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AGCO holds product launch at Beloit's Sunflower plant

By Amy G. Hadachek

Fresh off the truck, and ready to work farm ground is the exciting new fall 2012 line-up of Sunflower implements, soon to debut to the

public. AGCO, Sunflower's parent company, held their 2012 Product Launch for the media July 12 in a wheat stubble field near Sunflower's 40,000-square-foot

farm equipment manufacturing plant in Beloit. The massive equipment was rolled out to the field so reporters could see how it works. New implements showcased

at the product launch included: Challenger MT700D track tractor (Tier 4i compliant), Challenger 500C Series combine, Sunflower 6631 vertical tillage system, Sunflower 4700 In-Line Ripper, Sunflower 5056 Field Cultivator, Sunflower 9700 Air Till Drill, and the Fendt 700 Series tractor.

"We'll be doing our public launch soon, and we're looking forward to showing off these new implements," said Tom Draper, manager of product marketing for seeding and tillage, who oversees Sunflower and White planters in North America. The equipment will preview to farmers at the Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa August 28-30, and at Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island, Nebraska September 11-13.

"Some of these implements have been in development for two to three years and a significant amount of testing, including lab and field tests, was conducted to make great improvements. The truss frame on our 5056

Field Cultivator now has greater strength, flexibility and durability," said Draper. "We've also filled the gaps in our primary tillage line with the introduction of the 4700 Series In-Line Ripper."

The In-line Ripper is geared toward high acreage use. With time of the essence, many producers are investing in higher horsepower tractors, which require bigger implements. Designed especially for fall tillage to increase yields in heavily compacted soil, the Sunflower 4700 Series In-line Rippers offers three equipment models and five widths. They're built on weighty frames and have heavy-duty shanks designed to slice through tough crop residue and deeply penetrate.

The In-line Ripper comes with a 2" wide point or a 7" wide point. The 2" point is designed to shatter very dry, hard brittle compacted ground whereas the 7" wide point is intended for wet, loose ground.

"You use these rippers anywhere where you have compaction, as in row crop areas, such as soybeans and corn, where heavy machinery is used for harvesting," said Sunflower seeding and tillage marketing specialist Bob Boelsen. "It's available in five widths; a rigid five, seven or eight shank, as well as a folding eight shank, and then there's a folding 12 shank," Boelsen added.

Specifically, SF4710 is a three-point-mounted rigid frame, available with five, seven or eight shanks and a maximum 20-foot working width. SF4730-8 is an eight-row flat-fold frame with eight shanks and a 20-foot working width. SF4730-12 is our 12-row pull-type with an over-center fold frame. With 12 shanks and a 30-foot working width, Sunflower says it is one of the largest in-line rippers in the industry. The new 6631-35 and 6631-40 Series vertical tillage tools, available as both a 35-footer with 112

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Bob Boelsen, product marketing specialist, shows the measurements of the In-Line Ripper.

Federal panel supports Kansas biosecurity lab project

(AP) — A government-backed committee of the National Research Council issued a report recently saying the United States would have adequate biosecurity protections even if plans for a proposed \$1.14 billion lab in Kansas are scaled back.

The study was prepared by a subcommittee formed this spring to look at three options for the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility that is to be built in Manhattan near the Kansas State University campus. The report was in response to tighter federal revenues and budget controls that are forcing agencies to rethink spending priorities.

DHS asked the National Research Council to review the threats of foreign animal disease, the capabilities needed to address such threats and analyze options for building the lab as proposed or scaling back the size and scope. A third option included keeping the current research lab at Plum Island, N.Y.

While the committee found that the need for a lab hadn't changed since the project was first proposed in 2006, it did find that DHS had two options for completing the goal of developing the capabilities with a laboratory designed specifically to respond to a biosecurity threat. However, the report concluded that both options had drawbacks.

"We really did not rank any of the options that we were given," said Terry McElwain, chairman of the committee. "There is a really more thorough and comprehensive analysis that would need to be made by decision-makers before a decision is made, and we didn't feel we could do that."

The first option would be to continue designing and constructing the new lab in Kansas, which would give the United States a large-animal lab with so-called Level 4 security to handle such deadly diseases as foot-and-mouth. However, because the costs for the project have escalated, the

committee suggested DHS look for alternative funding sources. It was noted that certain research programs at a lab in Australia have been supported through public-private partnerships with the agriculture industry.

The second option would be to scale back the size of the project and disburse research of diseases across the country.

A third option, which would leave current research at Plum Island and rely on foreign labs to conduct research and deter threats, was rejected by the committee.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and Republican U.S. Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran issued a joint statement Friday applauding the committee's report. They called on DHS to move forward with acquiring the land in Manhattan and beginning construction.

"The NAS fittingly recognizes that the need for a centralized laboratory focused on research, diagnostics and surveillance is imperative. That laboratory should be NBAF," they said. "The NAS fittingly recognizes that the need for a centralized laboratory focused on research, diagnostics and surveillance is imperative. That laboratory should be NBAF," they said.

McElwain said it was unclear why costs have risen from estimates of \$450 million when the project was first announced.

One reason, he said, could be the changes in the facility's design to "harden" it to protect against the accidental release of deadly pathogens from a tornado or other natural disaster.

State officials had actively promoted northeast Kansas as a potential site for the lab, seeing it as crucial to efforts to create a strong biosciences industry

and create more than 300 jobs that would pay an average of more than \$75,000 a year. The state is committed to issuing up to \$105 million in bonds to help with the project.

Brownback spokeswoman Sherriene Jones-Sontag said Kansas was open to further discussions with DHS "to move the project forward as soon as possible."

She added that the state had a network of private and public partners supporting the project.

Congress has approved \$90 million in construction funds for the project, which has yet to be released pending recent DHS studies. In May, a House committee approved \$75 million more for the next fiscal year to continue the project.

Out for a stroll



Sammie Leeds, Council Grove, takes her pig out for a jaunt near the barns prior to the 27th annual Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic youth swine show, which was held Friday, July 13 at CiCo Park in Manhattan. 109 youth exhibitors from 29 counties showed 227 pigs at the event, which also included a photo contest and educational demonstrations.

Photo by Donna Sullivan



By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

It seems like only yesterday when I raced my buddies down the red-carpeted ramp of the Pix Theater in Hoxie trying to nail down those good seats. You know the ones I'm talking about – those in the front row where tennis shoes could be heard latching into congealed soda from the earlier matinee.

Back in those days, "the guys and me" could watch *Davey Crockett*, *Old Yeller* or *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* for only a quarter and a seal from a milk carton produced at Ada's, our

hometown dairy.

Outside as we waited in line for our tickets, you could smell the popcorn and glimpse the soda machine as it dropped a cup from its innards and spewed forth an overly sweet combination of syrup, carbonated water and ice. Sometimes the cup turned sideways and the liquid missed and sprayed the hand of the kid expecting a tasty treat.

Mom didn't keep chocolate at home so going to the movies meant we splurged. I couldn't wait to eat my favorite candy – a Denver Sandwich. This bit of heav-

en consisted of two long strawberry wafer cookies with oodles of caramel and peanut bits wrapped in a thick coating of milk chocolate. It only cost five cents and as I recall it was almost as big as an ice cream sandwich.

Other movies I loved were westerns starring Gary Cooper, Roy Rogers and my favorite, Randolph Scott. When I was five years old, I saw my first horror movie – *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms*.

This movie premiered in the early '50s and, like so many of the other films of this period, featured a nuclear explosion that freed a frozen dinosaur from his icy tomb. This armored giant reaped his prehistoric fury on modern man and my young psyche. I suffered

nightmares for weeks.

