

Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The corn market did not perform well last week despite the extremely high temperatures in the Corn Belt and the larger than expected drop in crop condition ratings. Corn condition ratings fell 3 points to 66% Good to Excellent and I have seen many guesses calling for a 4-5 point drop in the next report due to last week's weather. So, crop condition ratings are below year ago levels and falling, which should lead traders to ask, how much will USDA cut from the yield estimate in the August supply and demand report? No one knows the answer to that, of course, but keep in mind that the final yield estimate last year was 152.8 bu./ac. and the current estimate is 158.7 bu.ac., so there is plenty of room for a cut. The problem, of course, is that we really can't handle a drop to last year's level without seeing a sizeable cut in stocks, demand, or both. With the current acreage estimate. which many traders still don't believe, a drop to last year's yield equates to roughly 500 million bushels in lost production. That would take ending stocks down to 370 million, which won't happen because we will have to demand stocks get that tight.

The December corn was unchanged for the week, so people were obviously not concerned about the weather too much. We may have to get closer to the August supply and demand report before traders really think about what these declining crop condition ratings really mean. If the weather doesn't improve soon, analysts yield and production estimates will shrink and the market will move higher as we get closer to August 11th.

The story is similar for the soybeans. The November contract has run into the \$14.00 resistance and has begun to trade sideways, apparently waiting for more news. The dry weather and declining crop condition ratings weren't enough to push through that \$14.00 area. We are always told that soybeans are a crop of August, so there is the possibility that traders are waiting to see the forecasts for the 2nd week of August, or to see if the condition ratings continue to decline before stepping in to buy. For the moment, the trend is sideways and something will have to change to change that trend.

As for the wheat, that market traded sideways most of the week as well. The September KW ran out of steam just below the \$8.00 level and then backed off from there. The market is overbought and there is a lack of fresh news that will keep the market moving higher, so at the moment the wheat is dependent on the corn for direction. The lack of moisture in the HRW Belt is supportive because planted acreage will be a huge question if it doesn't rain soon, but in the short run the lack of large export sales is weighing on the market. USDA keeps telling us that we have plenty of wheat, so if we don't see any increase in demand to draw that supply down, we don't have much reason to move

The cattle on feed report was a little surprising for a change. The on feed estimate came in at 104%, which was at the high end of expectations, placements were much larger than expected at 104%, and marketings were at the high end of expectations at 105%. The larger

than expected placements could hurt the October and December live cattle futures and the high marketings could help the August, so I plan on seeing the bull spreads do well next week. At some point, and I have thought this for a long time, we are going to run out of cattle to put on feed, so I think that we could see good strength in the February through June live cattle contracts over the next month. Looking at the August live cattle chart, I think that market is a buy. The market is oversold, and it held at the 50-day moving average on the recent break. The cattle on feed report could help out the market and a rebound in the cash trade could provide a boost as well.

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UNL Extension team receives \$4.1 million from NIFA to address climate, animal agriculture issues

Lincoln Extension has been awarded \$4.1 million from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a five-year project addressing climate change and animal agriculture issues. Five other land-grant universities are partnering in the project that will be facilitated through the Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center.

"A wide range of beliefs exist about climate change and there are strong and varied reactions to proposals for countering global warming, which creates challenges for those involved in agricultural policymaking, product marketing and research," said Rick Stowell, UNL Extension engineer and the project's director. "As often is the case, livestock and poultry producers are in the position of having to prepare, to adapt and respond to conditions that might be imposed on them — whether it's due to the potential impacts of more extreme weather patterns and other climate

policies that may place attention on greenhouse gas emissions from their operations," Stowell said.

Extension has a key role in facilitating and informing discussions about climate change relative to animal agriculture, said Crystal Powers, UNL Extension engineer and extension team coordinator.

The overall goal of the proposed project is for Extension, working with partner organizations, to effectively inform and influence livestock and poultry producers and consumers of animal products in all regions of the U.S. to move animal production toward practices that are environmentally sound, climatically compatible and economically viable, she said.

A primary desired outcome is that stakeholder decisions result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions without sacrificing America's capacity to produce meat, milk, eggs and other animal products.

sonnel and stakeholder representatives to assess stakeholder needs relative to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to deliver educational programs that target those needs:

• provide web access to science-based information, educational resources and decision-support tools to stakeholder groups and the public on climate change related to animal agriculture;

· coordinate efforts so information and resources are used appropriately at the state, regional and national

Other land-grant universities involved in the project include: Washington State University, Texas A&M University, University of Georgia, Cornell University and the University of Minnesota.

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The funding is part of NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative competitive grants program.

Wind turbine company to build plant in Newton

(AP) — A Colorado the rooftops of commercompany that has developed a new kind of wind energy turbine will build its first manufacturing plant in south central

Executives of New Millennium Wind Energy joined Gov. Sam Brownback and other officials in the city of Newton recently to announce the development.

The plant will be built in the Kansas Logistics Park. It's expected to have about 70 employees in the first year of operations, with plans to add about 300 more jobs over the following years.

New Millennium was founded three years ago to develop lightweight turbines for installation on

cial buildings, providing a direct source of electricity. CEO Drew Thacker says the Newton plant will build 35-by-28-foot turbines.

The plant is expected to begin operating by mid-



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Senators, farmers delay tractor rules

Alarmed by Transportation Department scrutiny of rules for tractors and other farm vehicles, agriculture lobbyists have enlisted the help of more than a dozen senators in a campaign to forestall strict new regulations.

Farmers fear the department will expand existing safety rules governing commercial drivers such as long-haul truckers to apply them to farmers driving tractors, trailers and other types of agricultural vehicles off the farm. Under pressure from farmers and their allies on Capitol Hill, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has extended its public comment period on a series of proposed new guidelines for farm vehicle safety.

Federal highway laws have long exempted farmers driving on public roads from certain commercial vehicle regulations during planting and harvest seasons for trips of 100 miles or less. Drivers of these farm vehicles do not need to obtain commercial driver's licenses, carry medical documents showing they are fit to drive or limit their hours on the road as commercial drivers do.

But states have implemented the federal rules inconsistently, and some highway safety advocates have argued that tractors and other farm vehicles need more oversight. On May 31 the FMCSA announced it was considering new guidelines that would potentially regulate tractors and other farm vehicles more strin-

Farmers reacted swiftly, meeting with FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro to voice concerns and beg for more time. The administration's request for comment came smack in the middle of planting season, farmers complained. Farmers also approached Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and other Senate allies for help.

Roberts, ranking member on the Agriculture Committee last month wrote to Ferro to request that the window for public comment on the proposed safety guidelines be extended by 90 days. The letter was signed by 17 other senators, including Jerry Moran, another Kansas Republican.

"If our producers do not get a voice during this critical comment period, they could face significant new burdens in transporting agriculture throughout our country and the world." Roberts said in a statement released with the letter.

Farm Bureau presidents in a half-dozen states, including Kansas and Missouri, also wrote Ferro to ask that she grant farmers Ferro complied, extending the public comment period to Aug. 1. But agriculture industry leaders are still worried and are urging farmers to write to Ferro to warn that farmers should not be subject to trucker-style safety rules.

"Tractors don't get on the interstate; they don't carry passengers," said Elizabeth Jones, director of Congressional relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation. Farmers argue that complying with new safety regulations could be burdensome and costly, as could tickets imposed on violators.

Among other questions, the FMCSA is considering whether farmers who drive across state lines or who share a portion of their crops with a landlord should enjoy the vehicle safety exemptions. Should those categories of farmers be required to obtain commercial driver's licenses a big segment of the industry could face a substantial new regulatory burden, agriculture lobbyists argue.

In the opposite camp, highway safety advocates counter that the rules governing commercial vehicles should be tightened. A long list of groups have won commercial safety rule exemptions, from the agriculture and utility industries to movie producers and grape growers, according to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, a nonprofit representing the state and local agencies charged with enforcement.

Farmers "do operate big trucks that share the road with other people," said Steve Keppler, executive director of the alliance. The group maintains that multiple exemptions have contributed to confusion, spotty state enforcement and mounting safety hazards. As a nonprofit, the alliance does scant lobbying but is publicly advocating for improved oversight.

Keppler applauded the FMCSA for taking steps to clarify the rules. "I give them credit for putting this out there and taking comments on it," he said. Given farm industry reaction thus far Ferro should have no shortage of comment letters to look over.



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PISTOLS: New Colt 45 cal automatic Patriotic Tribute (gold plated & engraved) in presentation case; 22 cal. S&W top break revolver; 38 cal top break revolver; 38 cal Hopkins & Allen revolver X.C. dual action; 32 cal H&R Top Break hammerless revolver; Erma KCP 68A baby luger 380 auto, German made pistol: Colt 25 cal auto, made around 1920; 38 cal colt New House revolver; 40 cal Smith & Wesson, semi auto, 2 extra clips; Bersa .380 cal Thunder 8 shot, double action pistol; Iver Johnson Arms & Cycle works, .22 cal, rim fire, 7 shot pistol, double action, pat date 11-17-1908; Charter Arms bull dog .38 cal 5 shot special pistol.

