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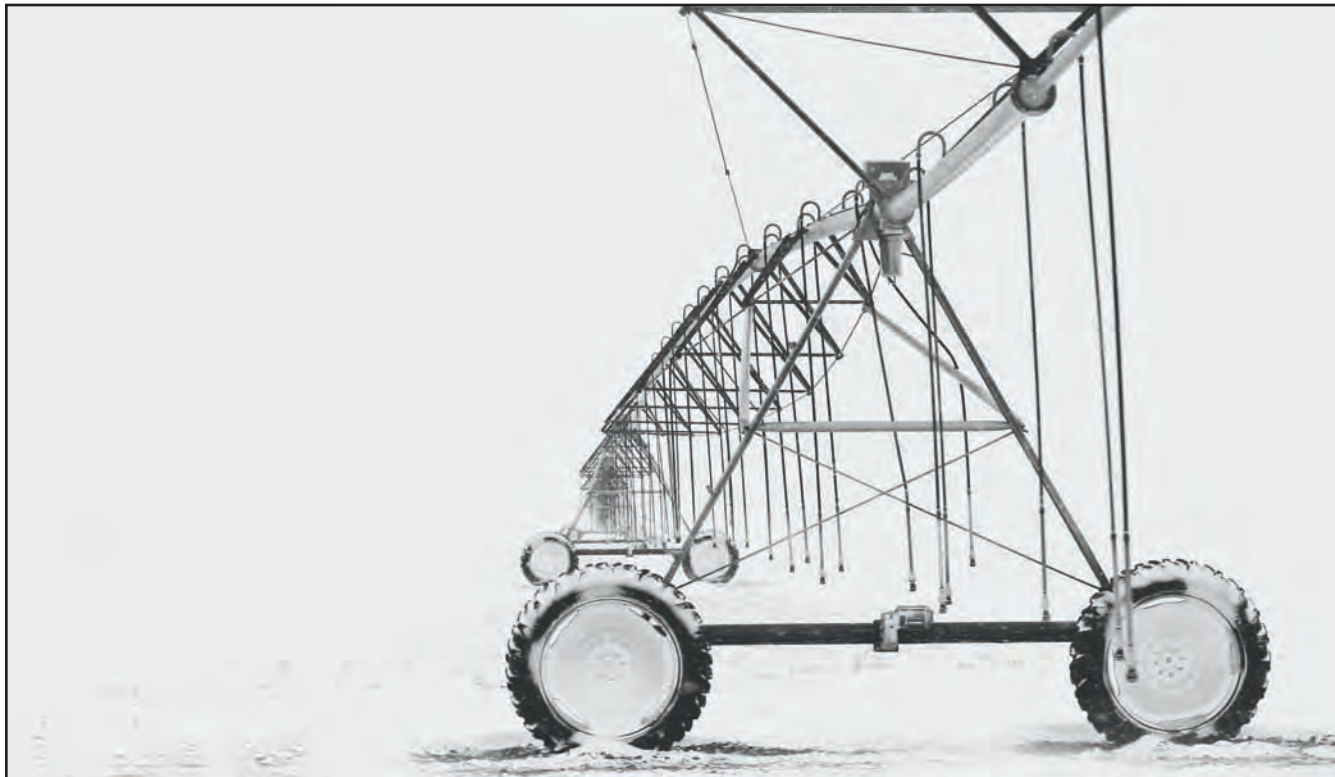
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We interrupt spring . . .



An April 23 snow storm dumped eight inches or more in western Kansas, while parts of central Kansas also received around two inches. Most of the state received measurable precipitation.

Photo by Josie Alexander

Parent first, farmer second: safety campaign keeps priorities straight on the farm

Josh Meissner knows all too well how important it is to make safety a priority on farms.

The 37-year-old is a life-long Wisconsin dairy farmer who lost part of two fingers on his right hand while working on a harvester. The injury serves as a constant reminder to him and all workers on Norm-E-Lane Farm, which has a track record for keeping workers safe.

Meissner's experience, coupled with a deep desire to protect his own children, led him to join Cultivate Safety, a public-health campaign from The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety at Marshfield Clinic. Cultivate Safety gives parents the resources and information they need to keep children safe on farms.

"The campaign's message puts things in perspective," said Meissner, of Chili, Wis., who is featured in one of the campaign's ads. "No matter how important the farm is to our way of life, it's never worth the life of a child."

The campaign leads farmers to a new website, cultivatesafety.org, which provides one-stop shopping for tips on how to keep children safe while they work and play on farms.

The website includes

easy-to-use information about child development and best-practice work guidelines. An interactive feature allows users to upload stories, videos and photos about child injuries, so farm families can learn from one another.

Farm injuries and deaths are tragic, but much can be done to prevent them, said Barbara Lee, director of the National Children's Center.

"It starts with getting the right information to the right people at the right time, so

they're motivated to take action," Lee said.

The multi-pronged campaign launched first in Wisconsin with print, Internet and radio ads that emphasize farm safety and help connect people with the website. A national campaign will launch later this year.

The campaign is part of a study to determine if working with an agricultural marketing firm is effective in reaching farm parents and, ultimately, minimizing injuries and fatalities to children under 18 years of age. The project is funded by a national three-year federal grant.

More than 100 children die in farm-related incidents each year, including an average of five in Wisconsin, and nearly 16,000 children suffer serious injuries annually on U.S. farms.

"If parents and farmers regularly follow the guidelines and information developed over the years, the number of deaths will decrease significantly," Lee said. "We have to continue to foster safety if we want agriculture – such an important part of our lives – to no longer be one of the most dangerous industries in the world."

Meissner has received positive feedback on the campaign.

"Everyone seems to love it. Most say, 'parent first, farmer second, is a very cool message, and it's something I can identify with,'" he said. "As farms grow, change and get busier, there comes an increased responsibility for the safety of our families and employees' families."

Lecture series honors KSU's 150th anniversary



As part of Kansas State University's 150th anniversary celebration, a weekly Brown Bag Lecture series is being offered during the 2013 spring and fall semesters. On April 24 Dr. Miles McKee, Emeritus Professor, Animal Sciences & Industry, was the speaker, offering a look back at the animal science/industry and the College of Agriculture. More information about the series can be found at the K-State 150th anniversary website, <http://www.k-state.edu/150>.

Photo by Rachael Sullivan

Kansas corn growers have weather to blame for slow-going planting season

Spring rain and some snow have delayed corn planting in Kansas, a bittersweet problem to have, said Kansas Corn Commission chair Mike Brzon. He said farmers need good soil moisture and also warm soil temperatures to get their crop off to a good start.

"The soil needs the moisture but that and the cold weather is pushing our planting progress back on the calendar," Brzon said. "But forecasts show improving conditions for planting and we can plant a lot of corn in a short time."

As of Monday, April 22, five-percent of the state's corn crop has been planted. Due to the moisture on Monday evening and Tuesday across much of the state, this figure holds until growers can get back in the fields. The five-year average for this week regarding Kansas corn planting is 20 percent and last year at this time, the state's corn growers were ahead with 30 percent planted.