When we grew a bit older we drove nearly 80 miles to Hays to attend a larger theater. This theater overwhelmed our tiny one-aisle venue and featured a beautiful balcony. Being the older kids now, we always sat upstairs where we could hold hands and carefully put our arms around our girlfriends.

The point of all this, I guess, is they don't make movie theaters like they used to. The multi-screened mazes and cinema complexes that thrive today are designed for volume and efficiency. Forget cozy, close and jam-packed. This only happens occasionally when a blockbuster is released and lasts for usually the first day.

And sneaking into one of these new theaters in our high-security world is also a thing of the past, not that I ever tried such a prank as a youngster.

I have nothing against these modern chain theaters of today. I guess it is just good business in this age of DVDs, palm-entertainment systems and satellite television. They have to compete and who doesn't like to watch some of the latest Hollywood offerings on

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

My husband has four sisters who are all city girls in every sense of the word. While their parents had both been country folk, somehow not one rural characteristic managed to find its way into their DNA. Stories abound of their mother killing a rattlesnake in the chicken house with the high heel of her shoe and other phenomena that should have somehow translated into them having at least some fortitude for life outside of city limits, but alas, such is not the case. Then along came their baby brother who hunted, trapped and eventually found himself doing a little farming and raising cattle. When they come to visit, they have the wide-eyed expressions of ones who have sudden-

ly found themselves dropped unceremoniously onto another planet. It's a little hard to imagine that people from the same family could follow such different life paths, but the same holds true in my family, where I am the only one living a rural lifestyle.

Over the years we've had the opportunity to introduce them and their children to experiences they might not otherwise get to enjoy. And except for the time our oldest son was showing one of their daughters how to set a small trap and it snapped shut on her hand, they generally appreciate their time in the country. "Who lets their kids play with traps anyway?" the child's mother demanded. Well, we did. He had a trap-setting contest the next week and was just practicing. The child suffered no harm and had pretty well mastered trap setting by the time she left – a skill I'm sure she grew up to use frequently as a suburban wife and mother.

I doubt our family story is all that unique – well, except for the trap setting part, I guess. With so few people having a connection to agriculture these days, we don't have to go very far down our family tree to find relatives who have little to no understanding of what we do and why. While it's important to reach out to consumers nationwide with a positive message of agriculture, we might not have to go any further than our next family reunion.



What do Thunder and Lightning, Giddy Up and Whoa and Doofy all have in common? All were names of bucket calves at the Marshall County Fair. Over the past couple of weeks I have had the pleasure of judging a few county fairs and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. Oh sure, it was hot and the poor kids got to see a fat old man melt, but in the end I think they had as much fun as I did.

I hope this year that each of you will have the chance to take in a county fair in your area. I cannot think of a better way to spend a day (or many days in my case). A trip to the fair will remind you that all is not lost in this world. A small county fair is a snapshot of the world we all want. We have heard all this talk about Staycations and a tour of county fairs would make a great Staycation.

I challenge each of you to take an evening and spend it at the nearest fair. Take time to sit in the stands and watch the livestock show. Many of us hear reports about how lazy and irresponsible our youth have become. I am here to tell you from my perspective that is not the case when it comes to our 4-H and FFA youth. The animals in that ring, in most cases, represent several months to a year of hard work. With the heat we have had, most of those projects represent a lot of early mornings and late nights, trying to beat the heat.

You can see the pride that the owner takes in the animals they are showing in the ring. They are eager to show and tell the judge about all the hard work and time that went into the project. I wish each of you could follow me around in the ring and see what I see. Oh sure, I do see things and run into parents who have entirely missed what the livestock project is all about, but they are few and far between. The vast majority of the youth are learning life lessons and life skills that will serve them every day of the rest of their lives.

They will learn how to care for another living creature; they learn money and time management skills and they will know where their food comes from and why we raise animals for food. Most of these youth will probably not make their living raising livestock, but those skills and knowledge will make them bet-

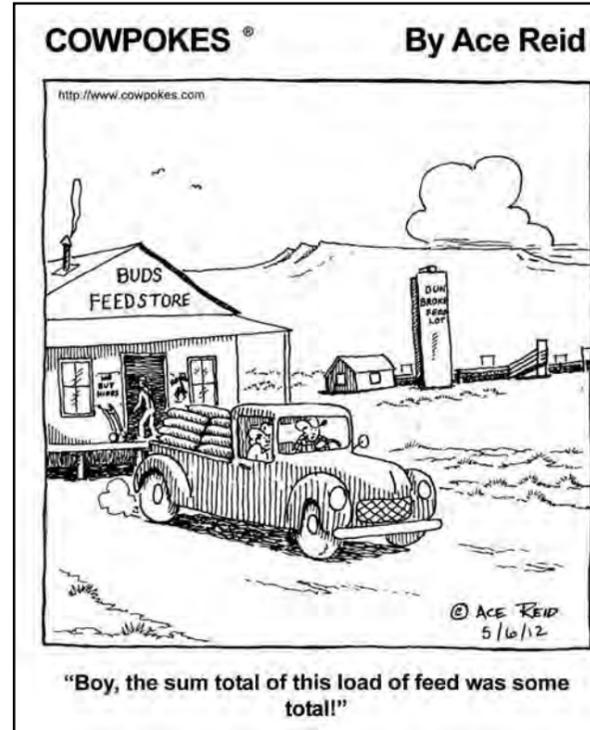
ter at whatever career they chose. That is why 4-H and FFA alumni are in high demand with employers.

I know I have focused a lot on the livestock projects; it is what I know the best, but do not forget to check out the other exhibits. The youth responsible for these exhibits are also learning real world skills along with other life lessons. You will be amazed at the talent, skills and time each of those exhibits represent. Remember that each of those projects is a representation of an entire year's work. If you are lucky, the youth responsible for the project will be there. Ask them about their exhibit, but be prepared to listen. I know you will be impressed and learn more than you ever imagined about that topic.

Beyond the exhibits there is much else to do at a county fair. Every fair I have ever been to (and I have been to most of the ones in Kansas) have something unique to offer, something they are very proud of. For some it is the entertainment, the rodeo or demolition derby, others might be able to offer food; some of the food stands at fairs are incredible, and there other attractions such as home-owned carnivals that make that fair special. My point is each fair has its own unique personality, find out what that is and enjoy it.

I will have the honor of judging at six or seven fairs this summer and probably attend two or three others, in addition to spending four days at our fair in Pottawatomie County, and I am really looking forward to each experience. I cannot think of a better way to spend a morning, an afternoon, an evening or a whole day than at a county fair. It is a place that you can take the whole family, turn your kids free and not worry about their safety and find something that will interest everyone in your family.

Come visit a fair; if you don't know of one in your area come to the Pottawatomie County Fair and look me up. I guarantee you will have a great time. I will introduce you to some of the most impressive youth you have ever met and they will tell you about what they have learned. How will you find me? Just look for a relaxed guy with a big mustache and a Hawaiian shirt sitting in a lawn chair in the livestock barn, enjoying life. That will be me.



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Cowboys 'n' Chrome Truck Show to be held at Barber County Rodeo

A Cowboys 'n' Chrome Truck Show will be held in conjunction with the Barber County Rodeo in Hardtner on July 28. The show is open to any-

one with a truck, whether it's a custom, classic, farm truck or any other big rig.

The show will begin at noon and run through the end of that night's rodeo.

Admission for the public is purchase of a rodeo ticket for the July 28 rodeo.

The Cowboys 'n' Chrome show is the brainchild of rodeo committee member Darin Alexander. "Trucks are a real part of everybody's life," he said. "It's America. It's what has made America, moving products across the nation."

And people are fascinated with trucks, too, Alexander said. "Whether you're seven years old or 70, you like chrome and big fancy trucks. You can't help but turn your head when a big fancy truck goes by."

