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Deal will prevent spike in milk prices

(AP) – A potential doubling of milk prices will be averted as part of the compromise that White House and congressional bargainers reached on wide-ranging legislation to avert the “fiscal cliff,” a leading senator said last week.

Senate Agriculture Committee chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., told reporters that negotiators had agreed to extend portions of the expired 2008 farm bill through September. She said that includes language keeping milk prices from rising, but excludes other provisions like energy and disaster aid for farmers.

Stabenow said she considers the slimmed-down extension to be “Mitch McConnell’s version of a farm bill.” She was referring to the Senate Republican leader from Kentucky, who she said forced bargainers to accept the version of the farm bill that appeared in the deal.

McConnell spokesman Michael Brumas responded: “Sen. McConnell put forward a bipartisan, responsible solution that averted the dairy cliff and provided certainty to farmers for the next year without costing taxpayers a dime.”

Just a day earlier, Stabenow said leaders from both parties on the House and Senate agriculture committees had agreed to extend the entire farm bill.

Stabenow and House Agriculture Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., announced that they had agreed on a last-minute move that would extend the entire farm bill and replace dairy programs that expired at midnight last Tuesday. Expiration of those dairy programs could mean higher milk prices at the gro-

cery store within just a few weeks.

But the House GOP had not endorsed the committees’ extension agreement.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that extending the entire bill through September, including disaster assistance for farmers affected by drought, could cost more than \$1 billion this budget year.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has pushed back on passage of a new five-year farm bill for months, saying there were not enough votes to bring it to the House floor after the House Agriculture Committee approved it in July. The Senate passed its version of a farm bill in June. The bill, generally passed every five years, includes food stamps, farm subsidies and other help for rural areas.

But the prospect of higher milk prices prompted some action. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has said Americans face the prospect of paying \$7 for a gallon of milk if the current dairy program lapsed and the government returned to a 1948 formula for calculating milk price supports.

Extending the entire agriculture bill would have included an overhaul of dairy programs that was included in both the Senate and House committee bills. The new dairy programs include a voluntary insurance program for dairy producers, and those who choose that new program also would have to participate in a market stabilization program that could dictate production cuts when oversupply drives down prices – an idea that hasn’t gone over well with Boehner.

In July, he called the current dairy program “Soviet-style” and said the new program would make it even worse. Large food companies that process and use dairy products have backed Boehner, saying the program could limit milk supplies and increase their costs.

One of the reasons Boehner has balked at bringing up a farm bill is disagreement among House Republicans over how much money should be cut from food stamps, which make up roughly 80 percent of the half-trillion-dollar bill’s cost over five years. Lucas has unsuccessfully pushed his leadership for months to move on the legislation despite the disagreement over food aid.

Wintery fare



Just in time to make the 2012 books, Kansas received snowfall on New Year’s Eve that ranged from three to five inches in Topeka to more than seven in Concordia. Kansas Department of Transportation reported they had more than 570 snowplows treating 9,500 miles across the state. Along with the much-needed moisture, the snow was welcomed by wheat growers across the state as protection from frigid temperatures for their crops.

Photo by Kim Hofmann

DHS signs land transfer for NBAF site

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and the Kansas congressional delegation announced last Wednesday that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has signed a land transfer agreement with the state of Kansas for the site where the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) will be built in Manhattan.

“While there is much more work to be done, signing of the land transfer agreement is a good step forward in securing the future health, wealth and security of the our nation. It demonstrates DHS’ continued commitment to completing the NBAF in Manhattan. Kansas stands ready to partner with DHS to move this important national security priority forward,” Brownback said. DHS announced its selection of the Manhattan site in 2009.

“This marks a big day for the state of Kansas as the land transfer is now complete. Last week, I spoke with Secretary Napolitano and she made clear construction of the Central Utilities Plant should be underway without further delay. I look forward to planning a groundbreaking in 2013,” U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts said.

The approximately 46 acre site is located on the north side of the Kansas State University campus. It provides land acquisition potential; highway access; environmental compatibility; adequate utility infrastructure; an available local work force for skilled labor and academic research; and proximity to agricultural, academic, medical and bio-science resources.

“This land transfer is good news for Kansas and critical to our national security. After years of hard work by Kansans and numerous studies that substantiate the need for NBAF, I’m glad to see that DHS and Secretary Napolitano have signed the land transfer agreement and will work with the state of Kansas to move forward toward construction of the Central Utility Plant,” U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran said. “The facts are clear: without the capabilities NBAF provides, our country is at risk from foreign animal disease threats. This is even more significant with the damage Plum Island sustained during Hurricane Sandy and the millions of dollars that are needed to repair it, all of which offers more reason to move quickly on NBAF. Construction should begin immediately.”

The state of Kansas has committed \$105 million of

matching state funds to the NBAF project and \$35 million of research funding for transitioning the NBAF mission to Manhattan.

“Today’s Department of Homeland Security decision to sign the land transfer agreement is another step toward ensuring the NBAF will be built in Manhattan, Kansas. We have worked hard to secure the Congressional commitment to make the NBAF a reality, and this step forward will allow construction to begin early next year,” U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins said. “Our nation needs the NBAF—we need it as soon as possible—to continue critical research that will protect the public and our livestock from the threats of devastating diseases.”

The \$650 million laboratory will research and develop countermeasures to animal, human, and zoonotic diseases. So far the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has invested more than \$125 million into site preparation, engineering, design, and site specific risk-assessments.