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Guest Editorials

Building a new partnership: USDOT and America's farmers

Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal **Motor Carrier Safety** Administration

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood often says that of all the Department's responsibilities, safetv is the most important nothing else comes close. All of us at USDOT are working to build a transportation network that creates jobs and ensures America's long-term competitiveness. Still, under LaHood's leadership, safety is always priority one.

At the same time, we realize that well-meaning regulations can be burdensome if the government isn't thoughtful about how they're put in place. Finding the right balance between the two can be challenging.

In many cases, farmers and farm equipment don't come under federal truck safety regulations when they are transporting products short distances, either within the farm or to a local market This allows farmers to do business without meeting the same requirements as, for example, a company shipping goods across the country.

However, the lines of distinction aren't always clear. So in May, USDOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a notice in the Federal Register seeking public feedback on how existing commercial truck safety regulations impact the agricultural community. The feedback we've received so far has reflected significant concern among the agricultural community. So we wanted to be clear about the purpose of this notice. We are not proposing new regulations for the farming community. What we are doing is seeking input and solutions from the community on three important issues:

1. Interstate vs. intrastate commerce. We've heard feedback that more clarification is needed between

the two. Since the difference between the two has been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court and other Federal courts, we have limited flexibility to provide additional guidelines, but we are interested in feedback on how we can provide better guidance within the constraints of established judicial rulings.

2. Commercial Driver's License. Currently, federal regulations allow states to make exceptions to commercial driver's license regulations for certain farm vehicle drivers, as long as their vehicles are not used by for-hire motor carriers. We've heard questions about whether drivers who work for "crop share" or similar arrangements are eligible for this exemption.

3. Implements of Husbandry. In a perfect world, farm vehicles would only operate on farms, while commercial trucks would operate on public roads. The reality is that farm equipment not designed or intended for everyday use on public roads is often used for short trips at limited speeds. This creates a gray area for classification. In the absence of guidance, enforcement officials sometimes cite carriers for violating equipment rules. A key principle of the Obama administration is that the best public policy comes from bringing the most people to the table. Although USDOT doesn't have a long history of working with the agricultural community, it's time we rolled up our sleeves together and got started.

We're well aware of the concern within the agricultural community regarding these three issues. The comment period is an opportunity to bring those concerns to the table. We're eager for input and ideas about how we can achieve our safety mission without tying America's farmers down with unnecessary burdens. Nevertheless, the comment period only works if stakeholders take an active role in the

conversation. At the request of a number of farm bureaus, we've just extended the comment period from June 30th to August 1st. This

allows all participants more

time to ensure that their

voices are heard.

Everyone in this administration - from President Obama, Vice President Biden, and Secretary La-Hood on down - is committed to the long-term success of America's agricultural industry. In many ways, agriculture is the backbone of our economy - feeding hundreds of millions of Americans and billions more around the world. As the largest user of freight transportation in the nation, the agricultural industry is also one of USDOT's most important constituents. We hope that this comment period is the start of a new and productive relationship. We may not ultimately agree on every issue, but we will always listen — and do our best to help America's farm-

ers succeed.

Investing in conservation districts

By Jon Starns

As state and local budgets become tighter and elected officials are faced with tough decisions about what to fund and where cuts can potentially be taken without severely compromising the public welfare, the question of funding county conservation districts must necessarily be on the table. Do county dollars invested in conservation yield a return on investment?

The answer is yes. For every dollar a county appropriates for its conservation district, the typical fiscal return on investment is anywhere from one hundred to several hundred percent. Last fiscal year in Finney County, for example, the amount budgeted for the conservation district was \$27,300, which generated federal and state cost-share dollars that equaled a 177-percent return on that investment. A reduction in funding for conservation programs would not only result in reducing or eliminating dollars coming into county coffers, it could also return the state to some of its darkest days.

On April 14, 1935, known in this part of the country as "Black Sunday," the Great Plains lost an estimated 300 million tons of topsoil due to the lack of conservation practices. How much dirt is that? Picture dirt piled three feet deep, wide enough to cover the width of an average two-lane highway, running all the way from Los Angeles to New York City, multiplied seven times. That's a lot of dirt. Enough, in fact, to convince president Franklin D. Roosevelt to write a letter to state governors encouraging them to create soil conservation districts to work with the Soil Conservation Service, which had just been established as

part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more than 74 years, Kansas conservation districts and producers have been working with each other and with our partners the State Conservation Commission (SCC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), to better preserve the land on which we depend so much. As we've added programs and become more sophisticated with technology, Kansas counties have received millions of dollars through cost-share initiatives on the local, state, and federal levels. Not only have producers benefited through better yields, but the cost savings to our roads, bridges, rivers and streams have been significant. Wildlife habitats, too, derive major benefit from these programs. Whether you are a farmer, rancher, hunter, or just a nature enthusiast, we have all benefited enormously.

When budget hearings occur, attend and speak up. Make sure your county commissioners are aware how much money conservation districts generate in your county. In tight budget times, that revenue is more important than ever.

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Garden Gazing

No, it wasn't a Zen moment

Had someone been walking down the gravel road where we reside, they might have seen a solitary figure hunched over a small raised bed behind our house. That would have been me, of course, frozen into a focused immobility, peering intently into a tangled patch of indeterminate tomatoes that had been abandoned to their fates. The tomatoes — Lori's idea, not mine were supposed to climb twine supports rigged to a Tframe, and would have if not for a windshear that plucked them one by one from their supports. Since that time the tomatoes had done their best to broaden their perpendicular proliferation on a horizontal plane, thereby replicating a particularly virulent pumpkin which seemed destined to overspread much of northeastern Kansas.

Gardening is one of those activities my wife loves to read about, dream about and initiate. She also likes to harvest the fruit of her labors. She's less keen on the lengthy middle portion, the central stage where watering, debugging and maintenance, often in hundreddegree temperatures, exact their toll on energy and interest. Maybe she's witnessed too many gardens wither and die from infestations of various and sundry insect species, drought, hail, hurricane-force winds, fungus, blight, raccoons, possums and other furry critters.

This is where I come in.

My job is to do the grunt work, and for the most part I do so without complaint. Besides being less squeamish when it comes to destroving invasive bugs. I've learned that a husband with an expensive taste in camera gear needs all the attaboys he can get. I water and weed and inspect for interlopers, in general keep the garden alive until she can reap its bounty. It's kind of like a good cop-bad cop scenario: She's the good cop, always sensitive and caring, while I'm the cop who swaggers into the room with his sleeves rolled up, a nasty grin on his face and a grim "Who gets hurt?"

For some reason whether the timely rains, unseasonably cool spring, the luck of the draw — local gardens are flourishing this year. Last year weeds were the only crop that stood a chance of success, and even then they struggled. You know it's bad when dandelions and dock look sickly and splotchy with fungus, though why remained an unanswerable question.

Suffice to say, this year is a bumper crop for everything planted. It seemed as if our green thumbs had returned, that everything we touched flourished and blossomed and hung heavy with fruit. And about the time we patted ourselves on the back with rash and imprudent congratulations, confident that this year our labors would break the spell of defeated gardens past, the bugs showed up.

Almost overnight the

tomatoes took on a scraggly look, the outer stems barren and stripped. Squash and cucumber leaves turned yellow and blotchy. The tangled verdant drapery of our Tumbling Tom tomatoes dried to a dull brown lace, each leaf desiccated to a brittle husk. The memory of that morning of discovery has been burned into my consciousness. The deep grass was dewy with moisture, the sun just rising above the wooded corridor of Juganine Creek, shadows long and thin — a beautiful morning, not quite cool but cool enough to be refreshing, the kind of morning one finds satisfaction in any endeavor no matter how slight or difficult. And there was the garden, our bountiful, profuse garden, only it didn't look so well now, it looked like me before my first cup of coffee, baggyeved, hungover with exhaustion, listless. The plants didn't stand tall as they had but drooped and sagged, sad wan ghosts of

their former selves. For a long time I stood



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there in shock. Lori would be heartbroken, I knew, and bitter and violently angry toward the culprits, and though she would not blame me there was a real and present danger of being tainted with culpability. And because I had just exercised our credit card on a particularly lavish expense, that I couldn't allow. I turned my back to the garden and went to assemble my arsenal.

First, the nukes. Under normal circumstances I dislike using pesticides but sometimes there are no other options. On inspection I found potato bugs and squash bugs and blister beetles and unnameable others swarming under the leafy vegetation, and I smote them high and I smote them low and their corpses rained down like gray ash. A few tomatoes were ready to pick so instead of Sevin I used diatomaceous earth to coat the remaining leaves and ground beneath. And then I went to work with a rusty pair of pliers.