Buckles will be awarded to best of show, best interior, and other categories. Registration for truckers is free, and voluntary donations will be taken for breast cancer research, as that night's rodeo is the Tough Enough to Wear Pink performance.

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Insight

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the giant screen?

Still, whenever I travel in rural communities across Kansas, I keep an eye out for the little movie houses that may have survived in small towns. I can name a few on one hand.

Owners of such small operations lament the price to be paid for keeping up with new technology, the fewer number of movie-goers in their shrinking communities, the long wait for new releases like Harry Potter or parts for their old, tired projectors.

Several have managed to hang on, and their battered neon lights still

attract the summertime moth brigade and sweaty-handed kids on first dates.

Most of these operators have outside jobs. They cannot make it by running a theater in a rural community alone.

One operator I ran across several years ago in south-central Kansas told me he runs a small printing operation and dons the robes of a municipal judge.

"I keep the theater open," he said, "to keep the kids out of my courtroom."

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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***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Winner In This Week's 'Our Daily Bread' Recipe Contest Is Mary Rogers, Topeka

Winner Mary Rogers, Topeka:
HAMBURGER HASH

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1-pound 4-ounce package refrigerated diced potatoes
- 1/2 cup red onion
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/4 cups chopped tomatoes

In nonstick skillet cook ground beef, potatoes and red onion over medium heat until beef is thoroughly cooked and potatoes are tender, stirring frequently. Drain well. In bowl, combine cream, Worcestershire sauce, celery salt and pepper, blend well. Stir into beef mixture. Cook an additional 2-5 minutes or until mixture is bubbly around edges, stirring frequently. Gently stir in tomatoes.

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.:

HOT TAMALES CASSEROLE

- 2 pounds ground beef
- (2) 1 1/4-ounce packages taco seasoning mix
- (2) 8 1/2-ounce packages corn muffin mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cup Monterey jack cheese, shredded & divided
- 1 cup salsa

Brown beef, drain and add taco seasoning. Set aside. Prepare muffin mix with eggs and milk, mix well. Pour half of batter into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Top with beef, layer with 1 cup cheese. Pour remaining batter over

cheese and spread evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and spread with salsa and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Return to oven and bake for an additional 10 minutes. Cool for 15 minutes before serving.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
GRILLED CHEESY POTATOES

- 4 cups frozen potatoes O'Brien with onions & peppers (28-ounce bag)
 - 1/2 cup Ranch dressing
 - 1 cup shredded Cheddar American cheese blend
 - 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Heat grill. Spray 12-by-8-inch foil pan with cooking

spray. Place potatoes in pan. Drizzle with dressing, mix gently. Sprinkle with cheese blend. Cover pan with foil. Place pan on grill over medium heat. Cover grill, cook 20-25 minutes rotating pan 1/2 turn after 10 minutes, until potatoes are tender. To serve carefully remove foil. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

The following recipes are from the Hellman's website: www.hellmanns.com

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- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
 - 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)
 - 4 teaspoons Italian seasoned dry bread crumbs
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise with cheese in medium bowl. Arrange chicken on baking sheet. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture, then sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake 20 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Also terrific with Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Light Mayonnaise or Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Canola Cholesterol Free Mayonnaise.

Cost per recipe*: \$7.16

Cost per serving*: \$1.79

*Based on average retail prices at national supermarkets.

Timesaving Tip: Try making this dish with thin-cut boneless skinless chicken breasts! Prepare as above, decreasing bake time to 10 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

TIP: Omit Parmesan cheese and have "Magically Moist Chicken" on the table in less than 30 minutes.

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- 2 pounds potatoes (5 to 6 medium), peeled & cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 1 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped (optional)

Cover potatoes with

water in 4-quart saucepot; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and cool slightly. Combine Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise, vinegar, salt, sugar and pepper in large bowl. Add potatoes, celery, onion and eggs and toss gently. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Also terrific with Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil.

Cost per recipe*: \$3.09

Cost per serving*: \$0.39

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CLASSIC MACARONI SALAD with Real Mayonnaise

- 8 ounces elbow macaroni (about 1 3/4 cups)
- 1 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Hellmann's®

or Best Foods® Dijon Mustard

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1 cup chopped green or red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped onion

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(NAPSA) — It's the time of year to retire the oven and do a little backyard cooking. With just a grill and tongs, the great outdoors can provide a natural setting for creative menus. Here are some tips and tricks for firing up your mealtime in the warm months ahead:

• **Arm Yourself with the Right Tools.** If it's always grill season for you, consider investing in a high-quality grill that can be used year after year. Next, buy a set of flat metal skewers—they do not require soaking and they will not fall apart like the wooden ones. The flat edge keeps food from turning, which is an added bonus.

• **Master the Classics.** No barbecue is complete without hamburgers and hot dogs. Toasted buns should be placed butter side down for a few minutes until golden brown. Make handmade patties 3/4 of an inch thick and use chopped onions, dry onion-soup mix, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper to season. Hot dogs should be turned often until slightly blistered on all sides. For veggie lovers, portobello mushrooms marinated in equal parts olive oil and balsamic vinegar are a tasty alternative.

• **Experiment.** Grills are for more than just meat! Pizza, fruits and vegetables gain new appreciation when cooked on an open flame. Kids and adults alike will love this Grilled Fruit with Apple-Maple Syrup as a summertime treat. Brushed with a warm blend of 100 percent apple juice and pure maple syrup, this grillable dessert is ideal with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

For more grill-ready, no-bake recipe ideas, visit www.meals.com.

Grilled Fruit

With Apple-Maple Syrup

1/2 cup Apple Nestlé Juicy Juice All Natural 100% Juice

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2 peaches, cut in half, pits removed

4 scoops Vanilla Dreyer's or Edy's Slow Churned Light Ice Cream

Combine Juicy Juice and syrup in small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low and cook for 5 minutes or until slightly thick. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Preheat grill. Brush fruit lightly with a small amount of syrup. Grill fruit, brushing occasionally with additional syrup, for about 2 to 3 minutes per side or until nicely browned. Remove fruit to individual dishes and top each with a scoop of ice cream. Drizzle with remaining syrup.



What All Grillers Should Have In Their Toolkit

(NAPSA) — While most grillers are armed with tongs and a spatula, many are looking to up their game by experimenting with accessories designed to add more versatility to the grill, such as pizza stones, fish baskets and rib racks.

The new Weber Grill-Watch Survey shows that Americans are spending more than five hours a week grilling. As people are grilling more frequently, as well as year-round, the demand for accessories has skyrocketed.

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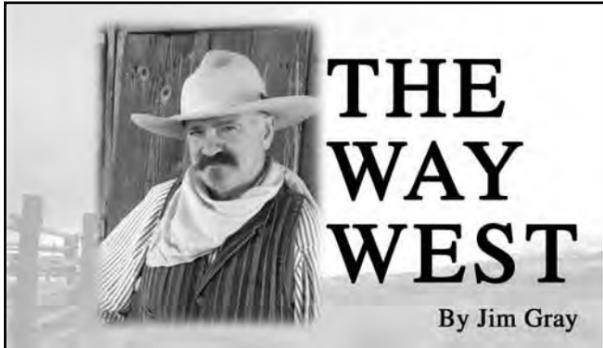
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

The Fickle Winds of Political Fortune

Playing "Cowboys and Indians" used to be a popular pastime for kids. Indians would attack the cowboys and everybody would generally have a go at each other. The idea of cowboys and Indians getting along seldom entered the picture. Therefore it may come as a surprise that cowboys and Indians did come together for mutual benefit during the decade of the 1880s.

The relationship began when Texas trail herds passed through Indian Territory (Oklahoma) on their way to the northern railheads. The tribes required drovers to pay for the privilege of driving their cattle across reservation land. To be sure, there were arguments over the "toll," but the cowboys

soon figured out that it was a lot easier to pay up than to fight their way through.