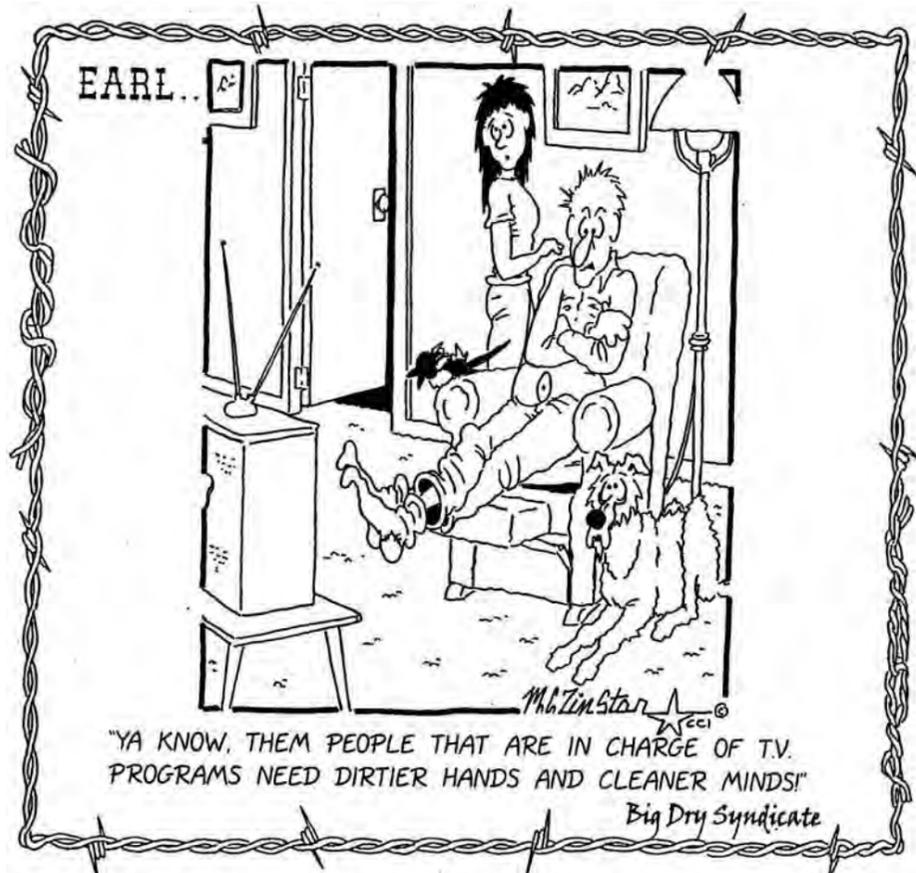
U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp said, “Today’s announcement is a solid next step toward getting NBAF literally off the ground. We are excited that Kansas is going to play an instrumental role in critical research to protect America’s farmers and ranchers.”

A January 2012 economic impact report found the NBAF will employ approximately 326 permanent workers and support about 757 construction jobs. It is expected to have a \$3.5 billion economic impact on the state in the facility’s first 20 years of use.

“This land transfer agreement marks an important milestone for NBAF’s construction in Kansas and the security of our nation’s food supply. Hard work and long hours put in by many Kansans is paying off. I will continue working in Congress to ensure this important national security project is completed,” U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo said.

U.S. Rep. Kevin Yoder said, “The land grant agreement is great news for national security and the state of Kansas. I’m glad Kansas can continue moving forward with this project and that construction of this extremely important facility can begin in the near future.”

Brownback and the federal delegation said they will continue to strongly pursue federal funding of the facility.



I guess it is official, the holiday season is over. How do I know? Well, the Christmas tree is packed up, my calendar is new and my clothes seem to have shrunk. I don't know what happens in November and December but somehow those two months make my clothes shrink. There couldn't be any other explanation for it.

So now the holidays are over and winter has set in. I have heard that this time of the year causes a spike in depression. It makes sense; you mix in a letdown after the holidays, less sunshine and the winter blahs and it can get a person down. That may be true for some but not me, I love the routine of winter chores. Do you think I am crazy? Well, probably so, but I do have sound reasoning (at least in my mind).

I admit it is a little hard to pull myself away from my morning coffee, put on the coveralls and take that first step out into the sharp winter air. However, after the initial jolt, the cold air is really refreshing; it clears your head and gets the blood moving. Winter mornings have a special stillness that makes the world seem more at peace. The stillness is permeated with the crunch, crunch of your footsteps in the snow.

Those crunching footsteps bring the barnyard to life and soon the livestock are breaking the stillness with their anticipation of feed to come. Animals wait, steam coming off of their coats and out of their mouths. There is something therapeutic about feeding livestock in the winter. I am not sure if it is the satisfaction of knowing the livestock in your care are well cared for and fed or just the relief of having all the feeders full, but it is something I enjoy.

Finally, there are few feelings as good as walking into the house, after a long morning of winter chores, only to step up next to the wood stove with a hot cup of coffee. Nothing feels better than wood heat

on a frosty morning. That is why I enjoy my chosen profession. Of course, the other reason I enjoy my chosen profession is because in due time I know this will all change.

Soon the awe of winter will turn into the *^\$(*%# of winter. Give me a couple of dead batteries, a tractor that won't start and a couple inches of mud and the winter wonderland won't be so wondrous. The tickle of the sharp winter air will turn into a slap and the still mornings will give way to a howling wind. My livestock that seemed so grateful will soon turn to needy beggars with insatiable appetites. Those feeders will never be full.

I guess what I am trying to say (in my roundabout, wordy way) is that the changing of seasons is one of the things I really enjoy about agriculture. We are either enjoying a new season of the year or anticipating the next season to come. We know each season has good and bad. Winter brings snow, crisp air and a slower pace, but it also has frozen pipes, balky equipment and frozen feet. Summer has growing crops, cool evenings and window-down driving but along with that are scorching days, dusty winds and hot steering wheels.