Hornworms were abundant. One by one I plucked them off and stomped them underfoot. It was work both

messy and satisfying but ultimately deceptive, because for every one I found another two remained hidden. Day after day I discovered more even as leaves vanished and the plants took on a deserted, ghost town air, and my hours were filled with poring over stems and branches, of peering deep into the green depths of an untamed jungle, past spiderwebs and mantis lairs and the interior workings of a universe without order. until it seemed there was nothing else but the hunt and the kill and the hope of

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade moderate. Demand very strong for dairy and grinding alfalfa, moderate to strong for stock cow hay and alfalfa pellets, moderate for grass hay. Record breaking temperatures and drought over the southern threefourths of Kansas are resulting in shortages of all forages for hay and grazing. Fall crops are being affected, much of the dryland corn is being baled or chopped for silage. The overall supply of hay remains tight to very tight. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange: www.kfb.org/hayand pasture /default.htm

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and ground alfalfa steady to firm. Movement moderate to active. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares, 220.00-250.00; Dairy, 1.00-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 210.00-250.00; Premium 200.00-230.00; Bunk hay 185.00-200.00; Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 170.00-190.00 shipped in, local, 200.00-210.00 for current through Fall pickup. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies 195.00-235.00. The week of 7/11-16, 9,554T of grinding alfalfa and 1,965T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. PM6 or PM8 grass, Good, small squares 200.00-220.00, large round 130.00. Straw, large bales 65.00-75.00, 75.00-80.00 de-

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Northwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to firm. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse 250.00; Dairy, Supreme 200.00; Premium 170.00-175.00. Stock Cow, Good 150.00-160.00 Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 140.00-150.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 170.00-180.00.

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Floor space and journey time research increases profits for swine producers

Recent University of Illinois research confirms that the swine industry has come a long way in the past 10 years to improve pig transportation and handling. In this study led by graduate student Chad Pilcher, researchers discovered that an optimum allocation of floor space per pig during transport and a longer journey time allow pigs to better handle transportation stress.

Mike Ellis, U of I professor of animal sciences, said their research started 10 years ago when it became apparent that losses of pigs during the transportation process had increased since the early 1990s. This caused great concern in the swine industry from both an animal welfare and economic perspective.

"Our goal was to understand why those losses were occurring and develop approaches to minimize them," Ellis said. "Significant funding from the National Pork Board and several commercial companies, including Elanco Animal Health and The Maschhoffs, allowed us to perform research in a controlled, commercial setting. It's a great example of how the industry came together to attack a problem and make positive change.'

One of the challenges of this type of research is controlling the factors such as animal handling that contribute to losses, he said. By working with commercial producers to perform onfarm research, Ellis's team was better able to control who worked with the pigs and how they were handled while remaining in typical commercial conditions.

"We were able to perform controlled research where the pigs were handled the same so we could evaluate journey time and floor space," Ellis said. "We discovered that the lower the floor space available per pig, the higher the losses can be. However, there is evidence that you can give

them too much floor space. When pigs are transported, they are more likely to be thrown about if there is too much open space. If they are closer, but not too close, they can help support each other."

Journey time also affected the pig's ability to handle the stress of loading and unloading, Ellis said.

"There's not much research on this topic as it pertains to transportation loss," he added. "But we have evidence that suggests short journey times could actually lead to higher incidences of losses because the pigs need a minimum amount of time to recover from the stress of loading at the farm. Normally, a pig will recover if given enough time. On short journeys, you may superimpose the stress of unloading onto animals who haven't yet recovered from the stress of loading."

Although previous recommendations from Ellis and his team of researchers regarding floor allocation space have resulted in lower transportation losses (less than half of a percent of pigs in most well-managed systems), it remains a concern because the producer has invested a great amount of money to get pigs to that stage.

Co-author Bradley Wolter, chief operating officer of The Maschhoffs in Carlyle, Ill., said working with the Ellis lab has allowed their company to lower pig losses within the supply chain between The Maschhoffs and its customers by more than one percentage unit.

"The 1% reduction experienced in animal losses during transport and handling represent pigs that are carrying the full value of current market prices and creates a significant impact to the profitability of the company," Wolter said. "Moreover, minimizing the loss of pigs within our production system is a moral obligation we have to society that is consistent

with our core values. This important area of research continues to enhance our understanding of how we can achieve this very important commitment."

Because the industry has made such great strides to improve transportation and animal handling, this study did not show the trends and differences Ellis expected

"We did visual assessments of how stressed the pigs were upon arrival at the plant," he said. "They were definitely more stressed after being unloaded from shorter journevs. But, anytime the losses are low to start with, you won't find many factors that will lower them further. As losses are reduced, it's more difficult to show how these factors are involved."

This is a good problem – and a win for everyone involved, Ellis said. Wolter added that this particular study validated previous recommendations employed by their company's animal transporters.

"The results from U of I's science-based program have been incorporated in a comprehensive set of Standard Operating Procedures within our organization that are implemented by producers within the barns prior to loading the truck all the way through the process to the pig handler within lairage at our customers' operation," Wolter said.

"Effects of floor space during transport and journey time on indicators of stress and transport losses of market-weight pigs" was recently published online in the Journal of Animal Science. Researchers include C.M. Pilcher, M. Ellis, A. Rojo-Gomez and S.E. Curtis of the U of I; B.F. Wolter, C.M. Peterson, B.A. Peterson and J. Brinkmann of The Maschhoffs; and M.J. Ritter of Elanco Animal Health. Funding was provided by the National Pork Board.

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Approximately 10 acres with 1 ½ story home, 40' x 90' Peterson metal building, 20' x 40' garage, 2-4100 steel bins, other buildings. The home has 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, kitchen w/dinning area, front room, utility room on the main floor, there are 2 bedrooms upstairs. The basement has 1 bedroom, family room, storage and utility room. There is central heat and air. The farm is on rural water. The seller will do no repairs or inspections on the home. All inspections made by purchaser must be done before August 15, 2011. Possession of the home will be upon closing on or before October 13, 2011.

To view the home, contact the Ritz's at 785-545-3387 or 785-545-5562.

TRACT II

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW % 13-5-9 less approximately 10 acres in the Southwest corner and the W % NE % 13-5-9 Jewell Co. Kansas.

Approximately 220 acres with 144.52 acres of non highly erodible crop land, 79 acres of grass. Wheat base 116 acres, 43 bushel yield; Milo base 27 acres, 56 bushel yield. ASCS estimated payment of \$2,605.00. The pasture has a pond, well.

Possession of the farm land will be after milo and bean harvest 2011. Seller will retain 2011 rent and will pay 2011 taxes. Total taxes for both tracts in 2010 were \$1,930.72.

TERMS ON BOTH TRACTS: 20% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before October 13, 2011 . Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Guaranty State Bank will act as escrow agent, closing cost and escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent.

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Kansas counties wary of rural tax incentives

help rural Kansas counties attract residents is gaining interest, but some county officials are hesitant to participate in all the program's provisions.

The Kansas City Star reported Monday that counties qualifying as rural opportunity zones are interested in the income tax provisions of the program. However, some county officials are unsure if they will partner with the state to forgive student loans. Officials say they are worried the state's money will dry up in the future, like it has with other programs.

The program targets rural counties that have seen significant declines in population during the last decade, some by more than 20 percent. Gov. Sam Brownback touted the program as a way to lure new residents and small business to revive the counties.

"This is a risk-free opportunity for us to draw attention to parts of our state that are losing population and offer another incentive to get people to move to Kansas," said the governor's spokeswoman, Sherriene Jones-Sontag

Since July 1, 24 applications have been submitted for the program and 23 of 50 eligible counties have agreed to participate in the loan program. Counties are contributing between \$3,000 and \$26,000 to the program, with the state chipping in with \$1.3 million. Up to 20 percent of a student loan can be repaid each year.

Washington County officials aren't sure they want and want to see how the program does first. County commissioner Gene Helms said there were better uses for tax dollars than repaying student loans.

"I think they can pay for it themselves if they're making a living on their own," Helms said.

Christy L'Ecuyer, Washington County's business coordinator, said another approach might be to offer incentives for middle-income housing. She said the county has a lot of jobs and an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent. What it lacks is rental and affordable hous-

She said potential workers often earn too much to qualify for housing credits and can't afford high-end housing that's available.

In Republic County, Commissioner Frank Rytvch said the county isn't against the program, just that there are too many unknowns.

"We don't know that it's going to pan out OK. We don't want to get caught holding the bag.'

Brownback's administration said neither the county nor the state has to continue paying tuition benefits if the five-year program is halted.

Revenue secretary Nick Jordan said the program was Kansas' attempt to lure new residents who are attracted to low or no income taxes, pointing to the growth in Texas, Florida and South Dakota where there is no income

"I don't know if we're going to see a tremendous swell of people coming back to Kansas on the program, but I think it will help start changing some of the economic situations in these rural communities," Jordan said.

Kansans pay on average about \$1,800 per year in income taxes.



Dylan Bair, Hutchinson, won champion Angus-based steer at the 2011 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 4 in Hutchinson.

program was innovative, but doubt it can reverse a population trend affecting not only Kansas but the Midwest.

"On the face of it, I would say you're better off making tax breaks for companies to move somewhere to create jobs," said William Frev. a demographer at the Brookings Insti-

"There's not much of a downside if people aren't going there anyway," Frey said. "But to me, it's employment that tends to attract people."

Ralph Goodnight, director for community development in Kearny County, said the western Kansas area could benefit from the

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program, especially if a new power plant proposed by Sunflower Electric Power Corp. near Holcomb is constructed. Kearny's population fell 12 percent over the decade.

"We do feel we have an opportunity to grow, but that hinges on other things happening," said Ralph Goodnight, the county's divelopment.

Still, Goodnight is pleased policymakers in Topeka are trying something to stop the declines.

"This is the first administration in some time that has proposed a program that actually benefits rural counties in Kansas," Goodnight said.