Some of the drovers took particular notice that the abundant grass in a region known as the Cherokee Outlet put flesh on the bones of lanky longhorns with ease. Cattlemen were convinced that they should linger longer on Cherokee land rather than hurrying through to those northern markets.

That was when the cowboys and the people of the Cherokee Nation became fast friends. Lease arrangements were negotiated. The Cherokee became landlords and the cattlemen, organized as the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, became tenants. The idea spread

west to the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation.

However, other entities looked upon Indian lands with envious eyes and began lobbying the United States Congress effectively against the cattlemen. The land-hungry public first clamored for settlement of an undesignated section of Indian Territory south of the Outlet. Lobbying by a pro-settlement group known as "Boomers" soon expanded to include the Outlet as well. Divisions arose within the tribes. The Cheyenne and Arapaho almost went to war between factions for and against the grazing lease arrangement. The situation deteriorated to such a degree that by July 10, 1885, President Grover Cleveland ordered General Philip Sheridan to go to

the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation to assume personal control.

President Cleveland surprised cattlemen with a follow-up proclamation July 23, 1885. The decree ordered cattlemen to remove their "cattle, horses and other property" from the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation within 40 days. The president's proclamation concerned only the politically inexperienced Cheyenne and Arapaho and the administration of their lands. The United States government considered the Cherokee Nation a sovereign government while the reservation of the unsophisticated Cheyenne and Arapaho was seen as a "domain of the United States" reserved solely for the "occupancy" of the Indians.

The right of the Cheyenne and Arapaho to manage their lands without interference from the federal government was therefore denied.

The order to vacate Cheyenne and Arapaho pastures proved disastrous for cattlemen everywhere. With nowhere else to go cattlemen flooded the already crowded northern ranges with more cattle. Thousands more were dumped onto the markets in Kansas City and elsewhere. Stock prices plummeted. Bank-

ruptcy loomed heavily over the nation's cattle industry.

To add insult to injury, Kansas brought a screeching halt to trail driving activities with the expansion of a quarantine law. All Texas and Indian Territory cattle were banned from trailing through the state.

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In the meantime the Boomers continued to press for opening the Outlet to settlement. Under political pressure President Benjamin Harrison denied Cherokee sovereignty on February 17, 1890. The U.S. no longer recognized the right of the Cherokee Nation to lease its own lands. Cattlemen were evicted December 1, 1890. The federal government purchased the Outlet one year later, bringing to a close a moment in time when cowboys and Indians teamed up for the good of one another on The Way West.

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



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Home is where the heat is

A good rain would be most welcome but the chances of it happening are about the same as me winning the lottery. Last week while walking home from the fairgrounds I was surprised and not a little delighted to see thunderheads building far beyond the horizon, towering anvils flattening against the upper atmosphere, gilded peach and golden in the fading light. From their placement I knew they'd slipstream into Nebraska leaving us high and dry, which they did. By then the temperature had dropped to the low nineties and the humidity about the same but a slight breeze provided a modicum of relief and also kept the mosquitoes at bay. Walking home was almost pleasant.

That there are any mosquitoes at all is something of a puzzle. Our southwestern corner of Marshall County is relatively wet compared to other areas of the state, by any means a

nonsensical measure because some areas are a shade past dead. One friend in western Kansas said he hadn't mowed in two years and now apparently would never again

have to because his lawn had parched into sand dunes. We're nowhere near that extreme but our summertime green has visibly deteriorated, and if it occasionally brightens

after the rare rainstorm it's just as quick to leach itself of any sort of vibrancy. Like us humans trying to endure the heatwave, it's just hanging on from rain to rain.

At the county fair the drought seemed to be the main subject of conversation followed closely by the heat. According to one study overall temperatures in Kansas this year surpassed those during the Dirty Thirties, the hottest on record. We're used to experiencing intolerable heat during the annual fair—we call it "fair weather," not in the sense of favorable—but this is ridiculous. As several

sweat-soaked wags pointed out, in winter you can don additional clothing but in summer you can only take off so much before alarming the neighbors.

Still, I was taken aback when three different friends announced this week that they were seriously considering leaving Kansas for the western coast of Oregon. I could understand one, but three shocked me. They cited increasingly hot summers, the escalating severity of spring storms, the heightened risk of tornadic outbreaks, plus the usual gripes about ticks, chiggers, cold winters, the

unpredictability of the weather and the dearth of mountains. I've never been to Oregon so I have nothing to judge it by but I suspect its climate is something like northern New Mexico which is about as good as it gets. I admit there are times I wonder why I'm here but only in passing and only when feeling personally victimized by Mother Nature. To contemplate relocating to another state, however, would be unthinkable.

Was theirs a "grass greener on the other side" wish or something deeper, an utter renunciation of place? If its predictability

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they want they should move to Albuquerque where the sun shines 362 days a year. There are also high crime rates, traffic congestion, smog and weekly murders. Name your poison. I've lived in temperate as well as psychotic climates and I have to say the former is nice but the latter is rarely boring. I'd go so far as to say the latter builds character which could explain small towns to some degree.

Several times this spring when tornadoes threatened I bemoaned moving here, but it was more from fear than heartfelt substance. There's an underlying essence here in rural Kansas that defies description, more an emotional state than geographical checklist. We might not have mountains, trout streams or perfect weather, but in their place we have community — worth noting as none of the three individuals threatening to depart reside in small towns.

That sense of community was evident this past week at the county fair. The heat was insufferable, the humidity tropical, the temperature higher than that at Death Valley, but we prevailed. We came together as one and as one enjoyed the displays, the judging, the showmanship, the celebration of rural

roots and agriculture and ranching and farming, the carnival rides and the homemade foods, and yes, we sweat until our clothes were soaked and we griped and complained and never let it stop us be-

cause this was who we were and what we did. This was where we lived and how we lived. This was home in every sense of the word.

Oregon? Thanks, but I'll take my chances here.



Isaac Seibert, Macksville, spends time in the wash racks to keep his pigs cool at the Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic held Friday, July 13 at CiCo Park in Manhattan.



KSU swine specialists Bob Goodland and Mike Tokach along with help from Rogan Tokach dish up ice cream to help beat the 100+ degree heat during the Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic.

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"Farmers in 66 counties, who have suffered crop or livestock losses due to the ongoing drought since January 1, 2012 may now apply for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans at a 2.25% interest rate," Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director, announced. Polansky added "This rate was previously at 3.75% and had remained unchanged since 1993."

These counties became eligible under a more flexible rule announced by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack on July 11, 2012. Regulations had not been revised since 1988. The new final rule, effective July 12th, allows the following 66 primary counties in Kansas to be eligible for low interest rate emergency loans who suffered a drought intensity value of at least D2 (Drought-Severe) for eight or more consecutive weeks or D3 (Drought-Extreme) or high at any time during the growing season

according to the U.S. Drought Monitor <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

Allen, Anderson, Barber, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cheyenne, Clark, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Edwards, Elk, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Lane, Linn, Logan, Lyon, McPherson, Meade, Montgomery, Morton, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Rice, Rooks, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Thomas, Trego, Wallace, Wichita, Wilson and Woodson.

The following contiguous counties in Kansas also became eligible for disaster assistance under existing legislation: Chase, Cherokee, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Franklin, Marion, Miami,

Morris, Osage, Osborne, Rush, Russell, Saline, Smith, Wabaunsee.

Applications for assistance will be accepted by FSA until March 12, 2013. "Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 2.25 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," said Polansky.