I would guess the diversity of working conditions and the challenges each season brings is one of the things that attract most of us to farming and ranching. We could work in a climate controlled office, but that is not who we are. We find something satisfying about facing the elements each day to do a job that demands our attention each day, regardless of the conditions.

I look forward to each season and winter is no different. Well, as long as I have a supply of wood for my stove, coffee and insulated boots, winter will continue to be a great season. At least it will be for another week or two. I will enjoy winter chores (for now) and look forward to lambing and calving season with anticipation. Then it will be time for the warm winds of spring.

Americans say food production headed in right direction, but misperceptions remain

The U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance (USFRA®) recently released findings of a survey conducted about Americans' perceptions on food production. The survey, conducted to share with consumer media prior to The Food DialoguesSM. New York, revealed Americans increasingly believe food production is heading in the right direction. However, the survey also found Americans still have widespread misperceptions about how today's food is grown and raised. Key survey findings include:

- 53 percent of Americans believe food production is heading in the right direction — an increase from the 48 percent who believed the same in a benchmark 2011 USFRA survey.

- More than one in four Americans (27 percent)

admit they often are confused about the food they are purchasing. Young adults (18-29 years old) are more likely than any other age group to say they are often confused about food purchases (38 percent).

- Three in five Americans would like to know more about how food is grown and raised, but don't feel they have the time or money for that to be a priority (59 percent).

- When it comes to dining out, Americans prioritize quality (48 percent), cost (42 percent) and taste (38 percent). When purchasing groceries, Americans prioritize cost (47 percent), quality (43 percent) and health-iness/nutrition (21 percent).

- While Americans want to learn about organic farming and ranching (27 per-

cent), nearly all report that it's most important there are healthy choices available, even if they're not organic or local options (91 percent).

- Americans overall (84 percent) believe that farmers and ranchers in America are committed to improving how food is grown and raised. Half of Americans (50 percent) think farmers and ranchers are missing from the media conversation around food these days. USFRA also surveyed farmers and ranchers on their perceptions of consumers' attitudes towards food production and what they want in a dialogue with consumers. Findings indicated:

- Three-quarters of farmers and ranchers believe that the average consumer has very little to no knowl-



In a surprising turn of events that's left my family somewhat stunned, I've become probably the most unlikely fan of television's newest craze, *Duck Dynasty*. Why am I their most unlikely fan? A) I don't really care much for reality television; B) In spite of my unwavering support of my family's outdoor pursuits, I'm much more of an indoorsy kind of gal myself and C) Long hair and bushy beards have never really held a lot of appeal for me. So what in the world is my attraction to this show? I've put some thought into this and

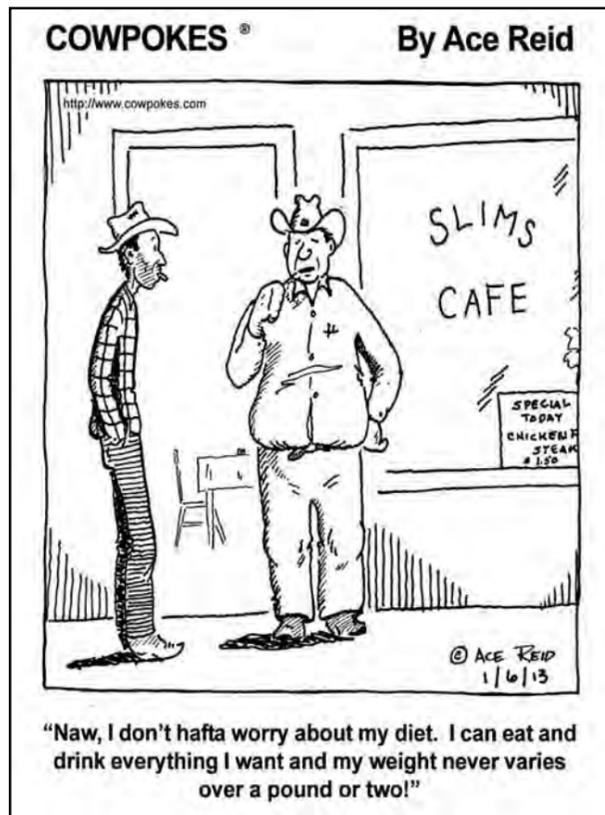
think I've finally come up with the answer. But before I explain, I'll fill you in on its storyline in case you've never seen it.

Phil Robertson is the inventor of the Duck Commander duck call. He probably could have had a pro football career, but it got in the way of his duck hunting, so he chose the latter and is now a long-bearded, camouflage-clad multi-millionaire. Miss Kay, his devoted wife — who I've never seen wear camouflage — devotes her time to her husband and large family of sons, daughters-in-law and

grandchildren. Their son Willie is now the CEO of the company and their other sons, along with a couple of employees and Uncle Si (Phil's Vietnam veteran brother) produce the duck calls. Along the way they have many adventures, from donut eating contests to frog giging, and experience all the joys and trials of a family that lives close, works together, shares meals and occasionally gets on each other's nerves.

What they don't do is scream obscenities, hold grudges or tear each other down other than in playful, bantering ways. They have each other's backs. And at the end of each show, they pray together, thanking God for another day on this earth. And that's why I like it so much. In spite of their wealth they live simple lives, strive to teach their kids morals and responsibility, honor their elders and their wedding vows and still manage to entertain millions each week. If you haven't had a chance to watch it, I highly recommend that you give it a try. It's one show you can feel good about watching, whether you're a true redneck, a wannabe or even a sissy like me.

Oh, and by the way, maybe Phil should run for president. With Miss Kay by his side, I imagine they'd straighten things out in no time flat.



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edge about food production in the United States (76 percent). In fact, nearly three out of five farmers and ranchers believe consumers have an inaccurate perception of today's agriculture (59 percent).