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Possession will be after 2011 fall harvest. The seller will retain all of the rent for 2011. The seller will pay the 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were \$1.034.60

TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before October 15, 2011 . Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Mitchell Co. Abstract will act as escrow agent. The escrow and closing fees will be divided 50/50 between seller & purchaser. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting

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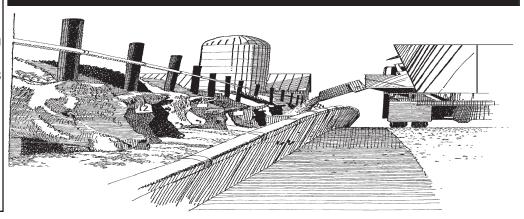
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Kid's Fishing Derby to honor former KDWP employee

Participants at the 3rd Annual Parsons Kid's Fishing Derby being held August 6, 2011 at Tolen Creek Park will be honoring a former Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) employee and volunteer for his years of service and dedication to making the outdoors more accessible to children. Darrell Stice passed away last October and was a long-time volunteer for KDWP, diligently volunteering for the Parsons Kid's Fishing Derby.

Upon his passing his family requested any donations be directed to children oriented outdoor programs such as the Parsons Kid's Fishing Derby. In his honor the event will carry his name in the future as a continued reminder of his dedication and time to the outdoors and the needs of youth outdoor programs.

A small ceremony prior to the start of the event will be held to honor Mr. Stice, with his wife and possibly other family members in attendance. The derby and the ceremony will begin with a 7:00 a.m. check-in, followed by the ceremony and rules briefing, the tournament ends at 10:30 a.m.

The event is free to attendees and will also once again welcome B.A.S.S. professional fisherman and Kansas native Brent Chapman. Chapman will be on hand for photographs with attendees as well as to give fishing tips throughout the derby.

Organizers also said they still have a few sponsorship positions for local businesses or fishing industry organizations that wish to participate in the annual event. There are opportunities available for any of the three age-group categories or the event as a whole.

This will be the third year the fishing derby is held at the Tolen Creek Lake under the coordination of the Labette County Tourism Bureau. Anyone needing additional information on the event should contact Labette County Tourism at 421.6500

2010-11 wheat export year is 'remarkable'

consistent and high-quality: in a nutshell, that is the story of the wheat grown by American farmers, and the reasons the marketing year of 2010-11 was the most successful export period in the last two decades. The U.S. exported 35.3 million metric tons of wheat from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011, according to Chad Weigand, former market analyst for U.S. Wheat Associates, the nation's wheat industry market development organization. That total represents a marked change from the 2009-10 marketing year, which totaled 22.7 million metric tons, the lowest total in 29 years. In fact, USDA expected a similarly sluggish export picture for 2010-11.

What happened? News about dry conditions in the "Black Sea" region of Russia and Ukraine first appeared in June, 2010 and more ominous through July. Then, just as importers were absorbing the potential impact of the deepening drought, Russia's government shocked the markets by halting wheat and feed grain exports. Ukraine quickly implemented grain export quotas. Additional weather problems affected the Canadian, German and Australian wheat crops. Through U.S. Wheat Associates' overseas offices, export destinations that formerly counted on these challenged nations learned that the U.S. had ample supplies of all classes of wheat.

Vince Peterson, vice president of overseas operations for U.S. Wheat Associates, says export success came despite a host of handling space and transportation challenges. "The U.S. achieved the second highest total U.S. grain and oilseed export volume since 1982, and Hard Red Wheat exports reached 13 million metric tons, an increase of 30% over 2007-08 volumes," he says.

The largest growth in 2010-11 export sales came from the Middle East/East Africa region. U.S. wheat imports for those regions reached 8.7 million metric tons (MMT), compared to 1.5 MMT the year before. The top buyer of U.S. wheat in 2010-11 was Egypt, with purchases reaching 4 MMT, including 2.6 MMT of Hard Red Winter Wheat. Nigeria retains its position as the largest importer of Hard Red Winter wheat, importing some

3.3 MMT. Iraq imported 1.3 MMT, compared to 305,000 metric tons (MT) in 2009-10. Of Iraq's total, 1.1 MMT was Hard Red Winter wheat - the classification normally grown in Kansas. Meanwhile, Hard White wheat exports increased slightly, to 140,739 metric tons, compared to 131,133 metric tons the year prior, according to Steve Wirsching, director of U.S. Wheat's Portland office. Nigeria continues to be the largest export market for Hard White wheat, just as it is for Hard Red Winter wheat. Kansas is the third largest Hard White-producing state, growing about 5.5 million bushels, behind Idaho and Califor-

In the current 2011-12 marketing year, USDA expects continued strong demand for U.S. wheat, projecting total exports at 28.6 MMT, just above the 10year average of 28.3 MMT. However, as the Black Sea drought and the supply shock of 2010-11 prove, the final results depend on weather, government actions and many other factors. One thing the world's wheat buyers do know, Weigand says: "U.S. wheat remains 'the world's most reliable choice'.'

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in the Community Center on the South side of the square in **JEWELL**, **KANSAS**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-4-6 Jewell Co. Kansas.

The farm is located 1 mile East and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of Highway 28 & 148 junction North of Randall, Kansas.

80 acres with 79.0 cropland acres. Wheat base 54.4 acres, yield 34; Sorghum base 22.7 acres, yield 55; Soybean base 1.4, yield 17; for a total base acres of 78.5 acres.

Possession will be after 2012 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent on 2012 wheat ground of \$50.00 per acre. Purchaser will re-

ceive ½ of 2011 cash rent. Seller will pay ½ of 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were \$774.16.

TERMS: 10% of purchase price paid as down payment day of auction. The balance will be due upon closing on or before September 12, 2011. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Escrow & closing fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in the Community Center on the South side of the square in **JEWELL**, **KANSAS**

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W ½ NE ¼ 34-4-6 Jewell Co. Kansas

The farm is located 3 ½ miles East of Highway 28 & 148 North of Randall, Kansas.

80 acres with 79.5 cropland acres. Wheat base 44.2 acres, 35 bushel yield; Sorghum base 30.4 acres, 57 bushel yield;

Possession will be after 2011 fall harvest. Purchaser will receive ½ of 2011 cash rent. Purchaser will pay ½ of 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were \$699.90. ASCS payments are approximately \$1,176.00.

TRACT II

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW 1/4 29-4-6 Jewell Co. Kansas

The farm is located 1 mile East of Highway 28 & 148 North of Randall, Kansas.

157 acres with 153.1 cropland acres. Wheat base 85.5 acres, 35 bushel yield; Sorghum base 59.0 acres, 57 bushel yield. ASCS payments are approximately \$2,278.00

Possession will be after the 2012 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive all of 2012 cash rent of \$50.00 per acre. Purchaser will also receive ½ of 2011 cash rent. Purchaser will pay ½ of 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were \$1,449.28.

TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction. Balance will be due upon closing on or before October 15, 2011. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Escrow & closing fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent.

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Conservation Corner Committed to Conservation Planning

As Kansas's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) continues to manage and administer numerous conservation programs within the 2008 Farm Bill, Eric B. Banks, NRCS State Conservationist, Salina, reminds farmers and ranchers that it has the expertise to develop a conservation plan that will address the natural resource conservation needs or concerns on their land. As a result, NRCS in Kansas is reinforcing its commitment to conservation planning.

Conservation plans are developed by first understanding the resource needs and a landowner's desired land use goals. Then, based on sound scientific practices, NRCS provides hands-on assistance to help the landowner achieve as many of their goals as possible.

"Planning is critical to the success of almost any endeavor, and getting the kind of results you desire from the land is no different. Developing and implementing a conservation plan can identify and provide focus to activities that will reap those desired results," said Banks.

"A conservation plan can assist to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the producers conservation efforts."

The philosophy and ethic behind modern conservation planning began in the late 1930s with the father of conservation, Hugh H. Bennett, first chief of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), which changed its name to NRCS in 1994.

NRCS continues to encourage and follow his ideas. He advocated that an effective conservation planner must always consider the needs and capabilities of each acre within the plan; consider the client's re-

sources and economic situation; incorporate the client's willingness to try new practices; consider the land's relationship to the entire farm, ranch, or watershed; and ensure the conservationist's presence on the land.

"NRCS is proud of the foundation behind its conservation planning process," Banks said. "As it serves as a road map which identifies alternatives to reach desired results, it also offers benefits not only for the landowner but, when implemented, to our natural re-

"NRCS's commitment to the conservation planning process is strong and as a result, encourages landowners to develop a conservation plan and implement it," said Banks.

"NRCS want our customers, existing and potential, to know how important a tool conservation planning is and how valuable it can be. We will take every opportunity to get that message out to landowners," Banks says.

Banks explained that conservation planning is one of the best tools around to help landowners assess and inventory their resources. A conservation plan is developed using state-of-the-art technology and generates information that, if implemented, can have a positive impact on the bottom line.

"NRCS provides this service at no cost to the landowner," said Banks.

"The NRCS Fiscal Year 2012 application evaluation cutoff date for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) funds has been set as November 15, 2011," said Banks. "Applicants who request a conservation plan prior to August 31, 2011, will receive additional points in the ranking process."