Last year's corn planting in Kansas, however, was extremely early. In 2012, 75-percent of the Kansas corn crop was in the ground by the first week of May. The five-year average for the first of May for Kansas corn planting is around 50%.

In 2008, wet weather slowed corn planting in Kansas. Kansas farmers planted 45 percent of the corn crop, nearly two million acres, in the second and third weeks of May.

This week, temperatures are expected to remain below normal for two-thirds of the country, making soil preparations a slow grind. Still, Kansas farmers remain optimistic they can go full-force with planting soon.

"Believe me we are all ready to get into the fields," Brzon said. "Given the chance, growers will take all the moisture we can get. It's a priority. But we're looking forward to warmer weather that will allow us to get our corn planted and off to a good start."

A cool, wet spring has delayed planting across much of the country, according to recent reports from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This is not cause for alarm but rather a delay as farmers seek to plant near-record acreage this spring.

Despite these delays, a U.S. Department of Agriculture report on the usual corn planting and harvesting dates across the United States issued in 2012 shows that most areas have not yet reached or are just now entering the period in which the most planting activity occurs.

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By Ace Reid



"Of course I didn't mail in my tax return this year. I didn't make enough to buy a stamp!"



The family that eats together stays together

When we think of eating a meal today, images of a person dashing toward the door while chomping down the last bite and yelling good-bye is an all-too-common picture. But again, that is only part of the story.

While some folks have sounded its demise, eating together at the family dinner table may not become extinct. Plenty of families still take the time to eat together four or five times a week despite the distractions of work schedules and after-school activities.

Preparing dinner and

eating together as a family is important. Having dinner together has been a tradition with many families for countless generations. It has always been considered a valuable way to keep families together. It's another way busy parents can communicate with busy children.

In the helter-skelter world of the 21st century, when family members are moving in different directions, it's more important than ever to make the most of family mealtime. Doing so calls for planning and implementation.

One of the first things to do is to turn off the television, put down the smart phones and turn off the computers. Sitting down together for a meal is a great way for family members to share news and engage in conversation. Turning off distracting electronic devices will make it easier for the family to talk and listen to one another.

Look forward to dinner. Having meals together can be a happy memory most people carry from childhood. Time spent with the family around the dinner table can help keep the family intact.

Set a specific time. While many cultures eat their large family meal at midday, Americans typically eat the evening meal together. No matter which meal your family eats together, try to schedule it at the same time each day. That way all family members can plan for the meal in advance.

It is important to assign everyone a job. One person should never be responsible for all the meal preparations and cleanup.

ions. In the end we will not really know why either of these events happened. Oh sure, we might know how they happened, the timelines and the logistics but we will not truly understand why they happened.

However, I know that we will rise up from these events, more determined and with a new inspiration to make the world a better place. I marveled at the crowds in Boston singing the National Anthem and the show of support that came from every direction.

Just this morning I saw an interview with the man who found the second terror suspect. His boat had been destroyed in the shootout and capture of the suspect. From what I understand that boat was his pride and joy. I have seen the efforts to raise money to buy him a new boat and the reporter asked him about the efforts.

His response was that he wanted the money to go to the victims of the bombing, many who had lost limbs. After all, he said, I just lost a boat. That is the core goodness that 99.99% of all of us possess. In times of crisis or need we are more worried about the other person than ourselves. There were many other similar stories of people coming to the rescue of the injured without a second thought of their own safety.

I know there will be stories like this that come out of the explosion in Texas. I am also sure that the town will pull itself up and rebuild with the help of many caring people. I do worry that the dramatic events in Boston have overshadowed what happened in Texas. However, I know that good people are doing what they can and will continue to care for those affected.

Finally, after all of the tragedy we saw I know that we will come together and we will be stronger because of these events. I know these events will make us more vigilant and determined. Most of all, I know we are blessed beyond comprehension to live in this great nation, have the opportunities we all share and the freedoms we all cherish. That is what I know and that is why I focus on the known instead of the unknown.

There are events in the news that you cannot turn your eyes away from and last week was certainly one of those times. Between the bombing in Boston and the explosion in Texas I watched the news with a heavy heart, some fear and, in the case of the Boston bombings, disgust. Both of these tragedies grabbed my attention and my thoughts. The most prevailing thought I had was "why do things like this happen?"

The more I thought about why these horrific events happened the more I realized I did not know. The people killed in Boston Marathon were all innocent, the MIT policeman was doing his job and in Texas the firemen rushed in without a moment's thought about their safety. In times like this I get comfort from thinking about the things I do know versus the questions that are unanswerable.

So here is what I know. I know that 99.99% of all of my fellow humans are good and decent. They simply want to live their lives, spend time with their friends and families and do what makes them happy. I truly believe that no matter our ethnicity, education, economic status, occupation or age; most of us are the same at our core.

I also know that people who are good at their core can do very bad things. I know that temptation and evil are all around us. We are all tempted, but fortunately most of us never give in to that temptation. Why good people do bad deeds and why bad things happen to good people are two questions I do not even try to answer.

I know that the only religion I really know is Christianity, but I know enough about the other mainstream religions to know that none of them preach hate and violence. I know that anyone who teaches hate and violence as part of their religion is not practicing that religion. The one thing I know for sure is that my faith tells me to love my neighbor and that is the furthest thing from hate and violence.

I also know that in the coming weeks and months we will analyze both of these events to death, and will listen to experts give their opin-

Assigning each family member a job can make this a true tradition.

Historically the family meal has been a way to honor family members who work both inside and outside the home. Every family member should

have a special position at the table. Make sure to honor all family members by assigning each his or her own spot at the table, and sit in the same seats each night.

Give special honor to the cook who prepared

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last week, while my husband was flipping through channels at vertigo-inducing speeds, he stopped ever so briefly on one of those "Real Housewives of (insert big-city-name here)" shows. Thankfully, he switched channels just before my disbelief turned into waves of nausea at their gushing nicey-niceness and somewhat skewed (in my opinion) value system. Soon he was back to watching 6.2 seconds of fourteen different shows, leaving me to ponder what I had just seen on the screen.