• Farmers and ranchers want to see more of an emphasis on sustainability and the environment (42%) and transparency with consumers and customers (36%).

• Farmers and ranchers report topics best represented to American con-

sumers include those related to family-owned farms (34%), commitment to food safety (23%) and the education level of farmers and ranchers (20%). USFRA helps farmers and ranchers answer consumers' and influencers' questions, including the tough ones, about food production. Examples of this include:

• Food DialoguesSM - USFRA has conducted three national Food Dialogues events in a 14-month timespan. These events compelled key customers,

influencers and detractors to join the dialogue with farmers and ranchers about today's food production.

• FoodSource - USFRA FoodSource on www.fooddialogues.com gives consumers the opportunity to learn more about how food is grown and raised by providing information from third party experts, including researchers and scientists at leading universities, into one easy-to-navigate website.

• Faces of Farming and Ranching - In 2012, USFRA

launched a search for the face of farming and ranching in America. One hundred eighteen farmers and ranchers applied by speaking boldly of their passion for agriculture and their individual operations. USFRA will announce the winners on January 22, 2013, and will launch an aggressive national consumer media outreach effort.

To learn more about USFRA's survey results, visit the News and Information section of www.fooddialogues.com.

First Pottawatomie County Pie & Coffee series date rescheduled

Due to a conflict the first Pie & Coffee meeting has been postponed to Tuesday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. Dr. K.C. Olson, K-State professor of range beef cattle nutrition and management will still be the featured speaker. His topic is Grazing Planning Post-Drought. This program will be held at the Community Center of St. Columbkilles, 13305 Hwy 16, Blaine.

The January 30th topic is Covercrops for Ag Applications by Dr. DeAnn Preseley, K-State assistant professor of agronomy. The meeting will be held in the Sunflower Room, 612 E Campbell, Westmoreland, also beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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 1/3 cup sour cream
 4-ounce jar chopped pimiento, drained
 2.8-ounce can French fried onions (divided)
 Black pepper to taste
 Combine vegetables, soup, 1/2 cup cheese, sour cream, pepper, pimiento and 1/2 can French fried onions. Pour into a lightly greased 1-quart casserole. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and onions. Bake uncovered 5 minutes longer. Takes about 5 minutes to prepare. 6 servings.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CHOCOLATE CHIP OATY COOKIES
 2 1/2 cups regular rolled oats
 2 cups flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup butter
 1 cup granulated sugar
 1 cup brown sugar
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 12-oz. package chocolate chips
 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts or pecans

4 ounces milk chocolate bar, grated
 In bowl combine oats, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In large bowl, beat butter with mixer for 30 seconds. Add the sugars. Beat until mixture is combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in eggs and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much of the flour mixture as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour mixture with a wooden spoon

until combined. Stir in chocolate pieces, nuts and grated chocolate. Drop dough from a large cookie scoop (3 tablespoons) four inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 9-10 minutes or until edges are light brown. Cool on cookie sheets 1 minute. Transfer to wire racks. Makes 30 cookies.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
ZIPPY TURKEY POT PIE
 3/4 cup milk
 1/4 cup Miracle Whip
 1 tablespoon flour
 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
 3 cups chopped cooked turkey
 10-ounce package mixed vegetables (peas, carrots, green beans, corn), thawed
 1/4 cup chopped onions
 9-inch pie crust

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix milk, Miracle Whip, and flour in large bowl. Microwave on high 2-3 minutes or until sauce is thickened, stirring after each minute. Stir in cheese, microwave 1 minute. Mix until well blended. Add turkey, mixed vegetables and onions, toss to coat. Spoon into 9-inch pie plate, smooth top. Place crust over filling, flute edge and seal to rim of pie plate. Cut several slits in crust to per-

mit steam to escape. Place on baking sheet. Bake 30-35 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Can also make this with cooked turkey or ham.

Fred Engler, El Dorado:
 "These freeze well and can be reheated in the microwave oven. Can serve with ketchup and sweet relish, steak sauce or salsa."

BEST EVER BIEROCKS
Dough:
 3/4 cup warm water
 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
 2 packages dry yeast
 2 tablespoons sugar
 3 1/2 cups flour, divided
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 beaten egg
 1/4 cup oil
Filling:
 2 cups chopped cabbage
 1 cup chopped onion
 1 pound ground beef
 8 slices cheese (optional)
 Salt & pepper to taste

To make dough combine water, milk, yeast and sugar. Add the oil, 1 1/2 cups flour, salt and egg, beating well. Add 2 more cups of flour, knead and let rise 1 hour. For filling brown ground beef in skillet then add cabbage, onion and salt and pepper to taste. Cook until tender but don't overcook; cool. To make

bierocks: Divide dough into 8 pieces. Roll each piece into thin circle with rolling pin. Place dough in small bowl to make filling easier. If desired, place a slice of cheese on the dough circle. Spoon cabbage mixture onto dough pieces. Bring dough up around the mixture and pinch to seal. Place pinched side down on a greased cookie sheet and let rise 20 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Brush tops with butter. Makes 8 bierocks.

The next 2 are from Lydia Miller, Westphalia: "So easy."
CREAMY RANCH POTATOES
 2 pounds small red potatoes, quartered
 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 1 envelope buttermilk Ranch dry salad dressing mix
 10 3/4-ounce can condensed

cream of potato soup
 Place potatoes in a 3 1/2-quart crockery cooker. In a small bowl combine cream cheese and salad dressing mix. Stir in soup. Add to potatoes. Cover; cook on low heat setting for 7 to 9 hours or on high heat setting for 3 1/2 to 4 hours. Stir to blend before serving. Makes 6 servings.