United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

For additional information about conservation planning, please contact your local Conservation District or NRCS field office located in the USDA Service Center that services your county. You may also visit www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter@NRCS_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Tractor pulls take Nebraska man around the country and overseas

(AP) - Dennis Johnson is your typical rural farmer.

In the shed at his family's rural Fairbury farm, all the expected farm amenities can be found.

Among the farm equipment, one item stands out from the rest, to say the least.

You won't find Dennis Johnson's crown-jewel tractor plowing the rows of a corn field.

Rather, his Agco Allis, which he co-owns with his brother Mark, can be spotted around the world pulling a sled in the Unlimited Super Stock Class of the Professional Pullers League (PPL).

Per PPL regulations, the puller, named "Shagnasty," maintains an original Deutz engine – rated at 170 horsepower in 9670 tractors - but the similarities end there.

The frame, body and nearly everything else was custom-built for the puller, which boasts a quad turbocharger setup on the inline six cylinder motor, cranking out as much as 5,000 horsepower.

"The engine block has to be what came in the tractor originally," Johnson said. "That's one of the rules. It has to be a stock farm tractor engine block.

'Then we started building," Johnson added with a devilish grin.

After getting the motor, Johnson, his family and others started building the body, which has no connection to the original style tractor.

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It features a Rockwell QHD Axle Housing and custom built chrome moly frame rails, a material popular because of its favorable strength to weight ratio, that sits between the two massive 30.5-inchwide and 5.5- foot-tall rear

While the parts to custom build the pull tractor, which the Johnson Bros. Farm has owned since 1996. cost around \$50,000. Johnson estimated that including the two year's worth of labor costs that went into the tractor's production, a similar tractor would sell for around \$175,000.

While the tractor, which $formerly \quad sported \quad 9670$ sheet metal and was recently converted to an older D-21 style body, has an original block the rest of the engine has been heavily modified for competitions, in which the tractor pulls a 50,000pound sled that continuously gets heavier through the run as far as it can.

"You can see the cylinder heads and everything is custom built," Johnson said. "To get motor support you have to do a lot of work. You need to put a lot of counter- weight on the crank and aluminum rods overhead cam.'

For an added boost the tractor runs four turbochargers, with three smaller turbos – that peer menacingly out of the front grill - that feed into one larger one located behind them that leads to the

The result is 80 pounds of boost.

All the power comes at a price, however.

The tractor, which was converted to run on methanol, burns fuel at a rate of 23 gallons per minute.

Though the tractor has had several issues with parts going out, Johnson's work has paid off. He's competed all over the country, earning a national championship in 2000 and a world championship in 2002, which he took the tractor to Rotterdam, the Netherlands, to compete.

Johnson said there wasn't a large prize for winning, but the free trip and experience were prize

"An all-expense paid trip over there is about what it amounted to," Johnson said. "They paid for hauling it, airfare, meals and everything. It was amazing. They lowered it into a crate and it didn't cost us anything. I hated to come home. I liked it over there."

Johnson said he doesn't compete as much now because of his age, though someday his eager 11-yearold grandson, Zayne Johnson make take his place as the lead driver.

Johnson stressed, however, that driving the 8,000pound tractor takes a lot of practice and technique.

"You have to get the motor lit first of all," Johnson said. "You bring it up to about 6,000 RPM and then when you load the clutch it heats the motor, turns the sensors on and puts the rest of the fuel in

"It's a slipper clutch kind of like a car, but we have to override it to get the engine RPMs up so high. You have to feather it with your foot to make heat to get all these turbos to run. You have to have done it a few times."

Johnson said the tractor easily lifts the front end, even with 4,900 of the tractor's 8,000 pounds resting on the front, including 1,525 pounds worth of standard tractor weights on the front end to keep it planted.

As the front lifts while pulling the massive sled, Johnson said the tractor has a tendency to want to tip to the side, requiring him to apply brake pressure to one of the rear wheels to remain planted.

He recalled one pull that was particularly vio-

"I had it up on one wheel down in Louisville." Johnson said. "It stood right up and the chain bottomed out and drove the front end down into the ground. I had black and blue marks on my shoulder. It hit hard. If I wouldn't have had a shoulder harness I would have ended up in the grandstand.'

Johnson said the tractor's best pull was 383 feet and a typical run takes around 10 seconds.

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Farm Aid president Willie Nelson to be inducted into Agricultural Hall of Fame

Farm Aid and the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame announced that Farm Aid founder and president Willie Nelson will be inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Nelson will be honored in a ceremony to take place on the morning before Farm Aid's 2011 concert scheduled for August 13 at LIVESTRONG Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kan.

"We want to recognize Mr. Nelson for his long commitment to America's family farmers," said Cathi Hahner, executive director of the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame. "To this day, he continues the work that he started back in 1985 when he, along with John Mellencamp and Neil Young, organized the first Farm Aid concert, raising millions of dollars and drawing enormous attention to the devastating eco-

FFA scholarship

The National FFA Or-

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ship to Brady Jensen of the

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tablished by the National

member of FFA, and his

family owns a ranch opera-

tion raising Hereford cat-

tle. Jensen plans to use the

funds to attend Butler Com-

munity College and then

transfer to Kansas State

University to pursue a de-

gree in animal science and

business. Upon graduation,

Jensen plans to raise pure-

bred livestock. "Excellent

young students like Brady

are the foundation of a fu-

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build the profitability of

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Jensen is a four-year

FFA Foundation.

Jensen receives National

nomic problems faced by this country's family farmers and their communities."

As Farm Aid's founder and president, Nelson has been a champion in the work to raise awareness about the loss of family farms and to raise funds to keep farm families on their land. Over the past 26 years, Farm Aid has raised more than \$39 million to promote a strong and resilient family farm system of agriculture that ensures farmers a fair living, strengthens our communities, protects our natural resources and delivers good food for all.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to join the company of the 38 prominent inductees already in the Agricultural Hall of Fame," said Nelson. "I have long said that family farmers are the backbone of our country. I never thought Farm Aid would need to be around as long as it has

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been, but we know our country needs family farmers, and Farm Aid will be here as long as family farmers need us. It's up to all of us to work together to keep family farmers growing."

Growing up in the small farm town of Abbott, Tex., Nelson gained a respect and admiration for family farmers and the value of hard work. Through his work with Farm Aid, Nelson has worked with local regional and national organizations to promote fair farm policies and grassroots organizing campaigns designed to defend and bolster family farm-centered agriculture. By strengthening the voices of family farmers, Farm Aid stands up for the most resourceful, heroic Americans — the family farmers who work the land.

"Willie has said he realized early on that playing the guitar was a heck of a lot easier than being a farmer," said Farm Aid executive director and long-time friend Carolyn Mugar. "The family farmer has never had a better friend than Willie Nelson; he has worked tirelessly to stand up for family farmers and the good food we all want."

The Agricultural Hall of Fame's inductees include George Washington Carver, John Deere, Louise Stanley and Thomas Jefferson. The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame was issued a rare federal charter by the act of the 86th Congress to serve as the national museum of agriculture and to honor the American farmer. Today, it sits on a

164-acre complex in the Kansas City, Kan., metro area that includes the Agricultural Hall of Fame, Museum of Farming, Farm Town USA, Poultry Museum and the National Farmers Memorial, which stands as the nation's only national monument honoring the American farmer — past, present and future.

Farm Aid 2011, the organization's 26th annual benefit concert, will be held in Kansas City, Kan., on Aug. 13. For more information, visit www.farmaid.org.

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JD 4020, gas, 3 pt., PTO w/JD 48 loader JD 3020, 3 pt., PTO JD 2940, 3 pt., PTO 1993 FORD 7740, CA, MFD, 3 pt., PTO, 4,874 hrs. 1984 FORD TW-15. CA. MFD. 3

FORD 1710, 3 pt., PTO, 3,000 hrs. FORD 335, gas, 3 pt., PTO

w/ldr. 1982 DA DX-160, CA, MFD, 3 pt., PTO 1974 IH 1066, CA, 3 pt., PTO IH 706, cab, 3 pt., PTO IH 656, 3 pt., PTO, Needs Work

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PTO. 18.4x38 duals AC 8010, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 3,885

AC 7000, CA, 3 pt., PTO Bison 254, MFD, 3 pt., PTO

COMBINES & HEADS

1979 JD 6620, CA, hydro, 3,034 hrs. MF 410, gas, CA, Good 1999 JD 930, flex, Clean 1998 JD 922, flex, Good 1995 JD 922, flex

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JD 643, corn head 1998 CIH 1083, corn head, Good 1979 JD 444, corn head

JD 444, corn head GLEANER, 20', rigid, fits R MF 43, corn head

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LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

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NH, flail, manure spreader Hay feeder Creep feeders Gate

1996 FIAT-ALLIS FR-90, articulated loader, 4,100 hrs. 2005 GEHL 4640, cab, skid loader, 2,250 hrs. 2004 JD 240, Series II, skid loader, 1,300 hrs., Clean 2000 BOBCAT 864, track, skid loader, 2,400 hrs. CAT trencher attachment, for skid loader YALE, forklift mast