Polansky stated that "FSA's Farm Loan Programs staff is committed to new and existing customers, FSA customer goals and our rural communities. FSA's service extends beyond the typical loan, offering FSA customers ongoing consultation, advice and creative ways to make a farm business thrive. At the Farm Service Agency, we want to be your lender of first opportunity to overcome these adverse weather conditions and rebuild your operation to get back on track. FSA's loan staff

can refer customers to other public and commercial financing sources that can serve as a blend with FSA's farm loan programs."

FSA loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

FSA loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to

make payments on real estate and chattel debts. "Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Polansky said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loans, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers, who suffered

at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may eligible should contact the FSA County Office - Farm Loan Programs in their respective counties. USDA Service Center Locations are available on the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/ks.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 - 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the Village Café in ESBON, KANSAS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W 1/2 SW 1/4 & S 1/2 NW 1/4 29-2-10 Jewell County, Kansas

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 160 acres located from Esbon 2 1/2 miles West and 1 mile North on 20 road. 73.4 cropland acres with 5.9 acres CRP. The CRP contract runs through 9/30/2018. The rental rate is \$43.14 per acre. Roger Fricker planted the CRP and will receive 1/3 share of CRP contract on remainder of contract. Buyers will agree to maintain CRP contract. Base acres are wheat 41.3 yield of 34 bushel, grain sorghum 23.9 yield of 56 bushel; The direct payment total is \$1,019.00. The balance of approximately 86 acres are pasture.

TERMS: 10% down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before

September 7, 2012. Possession of milo & bean ground will be after 2012 milo harvest. Purchaser will receive 1/3 landlords share of milo & beans. Purchaser will pay the seller's 1/3 share of expense on milo & bean ground. Possession of open ground will be immediate. Possession of pasture ground will be immediate.

Seller will pay 1/2 of 2012 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$720.00. 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.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW 1/4 8-7-1 Cloud Co. Kansas

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 160 acres located 3 1/2 miles East of Aurora on Jade Road & 250th. There are 125.1 cropland acres with the balance grass & trees. Wheat base is 93.5 acres with 33 bu yield, oats base is 4.4 acres with 47 bu yield, mile base is 8.9 acres with 52 bu yield, for a total base of 106.8 acres.

TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before September 4, 2012. Possession of open ground will be immediate. Possession of 36 acres planted to beans will be

after bean harvest. Possession of 47 acres planted to milo will be Feb. 1, 2013. Renter will pasture the milo stalks and use the pond in the grass for water. Purchaser will receive the landlords 40% rent share on beans & milo. Purchaser will pay landlords share of input cost on beans & milo. Taxes will be pro-rated to closing. 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.

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Foreign-born labor in agriculture focus of national symposium

The future of foreign-born labor in U.S. agriculture was the subject of a two-day national symposium last week in Chicago.

A collaboration of AGree and Farm Foundation, NFP, the symposium was organized to increase understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with foreign-born labor in U.S. agriculture; identify options for policies and programs to address these issues; and provide a forum for continuing conversations among key stakeholders.

In 2011, there were 40.3 million foreign-born immigrants in the United States, of which 37% were naturalized citizens, 31% had legal permanent resident status, and 11.1 million were unauthorized, according to Jeffrey S. Passel of the Pew Hispanic Center. Among the unauthorized migrants, about half are adults with children, some of whom are U.S. citizens.

About 75% of the hired workers in U.S. agricul-

ture are foreign-born, and about half are unauthorized immigrants, according to Phil Martin of the University of California, Davis. Unauthorized workers are employed in fruit and vegetable production, livestock production and in the food processing sectors.

The 50 participants in last week's symposium included agricultural growers, leaders of farm worker organizations, and representatives of other organizations working on agricultural labor issues.

"We invited thought leaders in agriculture and labor to come together to have open and frank discussions about this very critical issue," said Deb Atwood, executive director of AGree. "The common goal of symposium participants was to identify ways to achieve a stable and legal workforce for U.S. agriculture."

"As we address the challenge of how to double food production by 2050, it is imperative that we fully

understand the role of labor and the long-term implications of our reliance on a foreign-born workforce," said Neil Conklin, president of Farm Foundation, NFP.

Several themes emerged from the two-day discussion:

The immigration system in the United States is broken, profoundly affecting agriculture and other key economic sectors.

While agricultural labor issues are most commonly associated with fresh fruits and vegetables, foreign-born labor has a significant role in livestock production, grain production, and food processing.

Agriculture has unique labor supply and demand challenges due, in part, to short harvest windows for crops, difficult working conditions and specialized skill requirements.

A clear legal framework is needed that provides certainty to employers, as well as a secure work environment for workers and their families.

Many employers and workers expressed interest in working together on this issue to find solutions.

Policy reforms will be difficult to achieve unless workers and farmers speak with a single voice.

The agriculture workforce and the demand for food are global in nature.

Education is needed to help the general public, as well as public and private decision makers, understand the issues and make informed public policy decisions.

A summary of the symposium discussions will be available in the next few weeks on the AGree website (www.foodandagpolicy.org) and the Farm Foundation website (www.farmfoundation.org).



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SATURDAY, JULY 28 — 10:00 AM

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MODEL A's: 1930 Ford Model A, runs good; 1928 Ford Model A Coupe, was running a year ago; Model A frame & motor; other Model A parts.

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Approx. 15 fiddles; mandolin; Slingerland Songster guitar; Goya guitar; Saturday Night Special elec. guitar; 2 other elec. guitars; few other guitars; sm. Fender amp; microphone.

GUNS: Springfield Model 67F

20 ga.; Stevens Model 67 Series E 12 ga.; Coast to Coast Stores Model 298N .22; Glenfield Model 60 .22; Remington Model 550-1 .22; Hi Standard Flight King Skeet 20 ga.; Mossberg Model 183-A .410 bolt action, stock broken; Remington 12 ga. barrel; Hi Standard DuraMatic M-101 .22 hand gun.

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Antique pump organ; Victrola player with records; wall mtd. kerosene lamp w/reflector; old main storage cabinets; 4 Ethan Allen Early American dinette chairs; dinette chairs; 8x12 and 6x10 Persian rugs; Royal Doulton figurines; miscellaneous silverplate; dolls; stamp collection; old violin and case; WWII army uniforms; 4 Bentwood chairs; 4 oak hand-carved chairs and benches; cider press; Fisher Price toys and more.

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GE refrigerator and freezer (white); washer and dryer; desks; filing cabinet; Kenmore electric range; cookbooks; stainless cookware; microwave; classical records; cassette collection; safe; RCA TV and VCR; large assortment VCR and stereo equip.; fruit dehydrator; books; books and books; dolls; towels; linens; bedding and more.

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Sandzen works include Kansas Creek (block print), Prairie Stream (block print), Summer Twilight (lithograph), In The Rockies (lithograph); Charles Rogers (oil) 24"x30"; other work by Charles Rogers; Carl Peterson (2); Lydia Deere; Maleta Forsberg; Alba Malm; Sandzen (copy); Rolf Lindberg 1985; set of 7 Beechcraft airplane paintings; plus other pictures & frames.

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AGCO holds product launch

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blades to crunch residue, or a 40-foot implement with 128 blades on its massive wings, are designed to smoothly shred and mix tough crop residue. Sunflower officials say these features help produce a soil surface that will reduce wind and water erosion, as well as a consistent seedbed, for better yields. Impressively, the mounting arms fold up to a total height of 13.6 feet tall; otherwise the implement would stand a whopping 20 feet tall.

"Sunflower has been able to take a five-section down to a three-section for over ten years, however this capability is now new to the vertical tillage tool, too," explained Sunflower seeding and tillage marketing product specialist Larry Kuster. "It allows us a wider tool, with accessible transport dimensions. The split-wing configuration enables the vertical tillage tool to fold as a five-section, but operate as a three section in the field."