"What fun!"
SNOW ICE CREAM
 2 cups milk
 2 eggs
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 3 teaspoons vanilla
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Whip all ingredients except snow. Add 3 to 4 cups of snow at a time until you have ice cream.

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1. Ask for help: Ask your cheese retailer for advice on matching up different flavor profiles and textures.
2. Mix it up: Provide a variety of cheese types (consider blue, soft-ripened, fresh, hard and local cheeses).
3. Pick pairings: Add fresh, seasonal fruit, olives, nuts, honey, dried fruit or even jam to bring out the flavor of the cheese.
4. Don't forget drinks: The right wine can be nice but some cheeses pair better with beer. The tannins in wine can contrast with the cheese, while the effervescence of beer can enhance the cheese's flavor.
5. Treat it well: Picking the cheese is half the battle; the other half is serving it at its best. Set it out at least 45 minutes before serving so it will be at the optimal temperature for you to taste all the subtle flavors that cheese has to offer.

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Blue Cheese Olives

2 cups large pitted green olives (about 26), patted dry
3 to 4 ounces blue cheese, crumbled
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoon chopped rosemary leaves
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon

Fill the cavity of each olive with cheese strips or crumbles. Place olives in a small bowl and toss with oil, rosemary and zest. Let set at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to blend, or refrigerate up to 3 days. Serve at room temperature.

For more on cheese varieties and pairing information, visit www.wholefoodsmarket.com.

- Ms. Strange is global cheese buyer for Whole Foods Market.

Making Changes Meal By Meal Can Improve Diabetes Management

(NAPSA) — If you or someone you know has type 2 diabetes, you know how hard it can be to lose weight, especially for people on insulin-but it can be made easier. In a new study of a protein-rich meal replacement, people with type 2 diabetes were able to lose weight and lower their daily insulin doses. The meal replacement, called Almased, is made from fermented soy, yogurt and honey and contains no artificial flavors, fillers, added sugars or preservatives.

Type 2 is the most common form of diabetes and is strongly associated with weight gain. Nearly six in 10 Americans with type 2 diabetes are obese and nearly all of the rest are overweight. Lowering weight

and adopting healthy eating and exercise habits are proven ways to improve diabetes control.

"The patients in our study lost about 9 percent of their body weight in 12 weeks and were able to lower their daily insulin doses by more than half," said Stephan Martin, M.D., a diabetes specialist who conducted the small three-month study and shared results at this year's American Diabetes Association yearly meeting.

The study included 22 obese patients with type 2 diabetes who required high daily insulin doses. In the first week, they replaced all three meals with Almased. In the next three weeks, they added back a high-protein lunch. From week five to the end of the study, they only

replaced dinner. Dr. Martin noted that it was easy for patients to incorporate Almased into their daily lives.

Dr. Martin and his team checked in on participants a year and a half after the study ended. Most maintained improvements in weight and blood sugar control. Four patients continued to use Almased on their own and lost more weight and had more improvements in their sugar control. Two were able to stop insulin injections completely. Dr. Martin commented that "This shows how patients who are motivated and use tools like Almased can make

a real change to their weight and their diabetes."

Silke Ullmann, a registered dietitian who works at Almased, USA, adds, "We are committed to studying Almased and providing support to people with type 2 diabetes so they can take control of their health."

The website, www.Almased.com, provides nutritional advice, meal plans and other information about how to use the product. Another study with more than 300 patients is under way to confirm these findings. Both studies are sponsored by Almased-Wellness-GmbH Germany.

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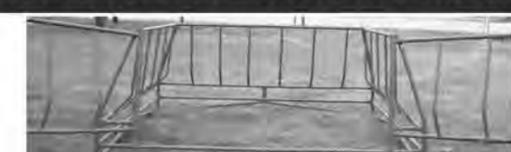
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Flinchbaugh to headline Kansas Commodity Classic January 16

Markets, weather, research, technology and policy will be featured at the Kansas Commodity Classic, the annual convention of the Kansas Corn, Wheat and Grain Sorghum Associations on January 16. The Classic will be emceed by 2011 National Farm Broadcaster of the Year Greg Akagi with WIBW/Kansas Agriculture Network. The event takes place at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 410 S. Third Street in Manhattan.

The morning session will feature an overview of trends in grain markets from Bill Holbrook. Holbrook provides economic research and analysis to the ProExporter Network. Dave Relihan, chief meteorologist, WIBW will discuss the weather outlook. A panel made up of K-State and industry leaders will talk about research and technology advances in corn, wheat and grain sorghum.

The lunch speaker for the Classic will be Barry Flinchbaugh, K-State pro-

fessor emeritus and renowned agricultural economist and policy expert. He will focus on Congressional activities, particularly the fate of the Farm Bill after Congress passed a one-year extension Jan. 1. After lunch, learn about the K-State's Grain Science and Industry complex on the north campus that includes the Hal Ross Flour Mill, the International Grains Program (IGP), Bioprocessing and Industrial Value Added Program (BIVAP), the Wheat Innovation Center and the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center (under construction). Tours of the complex will be offered in the afternoon for those interested.

Sponsored by the Kansas Agriculture Network, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, the event is free to attend and includes a luncheon. Walk-in attendees are welcome, but pre-registration is en-

couraged by calling 866-759-4328.

The agenda is:
8 a.m. Registration opens
9 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Greg Akagi, WIBW Radio

9:15 a.m. Market Forces at Work, Bill Holbrook, Pro Exporter Network

10 a.m. Kansas Weather, Dave Relihan, chief meteorologist, WIBW Radio

10:45 a.m. Break
11 a.m. Research Panel featuring representatives of the corn, wheat and grain sorghum industries

12:15 p.m. Luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker Barry Flinchbaugh, K-State

1:45 p.m. Campus Update, Dirk Maier, Department Head, K-State Grain Science and Industry

2 p.m. Optional tour of K-State north campus, including International Grains Program, Hal Ross Flour Mill, Bioprocessing and Value-Added Processing Facility, Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and O.H. Kruse Feed Mill (under construction).