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

PLANTERS & DRILLS

JD 7300, 6x30, vac, 3 pt. JD 7200, 12x30, folding, vac, Good JD 7000, 6x30, plateless, no-till, dry fert., Good JD 7000, 6x30, plate JD 1240, 4x30, dry fert. CIH 900, 12x30, horizontal fold, shedded, Nice IH 800, 6x30, plate IH 510, 18x7, sd, Clean JD 8200, 16x10, sd 2) JD 1590, 15x17 1/2, no till. Good JD 8350, 21'x7", folding GP, 30'x7 1/2", dd GP, 24x7 1/2", folding w/seeders KRAUSE 5200, 15'x7 1/2", no till, pull type HOUCH, dual drill hitch for JD 15', no till BRILLION, 8', 3 pt., seeder,

LOADERS & BLADES

Good

JD 58, fits JD JD 148 w/valve OLIVER 1610 w/6' bucket WESTENDORF TA-26, fits IH Rear blade, 6', 3 pt. LAND LEVELER, 12', pull type,

MOWERS & REC

JD L-110 w/42" deck JD LX-266 w/42" deck JD LT-155 w/38" deck 2) 2003 YAMAHA, electric, golf

KUBOTA, RTV 900, 4x4 SE KANSAS ESTATE

1993 FORD Versatile 846, Designation 6, 18.4x38 duals, 1979 CASE 2090, CA, 3 pt., PTO, 6,515 hrs. 1978 CASE 1175, CA, 8 sp., 3 pt., PTO, 5,422 hrs. 1978 CASE 1070, CA, 3 pt.,

CASE 930, 3 pt., PTO, Hasn't ran for years, shedded 1974 JD 4230, CA, quad, 3 pt.,

JD 3010, 3 pt., PTO 1988 JD 7720, Titan II, CA hydro, 4x4, chopper, monitor, 30.5x32, 3,078 hrs. JD 918, flex head UFT, 500 bu., grain cart 1994 GEHL 4625, skid loader,

1.200 hrs. GP, 30'x7 1/2", folding drill NH 390, tub grinder, shedded VERMEER, rock pickup KRAUSE 4995, 28', rock flex,

BUSHHOG 160, 10', pull type, shredder GEHL 800, 2x30, chopper,

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2004 VERMEER 605XL, net wrap, kicker, tucker wheelers, 5,500 bales JD 510, rd. baler CIH 8465, rd. baler NH 848, rd. baler, Good JD 336-T, sq. baler NH 276-W, sq. baler NH 273-T, sq. baler IH 47-T, sq. baler VERMEER R-23, twin rake 2) NH 258 rakes ÓMI, 10 wheel, rake RHINO, 5 wheel, 3 pt., rake FORD, hyd., sickle, mower NH 456, 9' pull type, sickle mower 2) JD 39, pull type, sickle, mow-1983 NH 1495, CA, hydro, 12',

swather, 4,474 hrs. HESSTON 1160, 14', hydra swing, swather JD 1525, 14', hydra swing, swather JD 820, 9', swather, Nice JD 1214, mower-conditioner NI 5410, 10', 3 pt., disc mower

Bale elevator, 14' FARMHAND, accumulator Dolly wheel for NH 258 rake

SHREDDERS

2) RHINO SR-15, 15', bat wing RHINO HF-315, 15', bat wing SIDEWINDER, 5x5, pull type FORD, 10', pull type KING KUTTER, 5', 3 pt., groom-

ing mower IH 40, flail, pull type BUSHHOG 2615, Legend, 15', bat wing BUSHHOG 160, 10', pull type BUSHHOG SM-60, 3 pt., ditch

TILLAGE KRAUSE 1401, 18', disc, Good

mower

IH 490, 22', disc IH 330, 10', disc JD 235, 20', disc JD BWA, 14', disc JD 210, 12', disc HESSTON 2440, 18', disc WHITE 271, 20', hyd. fold, disc 5'. 3 pt., disc MILLER, 14', offset, disc BUSHHOG, 6', offset, pull type, disc CASE, 10', offset, disc 2) JD 1630, 10', plow discs BUSHHOG, 12', plow disc IH 500, 10', plow disc JD, 2 btm., 3 pt., plow 2 btm., 3 pt., plow JD 2500, 4 btm., reset plow CASE, 3 btm., 3 pt., plow AC, 3 btm., 3 pt., plow IH 510, 3 btm., plow IH 720, 4 and 5 btm., plows BUSHHOG, 7 shank, 3 pt., V-rip-

JD, 15 spring shank, 3 pt., chis-JD, 7 spring shank, 3 pt., chisel

AC, 10 spring shank, 3 pt., chis-2) FERGUSON, 6', 3 pt., chisel WILRICH 2500, 24', field cult.

MISC. EQUIPMENT

YALE fork lift attach. CAT fork grapple CAT bale clamp Sprayer, 300 gal., pull type LOCKWOOD, LO-7900, 3 pt pecan shaker GRACE, street sweeper, pull Sprayer, 500 gal., pull type 500 gal., tandem sprayer w/40' booms HAWK BUILT, fert. spreader LINCOLN SA-250, portable welder, diesel, 1,098 hrs. SCHULTE, front mount, snow blower Seeder, 3 pt.

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MISCELLANEOUS

5 1/2'-6', T-POSTS Good used barbed wire Tomato cages Lumber 20.8x38 duals 18.4x34 duals Challenger, loader brackets JD Factory wide front, 10-20 Series Schwartz wide front, JD IH, Factory wide front, 656 Chevy pickup bed, 2002 JD Factory roll bar w/canopy, 10-20 Series Bale spears Pickup utility bed 231x26 Tires Fuel tank w/electric pump 2) Pallet jacks JD Cat III, quick hitch WEIGHTS: JD side and slab JD rear CAT front AGCO front JD 100 lb., front IH 100 lb., front 300 gal. water tank on skid

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Soaring temps lead to water restrictions in Kansas

(AP) — Triple-digit temperatures have led some Kansas communities to start restricting water usage and have left many farmers unable to pump enough from wells to satisfy thirsty crops.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this month issued a drought disaster declaration for 49 Kansas counties. Some parts of the states have received less than half of their typical rainfall.

The Wichita Eagle reported that the Augusta City Lake, which is surrounded by acres of driedout mud, could be tapped out as a water source by mid-August unless heavy rains or water conservation extends its life.

Violations of outdoor water usage restrictions announced this past week can draw fines of \$50 to \$300 and result in loss of service. If the drought continues. the city may consider closing pools and coin-operated car washes.

Linda Williams, who has lived in a home near the edge of Augusta City Lake for 25 years, doesn't like to watch her normally green front vard turn brown.

"But we don't have a choice. We're all in the same boat so we may as well work together," she said.

The city of Hesston has declared a water emergency, and residents will soon be required to limit outdoor watering. Residents are being asked to voluntarily conserve water until the resolution goes into effect, said City Administrator John Carder.

"Hopefully, it will rain," he said, noting the city had received about four inches of rain since June 1.

In Larned, the heat and lack of rain has been blistering. Farmer Tom Giessel bought a new corn header earlier this year with hopes of another bountiful harvest. But now that his 1,200 acres of corn have shriveled, he doesn't expect to pull his combine out of the shed

"Kiss her goodbye," he said as he stood in the middle of a patch of dryland corn, inspecting what was left of his drought-stricken

Even irrigated crops are suffering because farmers can't pump enough to keep them from withering. Many farmers are abandoning half their circles in an effort to save the other half, said Joey Kuehler, a Satanta-area crop consultant with Dodge City-based Servi-Tech Inc.

"I've made more recommendations in the past three weeks for farmers to do that than I have in the past 25 years combined," Kuehler told the Hutchin-

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son News. "When you have a 125-acre circle and you abandoned one half to save the other half, that pretty much shows we are in dire straits."

The state is taking steps to help. Seward County K-State Extension agent Mike Hanson said under an old law, producers were only allocated so many inches of irrigation water per acre per year. One effort aimed at helping is a flex account that gives farmers a five-year allotment of water based on their past usage over a 10year period.

"They can spread that allocation over five years, and hopefully, we'll have a couple of wet years if they do that," he told the Leader & Times newspaper in Liberal. "It gives them a chance to plan ahead and maybe put in more waterefficient crops."

Livestock feed remains number one use of U.S. corn

leased by the USDA this month and data supplied by PRX, domestic and international livestock continues to be the No. 1 use for U.S. corn, totaling approximately 7.7 billion bushels per vear. An estimated 1.5 billion bushels of corn, or 80 percent of projected U.S. corn exports, was used for feed overseas in the past vear. Additionally, U.S. livestock consume totals 6.2 billion bushels, 5.0 billion in whole corn and an additional 1.2 billion bushels of corn displaced by ethanol coproducts.

"While media attention has focused more on ethanol production recently, the livestock industry continues to purchase more corn than any other sector year after year," said National Corn Growers Association president Bart Schott. "Livestock and poultry continue to be a valuable market for corn farmers and

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one which we continue to provide with an ample supply of corn and corn coproducts."

When discussing corn usage by livestock it is completely inaccurate to disregard the critical role played by distillers grains and other ethanol coproducts in livestock feed blends, or the use of exported corn as feed. Distillers grains are an ethanol co-product with the proper protein profile for use in feed for a variety of animals. In not citing that this product was subse-

quently used for feed, many figures skew the total perspective on usage for food, feed and fuel.