Saving time, and not having to grease bearings are benefits of the vertical tillage tool, which has ultra-high molecular weight (UHMW) plastic bearings and bushings, eliminating metal-to-metal contact and wear, so that no greasing is required. Five new Sunflower 5056 Series field cultivators, were introduced at the mid-July AGCO product launch, with a selection from 45 to 63 feet wide. Sunflower specialists said the cultivators are designed for superior ground clearance, flotation and the capacity to quickly cover acres during critical seedbed preparation

time. "Farmers want a nice level surface, with uniform moisture and depth in the top four inches of the soil profile, and that's what you get with this field cultivator," said Boelsen. He also stated the 'Cat 5 hitch' is needed for the larger horsepower tractors on the market. "The shanks have a 190-lb. point load before they trip," he added, noting that the 'over and under construction' is superior, and will give it more strength and flexibility.

"It's a really new and fun piece of equipment, especially with the floating tongue option which pivots in undulating terrain. Instead of having just two wing hinges, Boelsen pointed out that the new Sunflower field cultivator has three wing hinges. "So, if one wears out, the other two will keep it in line." Sunflower has also developed the Sunflower 9700 Series air till drill. Sunflower seeding and tillage product support manager Mark Wyrick noted the pattern won't be in rows, but rather in ribbons to create a wide seedbed to support healthy plants and optimize yield potential of small grains. Sunflower officials say that will conserve soil moisture and enhance uniform crop emergence. "This is living soil; not just dirt," Wyrick explained to the group gathered.

The 40-foot drill with 10" spacing has two discs mounted on each side of the seed shanks, to keep soil from flinging around," Wyrick said. "We think it's the best drill on the market." Depth-control collars on the packer wheel-frame lift cylinders enable farmers to see that each cylinder is at

the correct depth. Re-phrasing lift cylinders ensure that the drill stays level, after raising and lowering. The three new 9700 Series drills are offered in 40, 50 and 60-foot seeding widths, with one-pass seeding and several fertilizer placement options. They are designed to pair with Sunflower 9900 Series air carts, also available in three models: from 280-bushel to 525-bushel seed and fertilizer capacity for fewer fills.

Now for the Challenger 500C combine; sporting a seven-cylinder engine.

"You can compare it to a NASCAR engine, in that the entire rotating assembly is balanced to the nearest gram," said combine field marketing specialist Brent Kvasnicka. Then, there's the V-Cool system; exclusive to Challenger, which Kvasnicka says is a huge factor, eliminating the need to blow trash out of the radiator. Calling it the smoothest and quietest combine on the market, the Challenger is up-

graded from an 8.4 to a 9.8 liter engine. The rotor is a simple two-belt drive system. The Challenger also has the capability of reversing the system in case of plugging. So, if too much material comes in and plugs it up, you'd have the ability to reverse the rotor, as well as the front feed drum, the cross augers, and elevator chains.

A big draw of this Challenger combine is its electrical modules located in a sealed compartment, which keep dust out. The electrical panel is centrally located, with the processor above it.

Two augers positioned in a direct-drive unloading system, averaging 4.0 bushels per second.

Interestingly, while the 2012 Challenger combine has a heated leather seat, Challenger officials are already working to also offer a cooling seat in the 2013 model. Also on display at the AGCO Product Launch was the Challenger MT700D Series tractor. The Tier 4i compliant tractors have 8.4L

diesel engines, as well as standard poly mid-wheels and the Challenger-exclusive Mobil-trac system; all designed to add more power to the ground.

Lastly, Fendt will be introducing its 700 Series tractor at upcoming farm shows this year. The Fendt 900 Series Tractor was displayed at the AGCO product launch.

"What I especially like about the Fendt tractor, is you can work all your controls within 6" to 8" of your armrest," said HHP tractors product marketing specialist Rawley Hicks. "This is the Mercedes of tractors, and I'd feel like, hey, I've earned having it," Hicks added. He said the Fendt also offers a reverse operating station,

which can turn 180 degrees. AGCO, a global company; based in Duluth, Ga., and in business for over 20 years, purchased Sunflower in 2002. AGCO also owns Massey-Ferguson, Challenger, Fendt and a variety of other companies. Beiloit's Sunflower plant employs 450 people in engineering, product labor, purchasing and tool and die. Robots were instituted at the plant in 2007.

"We continue to see solid growth in the tillage industry, as we continue to grow our business in the industry," said Draper. "We attribute that to residue management... and many farmers are seeing the effectiveness of good tillage."

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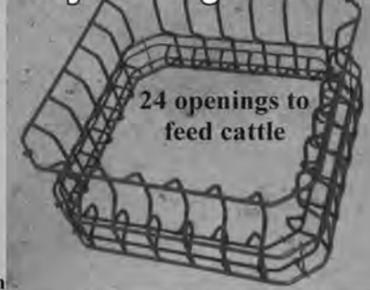
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AG Schmidt fights against lawsuit that seeks more EPA regulations

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt recently asked a federal court in Louisiana to let Kansas participate in a pending lawsuit that threatens to impose new environmental regulations on Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Schmidt asked the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in New Orleans, to allow Kansas to intervene in a suit brought by environmental organizations that want to force the Environmental Protection Agency to implement new, burdensome runoff regulations on land in the Mississippi River Basin. If successful, the lawsuit could result in new regulations on runoff from farms and ranches in Kansas as well as additional requirements for Kansas municipalities.

"The decisions that will be made in that Louisiana courtroom have stark implications for production agriculture in Kansas," Schmidt said. "Kansas has a keen interest in the outcome of this case, so we're asking to be at the table to defend Kansas interests when the issues are presented and decided."

In a joint filing with the attorneys general of nine other states, Schmidt is seeking to intervene in the Louisiana litigation to prevent EPA from establishing federal numeric nutrient water quality standards — known as total maximum daily loads, or "TMDLs" — for all states in the Mississippi River Basin. The result of the lawsuit could be significant for farmers, municipalities and others throughout the 31-state basin because numeric nutrient

standards could lead to more costly and stringent limits on nutrient runoff to the many rivers and streams that ultimately flow into the Mississippi River.

"State governments and agricultural producers in the Mississippi River Basin have worked successfully for years to minimize nutrient runoff and will continue to do so," Schmidt said. "Discarding state efforts in favor of a one-size-fits-all federal standard imposed by the EPA is unnecessary and would hurt Kansas agriculture and our state's economy."

Under the federal Clean Water Act, states may use either "narrative" or "numeric" standards as a method for determining water quality. Most states in the Mississippi River Basin use narrative standards, such as

"no nutrients at levels that cause a harmful imbalance of aquatic populations." However, if the environmental groups are successful in the Louisiana lawsuit, EPA would be forced by the Court to override existing state standards with federal water quality standards and to express those standards as specific numeric limits on nutrients.

In addition to Kansas, the states seeking to join in the Louisiana litigation are Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota. The case is Gulf Restoration Network v. Jackson.



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Report: size of 2012 Kansas wheat crop up 43 percent

(AP) - Kansas farmers put 396 million bushels of winter wheat in the bin during what has been the earliest Kansas harvest on record, a report released Wednesday shows.

"It is better than we thought it was going to be when harvest started," said Bill Spiegel, spokesman for the industry group Kansas Wheat.

The Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported that this harvest is 43 percent larger than last year's drought-stricken crop. It is also up two percent from last month's forecast.

"We had some pretty rough weather from May 1 through harvest, so this is a good number — 396 million bushels is up pretty dramatically over last year, as the numbers say. We are pretty pleased with that crop," Spiegel said.

The monthly crop production forecast is based on conditions as of July 1. By that time, the harvest was 99 percent complete. It was in full swing by the first week of June, making

this the earliest one on record. Hot, windy conditions led to crops maturing two to three weeks ahead of normal.