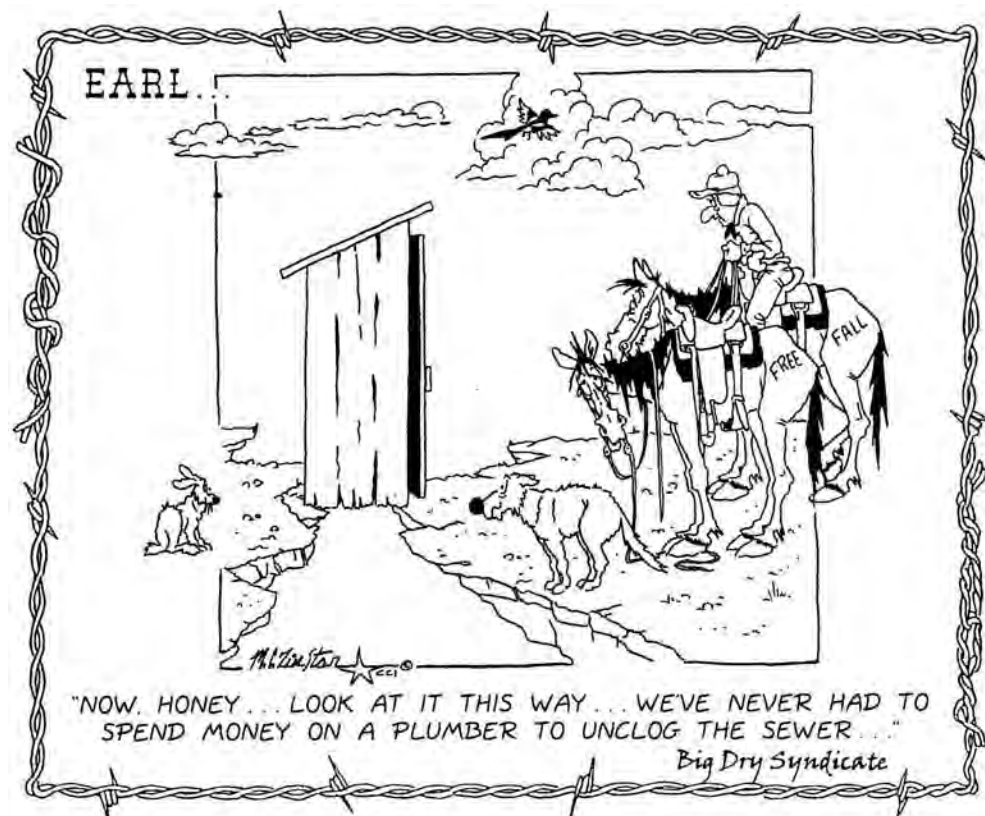
Suddenly, I was struck with an idea – that's what happens sometimes when I'm pondering – the next reality show to be made should be "Real Farmwives of the Midwest."

You could have newly-married farm wives – girls who were raised on the farm and went into this new venture knowing full well what they were getting into; wide-eyed city girls who married into farm families and are doing their best to learn the ropes; wives with off-farm jobs who lend a hand after hours and of course, seasoned farm wives who are actively involved in the operations.

There would be no end to the potential material. It would be entertaining, and even better, educational. Urban folks can get to know these women and their hard-working husbands and children; they can see baby calves be born or watch as drought threatens the family's livelihood. Viewers can have front-row seats to the panorama of a ripened wheat field and watch it harvested through the front window of a combine. They can witness multiple generations working together for the common good of the family, with all the joys and frustrations that entails. A whole new appreciation for their food supply system can be developed, all in the name of good, wholesome family entertainment.

What do you think, am I on to something here? Shoot, if viewers can keep up with the Kardashians, fish for River Monsters and shoot alligators with the Swamp People, it seems to me like a trip to the farm or ranch might also be something they would enjoy.

Who knows, it may even spark a few new fashion trends – muck boots, coveralls, leather gloves and ball caps. Look out Kardashians, The Real Farmwives of the Midwest will be the ones to keep up with now.



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the meal by complimenting the food and presentation.

Another way to make the evening meal rich with tradition is to develop a unique way to call everyone to the table. Consider a dinner bell to call children in from outside. Let-

ting the family know that dinner is ready may also be a specific assignment. Avoid yelling.

Finally, hand this meal-time tradition down to the next generation. Rituals often evolve over the history of a family. Meal traditions you establish now

may last long into the future.

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.

National 4-H Council to expand volunteer initiative with \$500,000 from Monsanto

National 4-H Council has received another generous gift from the Monsanto Company of \$500,000 to drive the continued expansion of the National 4-H Volunteer Initiative. The new grant will fund several initiatives including continued outreach to attract and retain 4-H volunteers in nearly 40 states along with new pilot programs in two states – Illinois and Iowa. The National 4-H Volunteer Initiative provides 4-H's network of more than 540,000 existing volunteers with an extensive hands-on training experience – enhancing their abilities to effectively mentor youth with positive youth development opportunities to learn leadership, citizenship and other important life skills. Core training delivery modes consist of forum events that allow 4-H volunteers to learn program information and share best practices.

"With the generous support of Monsanto, 4-H can continue to recruit and build an extensive network of well-trained volunteers, who can inspire youth for a lifetime," said Donald T. Floyd, Jr., National 4-H Council president and CEO. "Volun-

teers have always been the key to helping support high-quality, positive youth development to our nation's youth."

Monsanto is a national champion of local 4-H volunteer recruitment programming and is the only national corporate partner investing in 4-H volunteerism. Since 2007, nearly 65,000 volunteers and thousands of local 4-H families have been reached through Monsanto-sponsored 4-H volunteer training forums and online recruitment and retention tools. In 2012, with Monsanto's support, the National 4-H Council Volunteer Engagement and Activation Resource (VEAR) toolkit was created. The VEAR toolkit provides valuable resources for 4-H educators and Extension agents to recruit and effectively train leaders to be positive mentors to 4-H youth. "Monsanto is proud to be a long-time supporter of National 4-H Council, and we are pleased to honor the dedicated volunteers who serve as caring mentors, engaging and inspiring youth across America to be successful leaders," said Elizabeth Vancil, customer advocacy outreach

manager, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, Mo.

In 2013, in addition to outreach in 39 states, new programs will be tested in Illinois and Iowa for potential national replication in the future. Monsanto also has sponsored the online volunteer management training Everyone Ready® for the past three years, and has supported the 4-H Volunteer Management Awards which are presented at the annual National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) Conference.

In addition, the Monsanto Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities program has provided more than \$1.5 million to local 4-H clubs across the United States since the program began in 2009. This program provides farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 and designate that to their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as 4-H, local schools, fire departments and other civic groups. One winning farmer is selected in each of 1,271 eligible counties in 39 states. In 2012, counties that were designated as drought disaster areas by the USDA were eligible to receive two \$2,500 grants.



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Our Daily Bread

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

This Week's Grass & Grain Contest Winner Is Debbie Rogers, Independence, Missouri
Winner Debbie Rogers, Independence, Mo.:
PARMESAN CRUSTED CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
 - 4 teaspoons Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine mayonnaise and cheese. Arrange chicken in baking dish. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture then sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake 20-30 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

- Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.: "These taste like donuts."

MUFFIN DONUTS

 - 1 1/3 cups flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/3 cup oil
 - 3/4 cup white sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 3/4 cup milk

Combine dry ingredients. Mix liquids and beat until well mixed. Add dry ingredients and mix just until blended. Pour into muffin tins. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Topping:
Oleo or butter
- 1/4 cup white sugar

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Melt oleo or butter. Mix sugar and cinnamon. Dip muffin tops in oleo then in sugar and cinnamon mixture.

Amy Feigley, Enterprise: "This recipe is super easy and delicious!"

CROCK-POT BBQ PULLED PORK

 - (1) 2 to 3 pound pork loin
 - 1 chopped onion
 - 1 bottle barbecue sauce, your choice

Place the pork loin in the crock-pot. Cover with onions and barbecue sauce. Cook on high for 4 hours. Shred with two forks and mix with sauce in the crock-pot.