"Corn farmers, many of whom also are livestock producers, realize the importance of the livestock and poultry feed markets to our industry," said Schott. "Through new technology, improved practices and our increased ability to utilize corn in many ways, we are meeting all needs for feed. food and fuel even as demand continues to grow for all uses.



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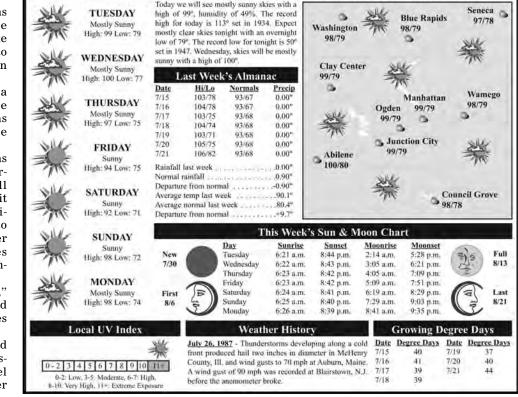


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711 122.0	16	142.00	515	2
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833 116.	6	141.00	584	11
Butcher Cow Top was		136.50	717	5
		135.25	775	21
\$72.00 @ 1320 lbs.		133.85	825	31
Butcher Bull Top was		130.50	871	54
\$86.50 @ 1935 lbs.		123.00	908	8
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Fat Hog Top - \$65.00			HEIFERS	
Avg. 233 lbs.		134.00	340	1
Sows: \$45.50 to \$54.25		130.50	530	5

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 27:	
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12 black-x steers & heifers	650-750 lbs.
12 black-x steers & heifers	800-925 lbs.
120 black-x steers, weaned	800-900 lbs.
37 black-x steers, weaned	900-950 lbs.
120 black-x steers, weaned	700-775 lbs.
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100 black-x heifers, weaned	700-775 lbs.
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100 black-x steers & heifers	575-700 lbs.
70 black-x steers & heifers, 1 rd of shots	650-775 lbs.
100 black-x steers & heifers	575-700 lbs.
130 black-x steers & heifers	500-700 lbs.
30 black-x steers & heifers	650-750 lbs.
20 black-x steers & heifers, weaned	700-800 lbs.
110 black-x steers	650-775 lbs.
50 black-x steers	650-775 lbs.
30 black-x steers, weaned	900-1,000 lbs.
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Sale results for the week of July 19:

		STEERS	3	Butcher Cow Top was
	5	390	164.00	1355 lbs. @ \$72.50
	19	535	154.00	
	13	503	147.00	Butcher Bull Top was
b	40	618	141.00	1735 lbs. @ \$91.00
	37	708	137.75	
	40	610	136.00	Bred Cows: No Test
		HEIFER	S	
	11	448	137.00	Pairs: No test
	38	546	132.00	
	31	614	128.75	

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 26: If you have cattle to sell, please let us know!

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• 580 black red & Charolais heifers, 750-800 lbs.

• 21 black heifers, 750-800 lbs.

• 180 mix heifers, 775-825 lbs. 170 mix heifers, 775-850 lbs. 140 black & Charolais steers, 775-850 lbs. 150 mostly black steers, 825-875 lbs. 320 black red & Charolais steers, 825-875 lbs. 105 black & red steers, 925-1050 lbs. START ON FEEDER CATTLE BY 12:30 PM! EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 3RD: 640 black red & charolais steers, 750-850 lbs. 100 black heifers, 775-825 lbs. 240 black heifers, 775-825 lbs. 130 mix steers, 775-850 lbs. 68 mix steers & heifers, 775-850 lbs. Looking To Have A Large Sale on Aug. 3rd! **CONSIGNMENTS COMING IN DAILY!** CHECK US OUT AT emporialivestock.com FOR ALL THE SCHEDULES AND CONSIGNMENTS! THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! YOUR BUSINESS ALWAYS APPRECIATED! For Cattle Appraisals Call: BRODY PEAK, 620-343-5107 GLENN UNRUH, 620-341-0607 LYLE WILLIAMS, Field Representative, 785-229-5457

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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Appreciation For Rural Life

Rural folks understand and appreciate community life. Not only does it take a village to raise a child, it takes a village to sustain people and families. A village contributes to a high quality of life. People pitch in to give support and leadership in order for vital community functions to continue to exist.

The importance of community with its institutions, celebrations and traditions helps define who people are and what they stand for. They cherish a common history and look forward with hope to a future together. They understand and support community events and traditions that make a community a community.

Rural leaders. I stand in awe of community-minded local leaders who are unselfish, visionary, inclusive and skillful at organizing themselves. They have a gift of social and political skills to balance the interests of those who depend on each other over a life-

They trust each other. They cooperate. They put in long hours behind the scenes. Their example of civic responsibility inspires subsequent generations of leaders who know how to work together for the good of the whole.

Rural leaders through obstacles and red tape with a "can do" attitude. In the process, they enjoy light-hearted fun, friendships and camaraderie. They do it because it needs to be done and their hands are needed. They are the glue, the vision and the life-blood of the community.

Why do they do it? Why do they give of themselves so freely and unselfishly? People get a sense of significance when they see the

STEERS

3 bk bwf 325@145.50

6 bk bwf 592@138.75

28 bk 572@137.75

10 bk bwf760@135.50

6 rd angus 648@134.50

10 bk red 620@133.75

24 bk bwf703@133.50

15 mix 674@133.00

28 bk bwf726@130.50

18 char bk711@130.00

44 bk rd chr822@128.75

26 chr rd 831@127.00

63 mix 899@124.60

19 bk 912@123.75

16 bk rd chr954@123.50

BUTCHER COWS: \$57-\$76.25,

120 mixed steers, 850-925 lbs.

mostly \$66-\$74, very active.

5 bk

453@141.00

how their contributions directly affect others. They can and do make a difference. They understand and take responsibility for how their actions affect others.

Entrepreneurship. Whether it is family farms and ranches, agribusiness, Main Street merchants, local professions, educators or service providers, the towns and countryside are full of entrepreneurs.

I've seen multiple examples of ingenious entrepreneurs who see needs and produce quality products and service. They serve their customers so well that their businesses grow and become sources of employment and livelihood for other community members.

I admire the staying power of merchants, teachers, public servants, technicians, health care professionals, business owners and others who choose to make their living in small communities despite economic pressures. Many reach the leading edge of their professions and prove that occupational success isn't limited by location and is, in many cases, enhanced by it.

Family farming and ranching. I can't say enough about families who choose to make their living through agriculture. The hours are long, the pressures great, the markets uncertain, and weather is a huge factor in success or failure. Only persistence and optimism see people through the challenges they face.

I admire the work ethic, knowledge base, skills, financial know-how and dedication that is needed to be a farmer. I admire the partnerships between husband and wife as they work together as a family for common dreams and a family

168 bk bwf769@122 90

15 bk chr 786@122.25

25 mix 710@122.25

15 bk red 773@121.85

63 mix 772@120.90

39 mix 813@120.00

45 red chr843@119.25

57 mix 797@119.00

66 mix 785@119.00

40 bk red796@118.40

108 xbred734@118.25

12 bk red 848@118.00

94 bk bwf840@118.00

15 char bk 832@118.00

104 bk rd chr866@117.50

20 bk bwf888@117.00

13 bk bwf946@116.75

BUTCHER BULLS: \$83-\$91.75,

mostly \$87-\$90, very active

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12 bk bwf621@132.00

8 bk bwf 582@131.75

12 hk hwf573@130.25

16 bk chr 706@127.75

12 bk red580@125.75

21 bk angs731@124.90

17 bk chr 769@124.25

24 bk chr 676@124.00

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15 bk

29 mix

8 bk

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300 black red Charolais heifers, 700-800 lbs.

• 150 bk red Char strs & hfrs, 500-700 lbs., calves 70 bk red strs & hfrs, 350-550 lbs., weaned & vacc.

492@132.50

life second to none.

I see children being reared with wholesome values, the work ethic and a huge dose of family fun thrown in.

I admire the relationship and management skills that go into families farming together in multifamily farms. Considerable sacrifices are made as the dream of passing on the farm from one generation to another takes place. These sacrifices are not only in conserving an asset base but also in selflessly sharing management in order to groom the next generation of leaders.

The people. Rural people enjoy true life-long friendships and genuine affection with their extended families, neighbors, friends and associates. I see the amount of fun, light-heartedness and teasing in social occasions. They enjoy each other in unhurried conversations and sharing of activities such as hunting, fishing and other hobbies.

extended family in the commitment and relationships grandparents have with grandchildren, aunts and uncles have with nieces and nephews and cousins have with each other. I see the effort in getting together to celebrate life through family events, holidays, community gatherings, baptisms, graduations, confirmations, weddings and other special occasions.

I appreciate the down-to earth, common sense, religious values, service and perspective on life that keep rural people grounded in sound living and happiness. Local wisdom keeps people from getting carried away by fads, popular culture, materialism or personal pride.

I admire the genuine caring and help that is given to families facing tragedy and disaster. I have felt the warmth of hospitality and graciousness of rural people to each other and to strangers who are off the road or have any kind of problem.

I respect the tolerance and acceptance rural people show to those with disabilities, the amount of loving care and value given to the aged and a huge commitment to the young. They are all included and made to feel a part of the community.

I see children in the limelight. Children are val-I see the power of the ued and supported in their

activities whether it be in drama, music, athletics, church groups, 4-H, FFA or other extra-curricular activities.

