — 4:30 PM

**We are selling our farm and will sell the following personal property at the farm located on Highway 82 at the west edge of Wakefield, Kansas**

**TRUCK, TRACTOR, MACHINERY, ANTIQUES, MISC.**  
**1997 Ford Ranger 4 cyl., auto, standard cab, less than 100,000 miles, red in color, some body damage, otherwise good;** Farmall M gas tractor w/loader, belt pulley, NF, 12V electric start, lights, good 12.4X38 rears, ser.#:205153 X 1, shedded and in running order; 6ft. pull behind rotary mower; John Deere Model H ground driven manure spreader; pull type buzz saw on two wheels; buzz saw blades; 2 wheel 50s Chevy PU bed trailer; old two wheel flatbed trailer; old 12 hole drill with high steel press wheels, salvage; old cement mixer, salvage; 10 new 6ft. T posts; lg. pile of hedge posts; 2 lg. piles of post, possibly cedar; bench top drill press; bench grinder; Craftsman 4" bench top jointer; Craftsman table saw, older; air compressor; come along; clamps; several drop cords, some heavy; sockets and other tools; shop supplies; pitch fork & other long handled tools; variety of lumber; heavy planks; windmill iron; other iron; tractor tire chains; Brooklynn 3&1/2"X24" anvil, good; lg. hardy w/1" shaft & 2" blade; old blacksmith's forge w/elec motor; walk behind 1 row planter; 1&1/2ft. wide by 6ft. long primitive bolt cabinet, possibly post office boxes; primitive wash stand; table w/wood vise from school shop; other items to be uncovered & discovered.

**NOTE:** These items belonged to former Kansas Governor William H. Avery. 2 weeks for removal. Sale over by 6:00. Real Estate sells at 7:00 at Hill Top Cafe in Wakefield.

**TERMS:** Cash or good check day of sale. Not responsible for accidents.

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**EQUIPMENT**  
1971 Ford 3000 Tractor, (weak hydraulic pump); 1976 Chevrolet C65 Grain Truck, dual tandem drivers Engine 427, Bed 18ft Single hoist, Trans-5sp&4; Krause 15400 Series 5430 30' Grain Drill 7.5" spacing; 1991 Travalong 7'x24' Tandem Livestock Trailer; Gyro 1310 13ft Rotary Mower (missing gearbox); 3 pt 6 Shank Soil Subsoiler; IHC 3 pt 6 row Cultivator; JD 5 bottom 3 pt Plow; 2008 King Kutter 84" Finish Mower; 300 gal Fuel Tank and Stand, gravity flow; Portable loading chute , Loading chute on skids; Metal Oval 120 gal stock water tank; 8 Cattle Mineral Feeders, 2 Round Bale Feeders; 2-Poly bottom 12' Feed Bunks, 2- Metal 12ft feed bunks; 480 (approx.) 6' Un-

used T posts, 65 (approx.) used T posts; Sanborn 220 Volt Air Compressor, 6 " Vise.

**METAL & UNASSEMBLED BUILDING**  
10-sheets 5'x10'x1/4"; 15-sheets 4'x10'x1/4"; 70-Guard Rail 13'7"; Spool of 5/8" Wire rope; Frame & sheeting for 50' x 100' x 16'; building (may not be complete).

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Diesel Fuel Furnace (bought new, never used); Bucket for 8ft Farmhand loader w/quick attach; Skid steer bucket, tractor weights; Yamaha Exciter 105 Motorcycle; 24' extension ladder; 4 wheel running gear, 2 dog boxes; 3-salvage pickups; (late 70's Chev, & 2 older Fords); Other misc. scrap items.

**TERMS:** Made or approved check. All statements made day of auction take precedence over advertisements. Owners and auction company not responsible for accidents or theft.

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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## The Horse Sculptor

I wonder if he starts at the head?

I mean to sculpt a horse that will one day stand in front of the stockyard gate. Or does he picture in his mind the kind of horse it will be? Would he start at the hooves instead, one leg at a time, stroking, flexing, molding, making the limb yield to him until it feels just right? Right front or left, then gliding back, the skilled hand following the shoulder to the flank, to the stifle, hock, cannon, fetlock, pastern, finally pressing until the hind foot gives itself up and lets the sculptor have his way.

Then does he go to the head?

Surely he must. Like the masthead on a ship, a lookout in the crow's nest, the face's expression will be a clue as to what to expect from those powerful limbs that drive the beast through the picture in his mind. Does he envision tension, fear, suspicion, acceptance, trust, fury, devotion or resignation in those eyes, in his stance, in his nostrils?

Will he break and run?

Will the sculptor have to start again from the broken pieces? Using firm but gentle caresses until the nose, the neck, and the mane become smoothly connected. Across the back, over the rump, down the leg, his practiced touch

puts the sculpture back together.

Back to the head.

The halter, a piece of artwork in its own right, the rawhide plaiting climbing over the nose, tied on the left side, strong and commanding yet fragile as a reata. It establishes a palpable connection between sculptor and subject. Or, taking artistic license, does he go right to a bosal? He's the sculptor, he can do what he wants! He is allowed to proceed to the blanket if he wishes, the soaking, the cinching and saddle. Maybe beef him up more, put him in a snaffle, shoot, why not set a rider on his back! After all, it is the sculptor that is responsible for the final result.

All these Charlie Russell thoughts went through my mind as I watched the horse trainer putting on a demonstration in the middle of the ring. We, the audience, studied and listened as he went through the motions explaining, in

the language of the horse, how he was sculpting a new one from the disorganized four-legged collection of muscle and bone that stood before him in the arena now.

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## American Agri-Women hold mid-year meeting

Chris Wilson, Manhattan, American Agri-Women president, presided at the Mid-Year meeting held in Phoenix, Ariz., April 7-10, 2011.

Other Kansans in attendance included Carolyn Kleiber, Hillsboro, AAW treasurer; Lois Schlickau, Haven, AAW parliamentarian; Abby Amick, Alma, and Donita Whitney-Bammerlin, Manhattan, Kansas Agri-Women representatives.

Fifty-seven state and commodity affiliates belong to the organization and the representatives of those in attendance gave reports. The AAW strategic plan progress was presented, and policy positions were adopted.

Speakers included Barbara Jackson, vice-president, American Na-

tional CattleWomen, who spoke on the new Beef Promotion program; Karen Budd-Falen, Property Rights Foundation of American, who addressed the issue of private property rights; Anna Marie Knorr, Western Growers Association, who discussed agriculture labor issues, and Holly Swanson, author of the book, *Set Up & Sold Out*, who spoke on the political agenda of the green movement.

Sheriff Paul Babeu discussed the illegal immi-

gration situation in America and Arizona and the drug and human trafficking epidemic that is occurring on America's border with Mexico.

A devotional service and area agriculture tour concluded the convention.

For additional information on American Agri-Women, its mission and objectives, contact president Chris Wilson at [president@americanagriwomen.org](mailto:president@americanagriwomen.org), or on the website: [www.americanagriwomen.org](http://www.americanagriwomen.org).

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