- Mary Rogers, Topeka:
- SAUCY CHICKEN**
- 4 small boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 pound)
 - 1 cup thick chunky salsa
 - 1 can black beans, undrained
 - 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- Cook chicken in nonstick skillet on medium high heat 4 minutes on each side or until browned on both sides. Add salsa and beans. Bring to boil, cover. Simmer on medium low heat 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Top with cheese. Remove from heat. Let stand covered 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

- Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
- LAZY DAY LASAGNA**
- 1 pound ground beef
 - 15- or 32-ounce jar spaghetti sauce (I use Prego)
 - 1 pound mozzarella cheese
 - 1 small carton cottage cheese
- Lasagna noodles, cooked & drained
- Brown meat and drain. Add sauce. Simmer 10 minutes. Lightly grease baking pan. Put thin layer of meat in bottom. Add a layer of noodles, cottage cheese and half of mozzarella cheese. Add more noodles and meat, sauce, layered. Top with rest of cheese and bake in a 350-degree oven until baked through and cheese is melted.

Green Beans Among World's Healthiest Foods

(NAPSA) — Scientists studying vegetables are finding out more about the long popular green bean. Not only do the pods contain fiber and vitamins C, K, A and B, but the latest research shows they have more antioxidants than other foods in the pea and bean families.

Registered dietitian Tammi Hancock recommends eating fresh or frozen green beans to maximize nutritional value. "At 31 calories and plenty of nutrients per cup, they're a great choice," Hancock says.

For a tasty and nutrient-rich side dish, prepare green beans using Smart Balance® Butter Flavor non-stick cooking spray, a heart-healthier alternative to butter.

- Baked Green Bean Fries With Chipotle Dipping Sauce**
- Baked Fries:
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 - 1/2 teaspoon salt



- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1 1/2 cups panko bread crumbs
- Chipotle Dipping Sauce:
- 1/4 cup Smart Balance® Omega Light Mayonnaise Dressing
 - 2 tablespoons minced seeded chipotle peppers with adobo sauce
- Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with foil. Spray foil with cooking spray. Blanch green beans in boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain and immediately plunge into an ice water bath. Drain when completely cooled and dry using paper towels.

Pour flour into a large plastic bag. In a shallow dish, beat egg with milk. Mix in garlic powder, salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper. Place panko breadcrumbs in a separate shallow dish.

Drop beans in bag of flour and shake to coat. Remove beans and shake off excess flour; set aside. Pour flour remaining in bag into egg mixture and whisk until smooth. Working with about 5 beans at a time, dip beans in egg mixture, turning to coat. Remove from mixture and place onto panko crumbs, gently coating. Transfer coated beans to prepared baking sheets, arranging beans about an inch apart.

Spray top of beans lightly with cooking spray, holding can an arm's length away from the beans.

Bake in center of oven for 8-12 minutes or until panko crumbs are golden brown. Serve with Chipotle Dipping Sauce, prepared by combining mayonnaise and chipotle peppers with adobo sauce.

Yield: 6 servings; about 7 beans and 1 tablespoon Chipotle Dipping Sauce per serving.

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Container Gardening: Choosing The Right Plant For The Pot

(NAPSA) — It's a growing trend: Twenty-one million households are planting container gardens. It saves space, helps control pests and overcome soil issues, and lets you enjoy fresh, homegrown produce even without a yard.

To ensure your success, it's important to pick the right plant for the pot. Fortunately, seed companies are developing vegetable seeds well adapted for container gardens.

"Today's container gardeners now have access to even more plants that are compact in size, yield more, taste great and feature unique colors and shapes," said John Marchese of Seminis Home Garden seed.

To help you get started, consider these tips from experts at the University of Illinois Extension:

Choosing a Container

- Anything that holds soil and has drainage holes in the bottom may be transformed into a container garden for terrestrial plants.
- For vibrant plant growth, the containers must provide adequate space for roots and soil media, allowing the plant to thrive.

Soil

- Soils for containers need to be well aerated and well drained while still being able to retain enough moisture for plant growth.

- Never use garden soil by itself for container gardening, no matter how good it looks or how well things grow in it outside.

- Containers often use soilless or artificial media that contain no soil at all.

- When these mixes are used, they should be moistened slightly before planting. Fill a tub with the media, add water and lightly fluff the media to dampen it.

- When filling containers with media, don't fill the pot to the top. Leave about a one-inch space between the top of the soil and rim of the pot.

Fertilizer

- A regular fertilizer program is needed to keep plants growing well and attractively all season.

- The choice of fertilizer analysis will depend on the kinds of plants you grow. High-nitrogen sources would be good for plants grown for their foliage while flowering and vegetable crops would generally prefer lower-nitrogen and higher-phosphorous fertilizer types.

Choosing Plants For Your Container Garden

- Plants that thrive in like soil, watering and light conditions make successful combinations. When combining plants, size, texture, proportion, color, setting and lighting all play a role.

Caring For Your Vegetables

- Containers offer the advantage of being portable. As

the seasons, temperature and light conditions change, you can move your containers so they enjoy the best conditions for peak performance.

- Most fruit-bearing vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squashes and eggplant require full sun.

- Leafy vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage and spinach can tolerate more shady locations, unlike root vegetables such as radishes, carrots and onions.

- There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to watering. You have to watch your containers and understand how much moisture each plant needs. Feel the soil-if the first inch or so is dry, add water until it starts to drip out of the drainage holes.

Special Seeds

"Just because they are using a smaller space to grow the plant doesn't mean the fruit has to be small, too," Marchese explained. "For example, if container gardeners are looking for a com-



act plant that produces large and tasty tomatoes, they should try a new hybrid tomato variety called Debut."

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Living With Allergies-And Animals

(NAPSA) — Good news for the estimated one in five allergy sufferers who have pets: There are ways you and your pet can live together. The experts at the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology suggest you:

- Keep your pet out of the bedroom. You spend as much as a third of your time there. Letting a dog or cat in increases your exposure to dander and the likelihood of allergic reaction.

- Bathe your pet frequently. It's not the hair shed by the dog or cat that causes you to suffer, it's the loose flakes of skin he deposits around the house. Bathe your pet at least once a week and dry him as best you can to limit the animal's shaking and stirring up more dander.

- Replace air filters regularly. With a pet in the house, you should replace the filter in your forced-air heating and cooling system at least once a month. A high-quality pleated filter offers more surface area to capture more dander than a flat-surface filter.

- Clean your house frequently. Doctors recommend frequent vacuuming of both hard-surface and carpeted floors, heavily upholstered furniture and draperies.

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Getting It Done

Spring was always filled with excitement on Texas ranches as drovers were prepared to drive their wild longhorn cattle to northern railheads. G.W. Mills wrote about the drive of 1877 for the book *The Trail Drivers of Texas*, edited by J. Marvin Hunter. The owners, Ellison and Dewees, put six herds on the trail to Ogallala, Nebraska. In the six herds there were about fifteen thousand head of cattle, averaging twenty-five hundred head in each herd. "We left the Lockhart pasture about the first of April, took the Chisholm Trail and 'lit out'." Mills recalled that their first stampede occurred one night about midnight. The herd was bedded down about one hundred yards from the wagon with two men on guard. The cattle ran toward the wagon as the drovers slept in their blankets. The sudden roar of "tramping hoofs" startled the men who had nowhere to go except onto the wagon. One of the older, more experienced

men jumped up and shook a blanket at the cattle. His quick thinking saved the wagon and drovers as the startled cattle turned away from the waving blanket.