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Farm Bureau members of Kansas serve on state committees for organization

Several Farm Bureau members of Kansas have taken leadership positions within their farm organization at the state committee level.

Kansas Farm Bureau's Natural & Environmental Resources (NER) Committee advises the KFB Board of Directors on issues and concerns related to the environment and natural resources. New members include Denny Ashcraft, Jackson Co., John Yoger, Crawford Co., Jeff Buckley, Cloud Co., Brad Shogren, McPherson Co., and Michael Deaver, Finney Co.

New members of Kansas Farm Bureau's Promotion & Ag Education Committee include Clint Hornberger, Douglas Co., Jo Lynne Brothers, Cowley Co., Dana Pieper, Rooks Co., Becky Rider, Ness Co. and Diana Nickelson, Graham Co. The committee identifies, researches and prioritizes issues that have a direct association to member relations, membership marketing, consumer education, promotion of agriculture and agriculture education for students and producers.

The KFB Resolutions Committee has a mission

geared directly to the policy positions (resolutions) of the organization. The committee surfaces, directs study on, develops questions concerning and tentative resolutions covering issues important to members of county Farm Bureaus. The committee develops tentative resolutions for consideration by voting delegates at the farm organization's annual meeting. New members include Loren Baldwin, Douglas Co., Steve McCloud, Harvey Co., and Doug Zillinger, Phillips Co.

New members of the Women's Leadership Com-

mittee are Pam Meng, Doniphan Co., Denise Mentzer, Allen Co., Carrie Fraser, Cloud Co., Sue DeWeese, Pratt Co., and Donita Hayes, Morton Co. The committee is led by Marieta Hauser, Grant County, who also serves as Member-at-Large on the KFB Board of Directors. The committee contributes an essential perspective to the organization, broadening opportunities for women to become increasingly involved in all aspects of Farm Bureau, actively participating in the

implementation of priority issues involving agriculture education, improving the quality of life in rural communities, promotion of the industry and agricultural advocacy.

New members of the Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee include Nick and Jennie Guetterman of Johnson Co., Mark and Kristin Bergkamp of Sedgwick Co., Mike and Sara Rosebrook of Lincoln Co., Clint and Jessica Dearden of Scott Co. and Tim and Katherine Franklin of Sherman Co.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, committee members elected Jim Schmidt, Geary Co., as chair; Matt Symns, Doniphan Co., as vice chair and Stephanie Symns, also of Doniphan Co., secretary.

The Young Farmers & Ranchers are hard-working agriculture professionals dedicated to developing their leadership skills and empowering others to become actively involved in agriculture advocacy, promotion and education. The group will host their Leaders Conference Jan. 25-27, 2013, in Manhattan.



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Leadership Sorghum Class I meets in Kansas

Leadership Sorghum Class I met for its second session Nov. 27-29 in Kansas, the largest sorghum producing state in the U.S., focusing on domestic markets and public research for sorghum.

Fifteen sorghum producers from eight states make up the first class of Leadership Sorghum, a program sponsored by the Sorghum Checkoff. Participants will be immersed in many segments of the sorghum industry throughout the 16-month program, which seeks to develop the next generation of leaders for the sorghum industry.

While in Kansas, the class toured operations utilizing grain sorghum in the state, including Knight Feed Yard and Kansas Ethanol, both in Lyons, and Double D Hogs in Bushton. The class also toured the International Grains Program (IGP) Grain Science Complex flour mill and extrusion lab at Kansas State University and heard from food industry experts at the American Institute of Baking (AIB) in Manhattan, who are working to develop gluten-free food products made from sorghum flour. Team Marketing Alliance and Scoular Company discussed sorghum marketing strategies and profitability potential with the group, and the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Dale Rodman, addressed the group at IGP, touting the importance of sorghum's water savings and its opportunities in Kansas.

"This session was designed to expose the Leadership Sorghum class to a variety of established and emerging sorghum markets ranging from biofuels to livestock feed to gluten-free food products, while also highlighting the genetic research taking place at the public level," said Florentino Lopez, Sorghum Checkoff executive director.

Jordan Shearer, a sorghum producer from Slapout, Okla., said the Leadership Sorghum program has not only showed him different segments of the sorghum industry, but the leadership training and networking opportunities have also been beneficial.

"This leadership class is made up of growers from across the country, and it is really neat to learn about the different cropping systems that each of them has on their own farming operations," Shearer said. "I've been amazed in this session to see how integrated sorghum is in the Kansas economy. It is also good to see how producers' dollars are being invested and the level of synergy that exists in this industry."

The class also received media training during the Kansas session to prepare them to be advocates for sorghum and agriculture with local, regional and national media. The next session will be held in Washington, D.C., in February and will focus on the government's role in sorghum, checkoffs and interest organizations. For more information about the Leadership Sorghum program, visit SorghumCheckoff.com/leadership.com

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NSP announces 2012 Yield and Management Contest winners

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The national winners will be further recognized at Commodity Classic in Kissimmee, Fla., on March 1, 2013.