Rural people share the excitement and cheer at activities and sporting events for their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other people's children they have come to love as dearly as their own. Children have meaningful interactions

with adults of all ages and walks of life. They feel like they belong when they sense that the community is proud of them and cares about them.

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Colten Banks, Effingham, Kan., won reserve champion commercial Angus steer at the 2011 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 4 in Hutchin-

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540@137.50

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19 hlk red strs

108 mxd strs

6 blk bwf rwf strs 861@117.75

HEIFERS

150 blk bwf red strs 700-800

48 blk & rwf strs 800-850 w&v

35 blk s&h 600-750 vacc

28 blk s&h 700-800 w&v

16 blk hfrs 600-650 w&v

12 blk s&h 600-700 w&v

14 blk bwf s&h 650-700 w&v

11 mix bulls & hfrs 500-600 15

25 blk & red strs w&v 10 blk hfrs 600-650 w&v

9 blk strs

5 blk hfrs

18 blk hfrs

3 blk hfrs

4 blk hfrs

5 blk hfrs

7 blk hfrs

8 blk hfrs

w&v

JULY 26--REGULAR WEEKLY AUCTION 6 P.M.

61 mxd hfrs

10 mxd hfrs

6 blk bwf hfrs

730@130.75

816@128.00

935@125.85

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\$140; heifers, \$100-\$130; 700-800 lb. steers, \$110-\$136.50; heifers, \$100-\$126.50; 800-900 lb. steers, \$110-\$132.75; heifers, \$95-\$121. Trend on Calves: Choice steers & heifers, steady. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Feeder steers, steady to \$2 lower; Feeder heifers, steady to \$3 lower. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows: \$60-\$70.50 Avg. dressing cows, \$50-\$60; Low dressing cows, \$35-\$50. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$72.50-\$86. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Butcher Cows, \$2-\$3 lower; Butcher Bulls,

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- 60 heifers, 750 lbs

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1 red bull

3 blk strs

1 blk bull

9 blk strs

34 myd etre

21 blk bwf strs

6 blk red strs

10 blk red strs

42 blk bwf strs

60 blk bwf strs

6 blk bwf strs

13 blk bwf strs

28 blk strs

3 blk strs

4 blk strs

50 herf & ang x s&h 600-800 vacc 30 blk s&h 600-800 w&v

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Early Consignments for July 28:

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- 140 steers, 800 lbs
- 140 steers, 850 lbs
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Revisiting ethanol's impact on corn and feed prices

ethanol policy continues in Washington, reviewing recent research on the subject of ethanol and corn prices may prove insightful especially when one set of ethanol opponents blames the biofuel as the leading cause of higher livestock and poultry feed prices.

'There is a lot of false rhetoric out there about the impact of ethanol policy on corn prices and by extension the price of food and feed," said NCGA president Bart Schott. "The research does not support this rhetoric and it is time to move past this and work together for stronger economic security and a broad approach to energy independence that can help reduce costs."

Last month. Bruce Babcock of Iowa State University released a report for the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development that looked at the impact of the ethanol blender's credit on corn prices and found that corn prices would have been only up to 17 percent lower had the credit not been extended in late 2010. The reishing effect. "Ethanol subsidies have not been the major driver of higher commodity prices," the report states. "The impact of U.S. ethanol policies through higher feed costs on consumer prices of eggs, beef, pork and broilers was even smaller. The largest impact on any of these products was a two-cent-perdozen (1.1 percent) increase

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eration to prices of corn

products and sees a dimin-

This report is similar to an April study by Babcock and Jacinto Fabiosa, which found that the corn price spike of 2008 would have happened without ethanol expansion.

in egg prices. All other

product prices were impact-

ed by much less than 1 per-

"First, the general pattern of corn prices that we saw in the historical periodincreasing prices in in 2006 and 2007, a price spike in 2008, followed by a sharp price decline in 2009-would occurred without ethanol subsidies or even if corn ethanol production had not expanded," Bab-"Second, investor fervor for

and 2007 would have occurred even without subsidies because a combination of cheap corn, a phase-out of MTBE, and higher crude oil prices made ethanol profitable. Thus, ethanol production would have expanded quite rapidly even without subsidies.

The researchers state that actual corn prices increased by an average of \$1.65 per bushel from 2006 to 2009 and that only 14 cents (8 percent) of this increase was due to ethanol subsidies. Another 45 cents of the increase was due to market-based expansion of the corn ethanol industry.

This is not a new theory. At the height of the last spike in corn prices back in 2008, Texas A&M University's Agriculture and Food Policy Center issued a report that drew similar conclusions. This report looks not at the ethanol incentives, but at the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) itself.

"Relaxing the RFS does not result in significantly lower corn prices," the researchers note. "This is due to the ethanol infrastructure already in place and in excess of the RFS, indicating that relaxing the standard would not cause a contraction in the industry."

Ethanol production also helps the livestock industry, Schott noted, because when corn is converted to ethanol only the starch is used. Distillers grains is a valuable coproduct that retains all the non-starch food and feed value of the corn used for ethanol. it provides all of the protein, minerals, nutrients, and oil from corn and returns it into the livestock feed supply chain.

Distillers grains availability will displace approximately 1.2 billion bushels of corn in livestock rations this year, providing a high-quality, high-value feed product for livestock producers. At approximately \$200 per ton, this provides corn-equivalent protein and nutrients for livestock feed at the price equivalent of less than \$1.75 per bushel.

In a recent article, agriculture reporter and commentator Gary Truitt says that the livestock industry is doing agriculture a disservice in its attack on ethanol.

"Amidst our great diversity, we must find common ground and support each other in an effort protect a sector that is to vital to the U.S.," Truitt said. "Having a safe and sustainable meat and milk supply is just as important as having a functioning renewable fuels industry to lessen our dependence on imported oil."



Tess Steckline, Garden Plain, won reserve champion Angus-based steer at the 2011 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 4 in Hutchinson.





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We sold 856 cattle July 19. Steer and heifer calves sold at lower STOCKED & EEEDED HEIEEDS prices due to extremely hot weather. Feeder steers and heifers were \$3.00-4.00 lower due to the heat and a lower futures market. Cows and bulls were \$1.00-3.00 lower.

STEER & BUL	L CALVES	4 blk strs	590 @ 130.50
2 blk strs/bulls	213 @ 174.00	2 bwf/blk strs	608 @ 130.00
2 blk bulls	290 @ 159.00	16 blk strs	678 @ 130.00
1 blk bull	305 @ 157.00	4 blk/char strs	686 @ 130.00
1 blk str	485 @ 150.00	3 blk strs	600 @ 127.50
1 char bull	305 @ 149.00	70 bwf/blk strs	920 @ 127.10
9 blk/sim strs/bulls	444 @ 145.00	60 blk/char strs	954 @ 126.10
1 blk str	500 @ 145.00	11 blk strs	725 @ 125.85
2 blk strs	505 @ 141.50	4 blk strs	909 @ 122.00
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2 blk strs	543 @ 137.50	1 blk hfr	220 @ 156.00
1 blk bull	415 @ 129.00	1 char hfr	195 @ 154.00
4 hol strs	455 @ 96.50	5 blk/sim hfrs	361 @ 140.00
STOCKER & FEE	DER STEERS	2 blk hfrs	455 @ 130.00
6 blk strs	711 @ 140.00	1 blk hfr	535 @ 127.00
8 blk strs	630 @ 137.50	1 blk hfr	520 @ 125.00
63 bwf/blk strs	807 @ 135.75	3 blk/sim hfrs	527 @ 117.50
3 blk strs	565 @ 135.50	1 limo hfr	425 @ 117.00
8 blk strs	654 @ 134.75	1 sim hfr	430 @ 117.00
3 blk strs	765 @ 133.00	2 x-bred hfrs	485 @ 116.50
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	56 bwf/blk hfrs	821 @ 124.60
	11 blk/char hfrs	595 @ 124.00
	68 mix hfrs	801 @ 123.85
	64 bwf/blk hfrs	851 @ 123.60
	15 blk/red hfrs	605 @ 123.25
	34 mix hfrs	855 @ 122.85
	2 blk hfrs	710 @ 122.00
	9 blk hfrs	586 @ 120.50
	3 blk/red hfrs	605 @ 118.50
	4 bwf/blk hfrs	941 @ 105.75
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	1 bwf hfrt	945 @ 85.50
	1 hwf hfrt	725 @ 70 00

2 blk hfrs	710 @ 122.00	BKE
9 blk hfrs	586 @ 120.50	1 blk cow/c
3 blk/red hfrs	605 @ 118.50	1 blk cow
4 bwf/blk hfrs	941 @ 105.75	1 sim cow
COWS & H	IEIFERETTES	1 blk cow
1 bwf hfrt	945 @ 85.50	1 char cow
1 bwf hfrt	725 @ 79.00	
1 blk cow	1415 @ 71.00	
1 blk cow	1420 @ 70.25	1 blk bull
1 blk cow	1445 @ 67.25	1 blk bull
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CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 2:

180 black xbred heifers, 700-775 lbs., off grass 240 black Charolais steers, 750-850 lbs., off grass 49 black crossbred steers, 825-850 lbs., off grass



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