It all happened so fast that Mills could only remember hearing the boss yelling. "Boys, get down and get your horses."

"It was then that I discovered that I had quit my pallet and was astride one of the hind wheels." Everyone found a horse and luckily the cattle stopped running about a mile from camp. "We slept no more that night."

The spring and summer was marked by excessive rainfall, but in spite of the rain drovers were finding their way north. George Mills took it all in stride including, "big rains falling at night, and one hailstorm, adding greatly to the hardship of the cowboy's lot; but we didn't mind it much, and with songs and jokes kept up our spirits."

In Dodge City business houses were bracing for

brisk business with cattle drovers. The Dodge City Times announced, "Places of refreshment are being gorgeously arrayed in new coats of paint and other ornaments to beguile the festive Cowboy."

With the Wichita cattle market closed at the end of the Chisholm, Trail Dodge City was just beginning to see the great herds of Texas cattle pay homage to its stock yards. The newest route, the Western Cattle Trail, led directly to Dodge City. Dodge was about to become the new cattle mecca.

Longhorn herds were soon seen in all directions from Dodge City. Even so, the trail town of Caldwell, on the languishing Chisholm Trail, continued to receive diminishing herds of cattle. Caldwell had no railroad but as long as some cattle found their way to their town, prospective buyers who weren't dependent on shipping by rail kept the cattle business functioning. The buy-

ers simply drove the herds to their own destination.

T.J. Garner also wrote about trailing cattle in 1877. He worked for the Hood & Hughes outfit of Uvalde, Texas. The cattle were sold out at Caldwell to Smith & Leedy, who hired Garner and others to trail the herd east toward Eureka. The drovers made the cattle swim across the swollen Arkansas River a few miles below Arkansas City before entering the Flint Hills. "When we reached a point within about a mile of the pens ten French ranchers came out of a gulch and were going to give Hank Leedy a grass necktie. Hank was scared almost to death, and his face went as white as my hair is today when they caught his horse by the bridle and began to curse and abuse him." Garner wasn't intimidated. Quick as wink he pulled his rifle from the saddle scabbard. "Don't get scared, Hank, I am Johnny on the spot." A

nearby rock offered a vantage point. The rock stood about four feet high, just right for a quick dismount from his horse. "Bringing my Winchester into position I started in to make those fellows a speech, but they did not wait to hear it, and went back into the gulch faster than they had come out of it. Hank said: "Jack, you must have lots of gall to talk that way to those fellows." Garner calmly turned to his friend and explained, "It was not what I said that turned the trick, it must have been my looks or my Winchester that caused them to scamper away."

And that's they way it

was done once upon a time 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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Hazardous Occupations Safety Training for youth in agriculture scheduled for May

Federal Law requires youth ages 14 and 15 to participate in a Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture and become certified in order to work for anyone other than their parents. To meet this requirement the K-State Research and Extension, River Valley District #4 will conduct two district-wide Hazardous Occupations Safety Trainings in Agriculture (tractor and machinery safety) in May.

The trainings will be:

Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Belleville.

Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Extension office in Clay Center.

Youth must register at any River Valley office by Friday, May 3rd. Registration forms are available at the Extension office or on the River Valley Website, www.rivervalley.ksu.edu.

Youth must provide name, address, date of birth, and contact information at registration time. Youth will be given the manual and assignments upon receipt of registration.

In order to receive the certification, youth must register by the deadline, complete all assignments prior to coming to class, attend either training location (must attend the entire day), pass the written exam, and then must complete a driving requirement after the completion of the class. Once certified, the youth do not have to take the course again.

To register, contact any River Valley Extension District office: Belleville Office, Courthouse, 1815 M Street - 785-527- 5084; Clay Center Office, 322 Grant Avenue - 785-632-5335; Concordia Office, Courthouse, 811 Washington- 785-243-8185; or Washington Office, Courthouse, 214 C Street - 785-325-2121. Contact John Forshee, district director, with any questions.

U.S. soy leads by example in soy sustainability

Speaking on a world stage about the excellent sustainability performance of U.S. soy, Jim Carroll recently confirmed what he and the soy checkoff already knew: global customers demand soybeans and soy products produced in a sustainable manner.

Carroll, a soy checkoff farmer-leader from Brinkley, Ark., recently brought his farm expertise to South Africa, where he told attendees at the World Soybean Research Conference about the practices he's implemented to decrease his farm's carbon footprint while maintaining high productivity. Carroll says the conversations he had at the conference reinforced his notion that soy customers

place a high priority on sustainability.

"Several people from around the world came to me after the presentation was over and asked me for more information about sustainability," said Carroll. "Sustainability is constantly gaining importance, and I am very honored to have had the chance share my experiences."

Many U.S. soy customers consider sustainability an important issue. The U.S. soy industry received good marks in several reports and studies conducted by the checkoff measuring the sustainability performance of various aspects of U.S. soy production. This makes the practices of U.S. farmers a good example for soybean opera-

tions in other countries.

Sustainability was one of many topics discussed at the conference, which brings together members from every link of the soy value chain. Participants heard presentations and discussed the geographic differences in growing, processing, transporting and marketing soybeans, soy meal and soy oil.

Recent polls of U.S. soybean farmers show they do their part to increase sustainability on their operations. More than 50 percent of farmers say they made changes to improve their farms' sustainability performance.

Carroll said, "I spoke with several people from both Africa and Europe

who were very interested in how I increased efficiency and conserved water while irrigating." Overall, in the last 30 years, U.S. farmers have reduced energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, while increasing irrigation efficiency per bushel of soybeans by more than 40 percent.

"For me, sustainability is just about trying to make reasonable, economic and environmental decisions for my farming operation," Carroll said. "If you are a farmer today, chances are you already work to improve your farm's sustainability, whether you know it or not. All farmers want to make the best decisions possible for their land and operation."

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Abilene CVB to create Barn Quilt Tour in Dickinson County

The Abilene CVB is leading an effort to create a Barn Quilt Tour through Dickinson County. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Union Pacific Depot, 201 NW Second. Those interested in any aspect of creating a barn quilt tour, are encouraged to attend. Citizens who are barn owners, barn lovers, quilters, artists, painters, and people with ideas for market-

ing this project are invited to come and share ideas to help develop the tour. Barn quilts are not limited to the rural area. City residents interested in placing a barn quilt on their house or outbuilding will also be considered.

Barn Quilt Tours have been developed in several rural areas of Kansas. Franklin County was one of the first in Kansas to organize and is a prime example of a barn quilt tour.

The Flint Hills Tourism Coalition has endorsed a project through the Flint Hills' twenty-two county region and is creating a web presence for a Flint Hills Quilt Trail. The Dickinson County project will be included in the Flint Hills Quilt Trail.