The 2012 first place winners of the NSP Yield and Management Contest were Tom Taylor of Kansas, who won the Reduced-Till Irrigated category with a yield of 213.33 bushels per acre;

Bob Shearer of Pennsylvania in the No-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 140.85 bushels per acre; Mike Shearer of Pennsylvania in the Mulch-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 131.94 bushels per acre; Gage Porter of Iowa in the Conventional-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 144.29 bushels per acre; Ki Gamble of Kansas in the Conventional-Till Irrigated category with a yield of 210.85 bushels per acre; Tim King of Tennessee in the Double Crop Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 131 bushels per acre; and Reznik and Sons Inc., of Texas in the Double Crop Irrigated

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Ki Gamble of Kansas is the Irrigated National Food-Grade category winner with a yield of 196.48 bushels per acre, and James Vorderstrasse of Nebraska won the Non-Irrigated National Food-Grade category with a yield of 119.23 bushels per acre. Tom Taylor of Kansas won the Irrigated Bin Buster Award category with a yield of 213.33 bushels per acre, and Steve Feight of Kansas yielded 160.37 bushels to win the Non-Irrigated Bin Buster Award.

"I congratulate all of the winners on their sorghum yield success in 2012," said NSP chairman Terry Swanson. "This contest is a great

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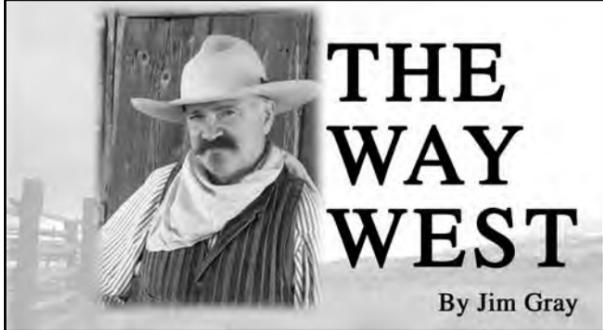
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By Jim Gray

A Fort Called Wicked

Some people believe that Indians did not attack in winter. But that was not the case. On January 7, 1865, a combined force of Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors attacked the Julesburg, Colorado stage station. A small community of settlers lived near the station that also boasted a store, blacksmith shop, and warehouse. Fort Rankin was nearby. The presence of the fort was no deterrent for the approximately one thousand warriors. The fort was actually their initial target. A small decoy of Indians feigned an attack on a detail

of soldiers near the post, hoping to draw the cavalry into the nearby sand hills for an ambush. But as the cavalry charged out of the post the main force of warriors was recognized and the mounted soldiers retreated back into the fort. They were safe but in the face of overwhelming hostile numbers the soldiers could do nothing to defend the Julesburg station. Luckily the forty or so people who lived at Julesburg were alerted by the fighting and escaped to the fort for safety. With Julesburg abandoned the Indians found

everything free for the taking. The warriors spent the better part of the day hauling away forty thousand dollars worth of plunder from the store.

The tribes were responding to an earlier massacre of a peaceful Cheyenne/Arapaho village at Sand Creek in southeast Colorado. The unnecessary death of a Cheyenne peace chief at the hands of Colorado troops in the spring of 1864 brought war to the plains of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. The Indian War of 1864 ended with the Sand Creek Massacre, November 29, 1864. The attack on Julesburg Station was the beginning of a concentrated effort

to drive settlers out of the country. The South Platte River Road branched off of the great California-Oregon Trail at Julesburg. The route along the river provided a natural road to Denver.

On the same day as the Julesburg attack seven passengers in a single wagon carried on a running battle with about seventy warriors. One man was killed and one wounded before the wagon crashed. The mules were killed. Although injured, the passengers were able to fight their way to the Valley Stage Station. Five miles farther down the trail a wagon train was overrun. Twelve men were killed and all of the wagons burned. A

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Holon Godfrey, owner of Godfrey's Ranch, was prepared. He had built a six-foot-high protective adobe wall around the house. Fire ports were placed at appropriate intervals to allow defenders to shoot from a fortified position. The house was well supplied with food, water, and ammunition. Next to the house Godfrey built a tower from which a constant lookout was posted. Godfrey handled cattle and kept a store to supply travelers along the South Platte River Road. Several employees and travelers were with Godfrey and his family. Godfrey was on watch the morning of January 14, 1865, when one hundred thirty warriors rode into view.

The alarm was given as men took their places at the fire ports. Warriors galloped their war horses around the fortress in a classic maneuver to draw fire and diminish ammunition supplies. However, there would be no shortage of ammunition. Defenders kept up a withering fire while the women and children reloaded empty weapons. When the warriors began to steal the livestock from the corral Godfrey reassured his men, "Let 'em go! We ain't getting outside these walls." Flaming

arrows set the roof on fire, but a well-organized bucket brigade climbed ladders to douse the flames. The warriors had never seen the kind of tenacity they found at Godfrey's Ranch.

They laid siege to the little fortress, expecting the ammunition and defenders' resolve to pass away as the hours drew on. But with each dead warrior the Cheyenne and Sioux felt their own resolve begin to wane. Tradition held that no dead warrior be left behind, but the marksmanship of the defenders prevented the Indians from recovering the bodies. They finally withdrew at the close of the second day. The warriors called Holon Godfrey "Old Wicked." Seventeen warriors lay dead outside the fortress walls as testament to the significance of the name.

When Godfrey learned of the respect that he had gained among his enemies he renamed Godfrey's Ranch. From that time forward the place became known as Fort Wicked and "Old Wicked" Godfrey earned a place in history 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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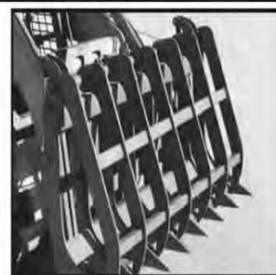


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CKD3 Coffee Shop agronomy meetings begin January 11

The Central Kansas Extension District (Ottawa and Saline counties) will host four Coffee Shop meetings during January and February on topics of interest to area crop producers. The Coffee Shop agronomy meetings will be held at the Mentor Fire Station in Mentor, starting at 10:00 a.m. and adjourning by 11:30 a.m. and then again at the Ottawa County Courthouse basement meeting room in Minneapolis, starting at 1:30 p.m. and adjourning at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting dates for 2013, topics and speakers are:

Friday, January 11: Field crop weed control up-

date, herbicide resistance issues, new herbicide traits in soybeans and fall applied herbicide programs for row crops; Dallas Peterson, K-State Research & Extension weed specialist.