The average yields were 44 bushels per acre, far better than the 35 bushels per acre Kansas farmers averaged a year ago.

This year's crop was cut from 9 million acres, making it the largest area harvested in Kansas since 2006, KASS said.

That number particularly pleased Spiegel, who hailed it as a "big milestone" because for years Kansas farmers have been planting fewer and fewer acres of wheat.

Last fall, some 9.6 million acres of winter wheat were planted in the state, although not all made it to harvest, as recurring drought and sporadic hail took their toll. Part of the renewed interest in winter wheat likely came after much of the 2011 corn crop withered and fall rains made conditions favorable for planting wheat in the open acreage.

"This year, there are a lot of farmers in the state of Kansas that are facing again adverse conditions for the corn and soybeans — and a lot of the same farmers harvested a pretty good wheat crop — so if you want to do the math, it kind of seems wheat can be a little more forgiving in adverse conditions perhaps than some of our other crops," Spiegel said.

Nationwide, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.67 billion bushels. That number is down one percent from last month, but still up 12 percent from a year ago.

Farmers in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Colorado were all forecast to cut more wheat this season than a year ago. The agency predicted smaller wheat crops in Nebraska and South Dakota.

The harvest for hard red winter wheat, the type of wheat Kansas mostly grows, was down nationwide by one percent to 1.01 billion bushels.

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Hot, dry weather boosts likelihood of blue-green algae in Kansas lakes, ponds

This summer's searing heat is causing a host of problems for landowners, including the threat of toxic cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, on lakes and ponds.

"Blue-green algae can sicken or kill livestock and other animals, and also poses a threat to humans," said Kansas State University research assistant professor in agronomy, Carol Blocksome. "If blue-green algae are suspected, a water sample can be collected and sent to the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory."

Blocksome, who is a range management specialist with K-State Research and Extension, collaborated with K-State colleagues Deon van der Merwe and Larry Hollis to produce a fact sheet, "Identification and Management of Blue-green Algae in Farm Ponds" <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/h20q12/mf3065.pdf>.

Van der Merwe is a veterinary toxicologist with K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine and Larry Hollis is a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension.

Some of the tips in the fact sheet include:

- Take a sample where the algae is more likely to be present, such as the downwind side of a pond, and shallow areas that are warmer.
- Choose a clean container with a wide mouth. Rinse out the container with the pond water. Label the outside with the date and location.
- Scoop the water from the surface along with the scum. Be careful not to come into contact with the water by using a cup attached to a long stick, or by using gloves.
- Secure the lid, and put the sample into a plastic bag. Put the sample into a cooler with an ice pack, but don't freeze.
- Place the sample in a refrigerator until you are ready to mail it, and then send it by overnight express to the lab of choice. One option is the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Mosier D-117, 1800 Denison Ave., Manhattan, KS. 66506-5601. More information about the KSU Diagnostic Lab is at: www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/service/DiagFeeSchedule/ShowTestDetails.

More information about blue-green algae is available also on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/index.htm; a related news release www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/story/bluegreen_algae062012.aspx; and a video <http://youtu.be/ZRNWzFwKKjE>.



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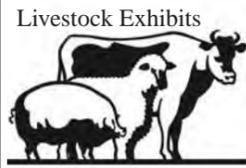
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<p>Audiology Date: 7, 14, 21, 28 Dr. Kevin Ruggle Manhattan, KS</p>	<p>Ear, Nose & Throat Date: 14, 28 Dr. Benjamin Pease Manhattan, KS</p>	<p>Ophthalmology Date: 10, 31 Dr. Vincent Sutton Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>General Surgery Daily M-F Dr. Fernando Ugarte, Surgeon Call for appointment 562-2517 For emergency 562-2311</p>
<p>Cardiology - NHI Date: 2, 8, 16, 22, 30 Dr. Kaliprasad Ayala Nebraska Heart Institute Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Gynecology Date: 27 Dr. Amanda McKinney Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Ophthalmology (Retina) Date: 24 Dr. David Pan Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Urology Date: 7, 21 Dr. John Devine Manhattan, KS</p>
<p>Cardiology Surgery Date: 14 Dr. Richard Thompson BryanLGH Heart Institute Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Nephrology Date: 28 Dr. Fadi Bedros Manhattan, KS</p>	<p>Orthopedics Date: 6, 13, 27 Dr. Keith Lawson Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Bone Density Daily: M-F</p>
<p>Cardiology Surgery Date: 7 Dr. Steve Tyndall Nebraska Heart Institute Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Neurology Date: 8 - Dr. Fatma Radhi Date: 23 - Dr. Nanda Kumar Manhattan, KS</p>	<p>Physical Therapy Crist & Pieschl By appointment only South Plaza</p>	<p>Nuclear Stress Date: 1, 3, 6, 9, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 27, 29, 31</p>
<p>Cardiology - Bryan/LGH Date: 20 Dr. Scott Coatsworth Date: 6, 14 Dr. Mathue Baker BryanLGH Heart Institute Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Occupational Therapy By referral only Colette Ottens, OTR South Plaza</p>	<p>Podiatry Date: 2 Dr. Fred James Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>CT Scans: M-F Sonograms: M-F Echocardiograms: By appointment Mammograms - M-F MRI: Tuesday/Friday CVE - Monday/Thursday EEG's - By appointment</p>
<p>Oncology Date: 3 Dr. Alan Berg Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Ophthalmology Surgery Date: 9, 30 Dr. Vincent Sutton Lincoln, NE</p>	<p>Pulmonology Date: 15, 16 Dr. Steven Short Manhattan, KS</p>	<p>CMH Outpatient Clinic (785) 562-2314 Visit our web site at www.cmhcare.org</p>

CMH Classes and Programs

August 1 - 55PLUS Lunch Bunch: Program by Kathy Wolf, 55PLUS Program Manager, BryanLGH Medical Center, Lincoln, NE, 12:00-1:00 PM - South Plaza Conference Room
August 2 - Breastfeeding Class: 6:30-8:00 PM - South Plaza Conference Room, Contact: Michelle Luppen, (785) 268-0025
August 16 - La Leche League - 6:30-8:00 PM - South Plaza Conference Room, Contact: Michelle Luppen, (785) 268-0025
August 23 - Meadowlark Hospice Bereavement Support Group: 4:30-5:30 PM - South Plaza Conference Room
August 23 - Grief Support Group for Loss of Child: 7:00-8:00 PM - South Plaza Conference Room

Mark Your Calendar for the South Plaza Open House, Wednesday, September 19th from 5-7 PM.
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Auction Sales Scheduled

July 24 — Mitchell County Real Estate, tractors, combine, trucks, machinery, baler, trailer, grant cart at Simpson for Mihm Brothers (Dennis & Jerry Mihm). Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. United Country Theurer Auction Realty, LLC.

July 24 — Kitchen & dining equipment at Prairie Village. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

July 24 — Chase County land at Cottonwood Falls for 4J Land & Cattle LLC (Stanley Stout Family). Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 24 — Bidding starts to close — Tractors, combines, app. equip., headers, baler, manure spreader, planter, skid steer online (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

July 25 — Bidding starts to close — App. equip., Hvy. trucks, trailers, tractors, balers, harvesting, planting & seeding online (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

July 25 — Tractors, combines, semi trucks, straight trucks, dump trucks, dozer, balers, till, planting, livestock and haying equipment & more online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

July 26 — Tool boxes, tools, appliances, decor, flooring, furniture, artwork at McPherson for assets of an appliance repair store. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

July 26 — Saline County cropland & pasture at Salina for Althea Pauls Trust. Auctioneers: Oml & Associates, Inc.