For more information call 785-263-2231.

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The Sorghum Checkoff in collaboration with MMR Genetics (NuSeeds America) and USDA-Agricultural Research Service have released 50 new sources of sorghum germplasm through the reinstated Sorghum Conversion Program.

This is the program's second of three scheduled releases of sorghum germplasm. In June 2012, the program released 44 converted lines that were distributed to 12 public and private entities engaged in sorghum breeding for the development of new and better hybrid lines of sorghum.

The reinstated sorghum conversion program releases make more of the world's inventory of sorghum genetics available to public and private breeding programs. The material released provides a brand new source of germplasm with potential yield-improving benefits among other desirable genetic traits. Breeding companies can capture potential traits from this new release of germplasm to incorporate into their current sorghum lines to improve

the crop's productivity.

"The introduction of new genetic sources to the sorghum industry is important in the development of better sorghum hybrids" said Justin Weinheimer, Sorghum Checkoff crop improvement program director.

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Abilene cowboy chosen for 2013 buckle

Duane Carson is the featured cowboy for the 2013 Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo buckle.

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The Abilene resident has been a tie-down roper since his youth in Hamilton. He team roped and tie-down roped in 4-H and

high school rodeo, qualifying for and competing at the National High School Finals Rodeo all four years of his high school career.

Since graduation in 1981, he has worked at ranches and feedlots and now works as a horse-shoer.

He has competed at the

Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in Abilene for several years in both the tie-down and team roping, winning the Kansas Lottery Championship Series in 2010.

Duane's rodeo days have slowed down as he has gotten older. "It's a fun thing to do any more," he said. "It's a hobby, not a 'We're going to make money at this any more,' for me."

He is married to Angie, and has a daughter, age 25, a stepson, age 20, and a son, who is seven. The seven-year-old enjoys horses and riding, and may someday be interested in rodeo, Duane said. "Hopefully it'll grow on him in due time."

Buckles one through ten and number 500 will be auctioned off during the annual auction on Friday, August 2 at 6:30 pm. Other items will also be included in the auction. This year's Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo is July 31-August 3.

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The house on the river

Sometime in the night whether through a hard wind coming off the river, a minute shift in the mole-tunneled underoil or the implacable pull of gravity, a small handhewn sliver of limestone that had been teetering nearly untethered for years beyond count wobbled free from the lower front wall and tumbled in a series of shortening arcs to the frozen grass. It might have lain there undisturbed for a few minutes in the star-silvered frost or a few hours or even decades if not for a growl of rotted timbers and a sudden displacement of weightier stones whose momentum once engaged could never be contained but carried forward as if under their own volition. The squared corner collapsed dragging down

dismembered window frames and oaken doorways, powdered grout and grooved stones of various sizes and shapes, spidered glass that exploded into jagged shards and weathered shingles and a portion of the ceiling joists black with rot. The brittle clattering echoed up and down the valley but went unremarked and unnoticed except for the owls and coyotes hunting the stubbled fields abutting the river.

The owner discovered the house the following day. What had been the living room was now a gaping cavity latticed with splintered planks and piles of rubble shadowed by an overhanging section of roof. It wasn't what he expected to see nor entirely a surprise but nevertheless a

concern, especially that dangling roof that seemed suspended more by memory than any physical underpinning.

He parked by the gate and walked the gradual incline nearly to the front step and surveyed the damage. Some of the wood could be salvaged and the rest burned. Smaller, manageable stone blocks would be perfect to line the flower beds his wife was after him to make. Larger blocks could be repurposed somehow. The house would not die in vain.

I learned of it about a week later. It wasn't so much that people knew of my interest in old abandoned houses, especially the limestone homes of original settlers, but that by

dint of its rarity and sad demise a small piece of our shared history was gone. The house had graced the drive along the river as far back as people could remember and longer still, their parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles knowing it, and some not as an empty owl-haunted relic but ringing with the laughter of children, wreathed in wood-smoke, its windows of a winter's night radiant with the flickering glow of candles and lanterns. I'd taken quite a few photographs of the house but never one I would consider defining, and was even then in the process of arranging a short excursion for yet another attempt when I heard the news.

It wasn't the first time I missed my opportunity. Several years ago I was on the hunt for what was reputed to be the biggest and most beautiful one-room school in Washington County. Bad roads and weather hampered my search for weeks. By the time I managed to reach it all that remained were two scorched walls furrowed with the chiseled names of former pupils.

This time I was on time if not a little late, and yet not so late that I'd find only a gravelly indentation of darker soil like an oil stain spreading against the hill. If anything the scene was altogether peaceful, a momentary suspension between the relentless fatigue of time and annihilation, no more than a heartbeat in the historical sense but enough to whisper a soft goodbye. The roof still sagged unsuspended looking none too stable, and shadows stretched long and thin on its opposite side reaching deep into the oak forest as if fleeing the sunset or, perhaps, my intrusive presence, but new cracks had riven the remaining frontal wall in stairstep patterns tracing the outlines of joints. It was only a matter of time, had indeed always been a matter of time, something not restricted to houses but encompassing the enormity of all living beings of which I was but a

particle myself favoring my one good knee and listening with my one good ear at the early calling of a barred owl somewhere within the trees bordering the river, the house and I both on the long end of experience and yet surprised somehow to find ourselves in the slow act of reduction.

Taking the photograph felt wrong, an act not of remembrance but invasive, so I put the camera away and cased the tripod and stood there watching the last light radiate warmly from the remaining stones before shadows swallowed the fields and the sun dipped below the western horizon. And yet something constrained me to stay, and I did so until long after stars glittered overhead and the howling of coyotes drifted downriver, and left only when darkness was complete, grateful that I could no longer see what we had both managed to become.

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Among the fleet of harvest implements to consider are mower conditioners, balers and tedders. Each tool has its own checklist of items to prepare before starting the harvest. Nonetheless, there are a few all-encompassing inspections every farmer should make.

Oil and lubrication points should be addressed regularly. The gear box oil is especially important to change, as deterioration can lead to damaged seals. While changing the oil before harvest season every year is important, operators should also check with the owner's manual for more specific information. Typically, these oil changes will be determined by hours of operation.

Depending on the baler or mower, the hourly operation intervals between changes may vary; the oil can breakdown at different rates and cause more severe damage if the recommended intervals are not adhered to.

Venting the friction

clutch annually and greasing all points on each machine – including U-joints, the cutter bar and PTO shaft – are also frequent checkpoints to monitor.

In the mower, be sure to check the disk for wear. If the disk is always kept in the same position, as it rotates it will only wear on one side. In order to increase longevity of the mower, the position of the disk should be altered to disperse any machine wear that could otherwise build up on a concentrated area.

The mower cutter bar should also be closely examined for a unique condition that can occur in dry climates. With worries about the U.S. drought prolonging or worsening, much of the forages harvested this year could come from extremely dry fields.

Alfalfa coming from these rain-deprived areas could be particularly problematic and will require special attention. When harvested, this alfalfa can contain more sap in the stems and that can drip down and form a hard, concrete-like substance on the cutter bar. If a mower sits even for just a few hours, the disk can lock in place and burn out the clutch.