Friday, January 25: Soil and foliar feeding of wheat and soybeans and optimizing nitrogen and phosphorus fertilization of field crops; Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz, K-State Extension soil fertility specialist.

Friday, February 15: Foliar fungicide use on wheat and a wheat disease update for Central Kansas; Erick DeWolf, K-State Extension plant pathologist.

Friday, February 22: Al-

falfa weevil control update, use of fall insecticide applications to reduce spring alfalfa weevil infestations and a wheat and row crop insect update; Jeff Whitworth, K-State Extension entomologist.

The Coffee Shop Agronomy meetings are sponsored by the Central Kansas Ex-

tension District and K-State Research & Extension. All interested farmers and landowners are welcome to attend and are free to the public. For more information contact Tom Maxwell, District Extension agent at the CKD3-Salina office at 785-309-5850.

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Selling 160+/- ac Southern Geary County Pasture
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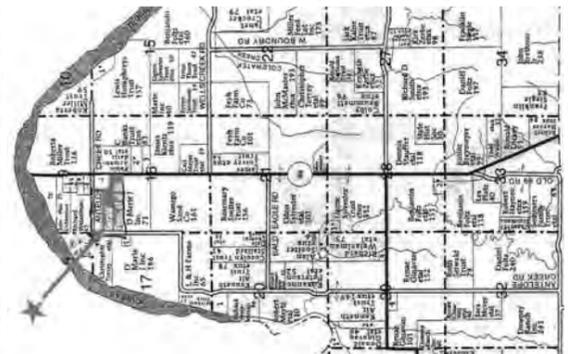
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participate.

Kansas State Extension specialists Dallas Peterson, Curtis Thompson and John Slocombe will be onsite to provide hands-on instruction. Topics will include: "Integrated Weed Management & Weed Biology," "Weed Seedling Identification," "Herbicide Resistance & Glyphosate Management," "Weed Control in Field Crops," and "Sprayer Application Technology." Live weed seedlings will provide identification experience. The latest K-State weed control research, and new herbicides update will also be highlighted.

This event qualifies for Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) and Commercial Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification Credits hours as well. Pre-registrations and registration fees are required by Feb. 8, 2013 so a lunch count may be tallied. The cost of this training includes a weed management folder, lunch and refreshments. Please call the River Valley Extension District - Concordia Office (785-243-8185) for more information and to pre-register. Please note that any at-the-door registrations will cost slightly more. More information on weed management and control is available at the K-State website at: www.ksre.ksu.edu or any River Valley Extension District offices (785) in Belleville (527-5084); Clay Center (632-5335); Concordia (243-8185) or Washington (325-2121).

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 January 12 — Household, antique furniture, collectibles, glassware & misc. at Beatrice, Nebraska for Phanetta Bohm Trust (Dubois, NE). Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.
 January 12 — Furniture, glassware, collectibles, riding mower, tools & misc. at Junction City for Ehlers & Ware. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 January 13 — Signs, gas globes, glass & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 13 — Jewelry, vintage collectibles, glassware, furniture & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.
 January 13 — Antiques & collectibles, furniture, appliances & misc. at Council Grove for Lorene White & Another. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
 January 15 — Dickinson County farmland & grassland at Abilene for the Oliver & Lela Engle land. Auctioneers: Rioridan Auction & Realty.
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 January 19 — Household goods, antiques & misc. at Leonardville for Harlan & Fern Hageman. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
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January 30 — Shawnee County land at Topeka. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

February 2 — Consignments, machinery, equipment, farm items, etc. at Axtell for Axtell Knights of Columbus.

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Pam and I were having a deep discussion on cow psychology. Subjects such as horn envy, chuteaphobia, the empty nest syndrome at weaning time and unsightly hair on udders. Then she brought up a subject that I have wondered about myself, even as a cross-species problem; females working together in a tight community.

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stay back with the little calves to babysit while the rest of the mama cows go to water? Pam has been studying on this cow behavior for years. She has never seen them drawing straws, flipping a coin or trying to guess the number of dew-claws hidden behind their back. So, she concluded it must be a more cerebral consideration. She assumed since they have no written language that they didn't take turns. Still, the babysitter d' jours seem to be chosen at random. If we could speak "cow" we might hear a conversation like this:

"Who else is thirsty?"
 "Me! Me! My! My! Moo!"
 "Well, somebody needs to stay here in the nursery."

"How 'bout you, Long Toe. It's your turn."
 "What's a turn?"
 Nobody knew.
 "I've taken care of that little monster of yours. He doesn't mind me, just keeps stirrin' up the babies."
 "Of course! That snooty little heifer of yours just keeps teasin' him! Besides, I need a break."
 "From what? A break from what? All you do is sit around and graze."
 "Oh, I'll do it," said Crooked Horn, "I'm just tired of your incessant mooing."
 "I'm not going to leave my sweet little baby with you!"
 "Me neither! You're not a

good mother, you give any of them a drink that wants it!"
 "If you were a better milker your scrawny runt wouldn't be hungry all the time!"
 "Pipe down, you hussies! Hey? Where did everybody go?"
 Pam has decided it's nature's way of separating the argumentative from the thirsty.
 I asked her what she meant.
 "You wouldn't understand," she said.
 I asked her if this has anything to do with working mothers.
 "Don't even go there," she said.

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