July 26 — McPherson County cropland near Moundridge for Gale

Schrag, David Schrag, Kirby Goering. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

July 26 — Retail, office, warehouse real estate at Wamego for Swamp Angel, Inc. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 27 — Truck, excavator, forklift, equip. trailer, trailers, hand tools, power tools, building materials & more at El Dorado for property of Kay Buildings, LLC. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

July 28 — Coins at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions, Doug Riat & Chris Paxton.

July 27 — Butler County grass land at Burns for Elizabeth Lathrop Hunter Family Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 28 — Ford pickup, furniture, collectibles, household & misc. at Manhattan for Merle & Willadeanne Eyestone Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 28 — Antiques, artwork, guns, household, lawn & garden at Lindsborg for Linda Lungstrom. Auctioneers: Richard Patrick Auction Service.

July 28 — Guns, collectible toys, antique furniture, Jeep, mower, glassware, quilting & cloth items & more at Osage City for Bev Wilkin. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

July 28 — Model As, musical instruments, guns, tractors, equip., vehicles, motor home, boats, etc., tools & misc. at Princeton for George Tumberlin Estate. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

July 28 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Lucas

Estate & others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 28 — Guns, trailer, mower, tools & other at Bennington for John Yoxall Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 28 — Combines, tractors, implements, hay balers, grain railers & trucks W. of Paris, MO for annual July Machinery Consignments. Auctioneers: Wheel Auctions.

July 28 — Vehicles, pickups, cars, van at Topeka for Westar Energy Fleet Auction. Auctioneers: Simmitt Brothers.

July 28 — Farm equipment, tractors, saddles, stationary baler, branding irons, scrap metal, antiques, collectibles & more at Olathe for Orville Burtis Sr. & Orville Burtis Jr. Auctioneers: Webb & Associates, Dave Webb.

July 28 — Vehicles, farm & yard equipment, trailer, furniture, appliances, tools, repairs, new house items, collectibles & misc. at Osborne for Mark & Deb Morrison. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

July 28 — Antiques at Basehor for Ma's Country Antiques. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

July 28 — Tractors, trucks, stock trailer, machinery near Marysville for Wayne Hildebrandt. Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.

July 29 — Mower, garden items, storage shed, furniture, training exercise system, hand blown glass ship by Ohno, antiques, glassware, household at Riley for Marion Schroll & Sandie Hanley. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 29 — Guns, tools, quilts, furniture, antiques, appliances, house-

hold & specialty items at Burlingame for J. Martin Quaney. Auctioneers: Arb Auction Service.

July 29 — Forklift, shop equipment, office equipment & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

July 30 — Ranch style home at St. George for Wilson Family. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 30 — Real Estate, Cloud County cropland & pasture with 3BR home at Concordia for Arlan & Barbara Campbell Trust. Auctioneers: Kenneth Johnson Auction & Real Estate.

July 30 — Geary County land, stone farm home & acreage at Manhattan for Virginia Waters & Children. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

August 1 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

August 2 — Cloud County real estate at Aurora for Jim Letourneau. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 4 — Siding, plumbing & construction equipment & supplies at Emporia. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

August 4 — Cars, trucks, farm implements, antiques, tools at Hanover for the annual Hanover Firemans Consignments. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

August 4 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

August 5 — Trailer, mower, antiques, collectibles & other in Cawker City for Jim Cruce Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 6 — Mitchell County pasture & cropland, modular home at Simpson for John & Lisa Mastin. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 7 — Real estate, house on corner lot at Alta Vista for Karl & Vonnie Lloyd. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

August 7 — Jewell County real estate at Esbon for Myrna (dodd) & Jim Iwig. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 9 — Real estate in Sec. 3-11-2 of Cheever Township, Dickinson County, KS at Abilene for Pfeiffer Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman.

August 11 — Real estate, native grass pasture & personal property W. of Reading for property of the late Marie Keller. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Osage Co. branch office, Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

August 11 — Farm equipment at Russell County for Lenhardt & Alice Homeier Revocable Living Trusts. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

August 11 — Northeast Wabaunsee County, brick ranch home on acreage at Maple Hill for Estate of A.B. Hudson. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

August 11 — Furniture, appliances, tools, glassware & toys at Herington for Dale "Swede" Carlson. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

August 11 — Pottawatomie County real estate at Westmoreland for Alexia A. Ebert. Auctioneers: Cline Real & Auction, LLC.

August 11 — Real Estate, appliances, household, furniture, outdoor items, pickup at Westmoreland for Oliver F. & Harriet E. Maskil. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 18 — Antique collector cars, trucks, tractors & misc. at Salina for Millard Place. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 21 — Clay & Washington County real estate at Clifton for Delmer Kahrs & Medora Kahrs Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, agents & auctioneers.

August 25 — Household goods, shop supplies & misc. at Morganville for Alfred & the late Maxine Marcotte. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

August 27 — Real estate (80 acres CRP) at Delphos for Payne Farms. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

September 1 — Personal property N. of Marysville for Mrs. (Gary) Opal Tobin. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

September 3 — Real Estate (510 acres) at Miltonvale for Ethel Fuller Trust. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

September 3 — 17th annual Labor Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 7 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

September 15 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Lonnie Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

September 17 — Pasture at Aurora for Maryln Swenson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 29 — Female sale at Westmoreland for R&L Angus.

October 31 — Fink Beef Genetics Annual Angus & Charolais Bull sale at Randolph.

November 3 — Harley Gerdes Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

November 14 — McCook Farm & Ranch Expo Working Ranch Horse sale at McCook, Neb.

January 1, 2013 — Harley Gerdes 28th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

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However, when man steps into the relationship, even for good reason (food, clothing and shelter) he upsets the cycle. He does it knowing there will be consequences. In rural communities where livestock live, we have learned how to handle the huge amounts of "animal waste" that are produced by our cattle and hogs. Farmers have been recycling since Adam discovered that fertilizing his garden made things grow better. It is part of the cycle of nature.

This 'spreading of manure' is more difficult in urban housing developments or mall parking lots, but according to Thurman, my authority on the subject, one of his friends has taken on the touchy subject of dogs pooping in their neighbor's yard. In defense of the dog, they are fully aware of the stigma attached to someone who is known for "pooping in his own backyard." But we have desensitized them. After all, humans and cats now poop in the house!

But... the neighbor doesn't care about the dog's stigma, or the natural cycle, or the benefit of dog poop (DP) fertilizer for Bermuda grass. He's more concerned about hitting the hidden torpedoes with his lawn mower and spackling the side of his house!

Neighbors' dogs are a

contentious subject. Enter Thurman's friend who lives in a gated community where pets are allowed. He discovered a company who will DNA-test every dog in the neighborhood. He introduced the idea to the community. It is now a rule that every dog owner inside the development must submit his canine for DNA identification. The idea being that when a homeowner spots a POP (poop on property), they call the PP (poop patrol) and report a drive-by pooping, officially called a PWP (pooping without permission). The PP arrives in the PPR (poop Prius) and, wearing a Hazmat suit, Playtex gloves and using a specially designed PPU (poop picker-upper), they select a specimen and place it in a PPC (plastic poop container) to take to the laboratory.

The DNA is analyzed and compared to the DNA of canine residents, and the guilty owner is punished; \$100 fine or two weeks community service on the PP, in the PPR, responding to PWPs and driving to the scene of the crime where the POP was reported. It seems to be working, despite the occasional bear, coyote, or raccoon drive-by NDP (not dog poop) sighting.

I suggested that maybe this technique could be used on other species. "Too expensive for cows," said Thurman, "And, thanks to the Insane (humane) Society of the US and their "unintended consequences," the last thing those thousands of citizens abandoning their horses in parks and on farms want... is to be identified as the owner! They prefer to think they are recycling!

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Friday, August 3, 2012
&
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