To prevent this, operators should check the cutter bar for any sap accumulation and scrape it clean before firing up the machine; if the sap is too thick, spraying the cutter

bar with water can loosen the buildup and more easily allow for removal.

For balers, be sure to properly match the machine to the crop. Crops such as cornstalks and silage can be much harder on a baler than grasses, and specifically designed balers should be incorporated for those jobs. Using a generic baler is not as effective and can damage the inside of the machine.

Belt balers and round balers each have their own components to inspect before beginning the baling process. Round balers feature a number of grease and lubrication points to attend to. Additionally, the baler should be operated for a half hour and the temperature of the bearings should be checked with an infrared temperature gun. In belt balers, each knife should be checked for sharpness and quality. Scrapers, cam track bearings, chamber rollers and the teeth should also be checked routinely in the maintenance schedule.

The tedder, which is primarily used to spread out the cut forage and hasten drying time, also features a number of areas to investigate during the preventive maintenance stage. Much like the baler

and mower conditioner, the tedder should be properly lubricated. Well-maintained tines are also imperative in the success of a tedder; tine lengths are designed to spread the crop with minimal damage to the plant and broken or malfunctioning tines can impede this process.

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Expert gives baling tips for superior hay quality

Whether you choose large round, large square or small-square bales, making high-quality bales that preserve hay quality, maximize protection from the weather, and are easy to store or transport boils down to following a few rules.

The first, and most basic rule, is simplest of all: “Get out of the tractor, and check your baler and the first bales from a field to make sure adjustments are right, so the density and shape of the bales are correct,” says Dean Morrell, AGCO product marketing manager for Hesston by Massey Ferguson® hay products.

“The biggest mistake people make is moving too fast when they start baling. They don’t get out of the tractor to verify that everything is right, and if it is not, to tweak adjustments until it is,” he says. “The same rule applies to cutting, conditioning and raking. It’s a missed opportunity if you don’t get out of the tractor cab.”

Adjusting a baler to produce high-quality bales is relatively straightforward, says Morrell. Of course, by starting with windrows that are uniform in width and in

the amount of hay they contain, producers help ensure bales are consistent in shape and density. Also, windrows that are as large as possible to meet the baler capacity help minimize the amount of loss during the baling process when hay is at its driest and most subject to leaf loss from handling.

Operating manuals provide a full rundown on how to set balers to make dense bales that are consistent in size and shape. Here are Morrell’s quick tips for doing the job right:

Set baler pickup tines about one inch above the ground. This helps prevent contaminating the hay with dirt, which raises ash percentages and reduces digestibility. Baler wear and tear caused by picking up stones also is reduced or eliminated.

Set the hay pickup flotation so that the pickup follows the contour of the ground at or just above the tine height setting. If the tines aren’t digging into the dirt, the flotation setting is about right. Regularly check the hay pickup for bent or broken tines and replace them as necessary. Be sure

to stock up on replacement parts before the hay season begins.

Synchronize the field speed and the baler pickup speed so the hay is lifted from the windrow and flows into the bale chamber. Pickup loss is lower when windrows are heavy because the baler is operated at a slower field speed, and there is less contact between the hay and the baler components.

Bale chamber loss, particularly of the valuable leaves, is typically two to three times greater in round balers compared to square balers. To minimize bale chamber losses in round balers, the feed rate should be as high as possible to minimize the number of turns the hay makes within the bale chamber. This can be accomplished by using large windrows and high forward speeds. Since pickup losses are normally lower than chamber losses, it’s usually better to have some pickup loss by driving faster but reducing the amount of time it takes to form the bale.

Monitor bale density. Even if your baler has a density gauge, it is still

critical to get out of the cab and “thump” bales to verify that the density is high enough so that bales hold their shape and provide maximum protection from the elements. “You really don’t want to be able to stick your fingers into the bale,” Morrell says. “If you kick the bale, it should

hurt your foot.”

Follow drive directional arrows on the baler monitor to make sure hay is fed consistently across the width of the bale chamber so bales have square shoulders. This helps round bales shed moisture, and improves stacking attributes of square bales.

Hay moisture at baling is a critical factor in determining superior hay quality and long storage life. Assessing moisture before baling depends on whether it is stem moisture or moisture from dew. The moisture present from dew will seep through the hay to some degree, while stem moisture will



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AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 18 — 11:00 AM

Auction will be held at the farm located 2 miles North of Highway 36 & 15 highways (Short Stop) in WASHINGTON, KANSAS corner of Quivira & 19th roads.

REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 11:00 AM

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W ½ SW ¼ 25-2-3 Washington Co. Kansas

76.8 acres located 2 miles North of Washington, Kansas with 49.8 acres cropland balance is grass & farmstead. Base acres are 27.3 wheat 33 bu yield, 10.7 milo 56 bu yield, 8.6 soybean, 20 bu yield for a total base acres of 46.6. The farm has an older home that needs work, 2 car garage, hay barn, other out buildings. The seller will do no inspections or repairs on the farm. All inspections by the purchaser must be made by May 18, 2013.

Possession of the 22 acres planted to wheat will be after wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive 40% landlord share of the wheat crop. Possession of 27 acres planted to soybeans, will be upon closing. The purchaser will receive all of the soybeans, the purchaser will pay the planting expense. Possession of pasture & buildings will be upon closing.

TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before June 18, 2013. Doug Simms Attorney will be the escrow agent. Escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Purchaser will pay all of 2013 taxes, 2012 taxes were \$1,153.96. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. **Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent.**

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 11 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Northeast corner of the Clay Center Community High School, 1630 9th Street in CLAY CENTER, KANSAS.
(Enter off of Prospect Street on the North side of High School.)

This house is the project of the Construction Technology, Drafting, and Ag Structures classes of Clay Center Community High School. Construction meets required city building specifications under the supervision of John Perkins and Jon Schooley with Mike Beying and Steve Debenham (Debenham Electrical, Clay Center) completing the electrical work. This house is constructed with quality building materials with craftsman workmanship.

DESCRIPTION: Overall dimensions are 28' X 52', which provides 1,464 sq. ft. of living space. This house provides a master bedroom with coffered ceiling, walk-in closet, and master bath with double sink and 3' step-in shower. Two more bedrooms with 6' closets share the main floor bath. The utility/mud room enters from what could be an attached garage. The kitchen, dining, and great room features a Cathedral ceiling from a 6/12 roof pitch. The windows are ProSolar Low E Argon Gas, which qualifies for Energy Star regions north and south central. Ceiling fans are included in all bedrooms and great room, smoke detectors are hard wired. Six panel solid Oak doors and solid Ash trim and baseboard, stained special walnut, has been used throughout the house. The kitchen cabinets are Oak KraftMaid with special walnut stain, the counter tops are installed by The Home Depot. The service entry panel is 200 amps and the house is wired with tamper proof or ground fault and/or on arc fault breakers. The floor system is a 14" truss, spaced 24" on center with glued 3/4" tongue and groove

OSB. The roof system is a manufactured truss with a 6/12 pitch, sheathed with 1/2" OSB and Owens Corning 30 year, weathered wood architectural shingles. The house has ¼" foam wrap under the clay color vinyl siding, and is fully insulated with R38 fiberglass in the Cathedral ceiling and blown in R50 above the flat ceilings. The 6" side walls are insulated with R19 fiberglass and all windows and doors are spray foam insulated. The house will be sold without any floor covering.

USD 379 has agreed to give a \$6,000 floor covering allowance on this house this year.

OPEN HOUSE will be Thursday May 9th 2013, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The house will be sold as exhibited on May 11th, at 10:00am. The house must be moved from the present building site by July 31, 2013. Moving the house is the buyer's expense and in accordance with city ordinances.

TERMS OF PURCHASE: Ten percent to the total purchase price and all the sales tax on the total cost of materials must be paid to USD 379 on the day of the auction. The balance is to be paid on or before July 31, 2013, or prior to the removal of the house from the school premises. The sale is subject to school board approval and the buyer must sign a written contract prior to June 1, 2013. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all printed material.

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Raking tips for superior hay quality

Whether you are cutting, conditioning, raking or baling, all steps in the process of making high-quality hay require attention to detail. Any slip-ups along the way can compromise the end result. Raking is perhaps the most critical step in the process, as more leaf loss can be caused by improper raking than by any other step in the harvest process.

"A good job of raking can make baling high-quality hay relatively easy," says Dean Morrell, AGCO hay and forage product marketing manager for Hesston by Massey Ferguson® and a 35-year veteran of the quality hay business. "On the other hand, if raking is done poorly, the result can be poor-quality bales that are subject to spoilage." Morrell reminds producers to avoid raking alfalfa or clover when the forage moisture is less than 35 to 40 percent to prevent the loss of nutrient-dense leaves. Leaves contain two-thirds of the protein and 75 percent of the total digestible nutrients (TDN) in alfalfa hay.

Raking can't be avoided,

because this process gathers a mowed swath into a windrow or gathers two or more windrows into one for more efficient baling. By creating windrows that are uniform in width and in the amount of hay they contain, producers help ensure bales are consistent in shape and density. Also, by creating windrows as large as possible to meet the baler capacity, the amount of loss during the baling process can be minimized when hay is at its driest and most subject to leaf loss from handling.

In addition to proper timing and technique, properly setting the rake ensures good results. Overall, wheel rakes are simplest to set, but rotary rakes, which have more adjustments, often provide superior results, with less dirt contamination in the hay, and therefore less ash, which reduces forage digestibility. Check the operator's manuals for full details on best practices for setting and operating your style of rake for superior hay production.

Here are several tips on

how to set and operate rakes. Except where indicated, tips are for rotary rakes:

Set rake tines of rotary rakes to skim just above the ground, so they don't dig up dirt, contaminating the hay and wearing down tines unnecessarily. Set wheel rakes to have as little contact with the ground as possible.

Make sure rotary rake bogey wheels beneath the rotor are level. The rotor should have one-half to one inch of ground clearance on all sides at all times.

Set the tine arm release based on crop conditions and the size windrow you desire. A dry, fluffy crop requires an earlier release setting. For a heavy, wet crop, use a later release setting.

For maximum drying, set the windrow as wide as possible.

If the rake is PTO-driven, synchronize the field speed and PTO speed for a gentle lifting and turning action. This helps avoid aggressive handling that can cause excessive leaf loss.

Operate the rake at a consistent speed to create an even windrow for uniform drying and fewer slugs

of wet, bunched hay, thus allowing hay to be fed smoothly and evenly into the baler for superior baler performance. The end result will be high-quality bales and reduced risk of crop spoilage.

Stay up to date on regular maintenance to ensure peak machine performance including daily greasing of pivot points and hinges. Tighten bolts and replace broken or worn tines. Check tire inflation regularly.

Be sure to visit your local dealer to stock up on replacement tines and basket and rake wheel bearings before the season starts to minimize downtime from common breakdowns. Dealers often have a list of parts recommended for on-farm stocking and may offer preseason discounts for parts purchases.

Agribusiness industry selects college scholarship recipients

The Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA) has chosen the following five Kansas students to receive college scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year:

Karly Frederick, Alden - to study ag business at Kansas State University

Morgan Halderson, Delphos - studying ag business at Kansas State University

Samantha L'Ecuyer, Morrowville - to study agronomy at Kansas State University

Katrina Sudbeck, Seneca - studying agronomy at Kansas State University

Michael Welch, Haddam - studying agronomy at Kansas State University

Over 30 applications were received and considered by an independent Scholarship Selection Com-

mittee made up of association members.

Each year, KARA awards one \$500 Jim Lee Memorial scholarship, one \$1,000 Dr. David Whitney Agronomy scholarship and three \$1,000 KARA scholarships.

KARA is a volunteer organization whose membership includes over 700 agribusiness firms that are primarily retail facilities that supply fertilizers, crop protection chemicals, seed, petroleum products and agronomic expertise to Kansas farmers. KARA's membership base also includes ag-chemical and equipment manufacturing firms, distribution firms and various other businesses associated with the retail crop production industry.

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Auction Sales Scheduled

April 30 — Cloud County real estate at Jamestown for Ralph & Pauline Swearingen Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 30 — Lyon County real estate at Council Grove for Spooky Business Stable, LLC. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

Bidding starts to close May 15 — Ag dealer inventory, combines, tractors & more online (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auction.

May 1 — Farm machinery at Clay Center (and online at auctiontime.com). Auctioneers: Jim Hoobler Auctions.

May 1 — Balers, rakes, mower conditioners, tractors, planters, drills, trucks, trailers, trees, livestock & tillage equipment & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

May 2 — Ford County acreage irrigated farm, pasture & mineral rights at Dodge City. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

May 2 — Morris County acreage, cropland & grass at Delavan for David & Sarah Becker. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 3 — Pickup, tractors, quick hitch, combine, header, corn head, tillage & hay equip., rotary mower, auger, fescue equip., tires, fuel tanks at Prescott for Steve & Laina Miller. Auctioneers: Marty Read Auction Service.

May 4 — Car, golf cart, unique items & tools, antiques, farm toys, household at Belleville for Republic County Marching Buffs Band. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

May 4 — New & used farm equipment, garden, boat, household, electronics, furniture & more at Little River for Little River Congregational Church. Auctioneers: Bill Oswalt.

May 4 — Guns, tools & misc. at Junction City for Jack Pickering. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

May 4 — House & acreage, personal property: vehi-

cles, household, tools, lawn & garden near Blaine for Al Spencer. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction.

May 4 — Household, appliances, furniture, jewelry, tools & lawn & garden items at Abilene for the Ruth Flinn Estate. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

May 4 — Real estate, furniture, household, tools, truck at Wamego for George & Lucille (Brunkow) Dewyke. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 4 — Misc. primitives & tools, mower, furniture, appliances, household, car, antiques & collectibles near Hope for Lester & Irene Hill Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhaefer & Lee Holtmeier.

May 4 — Car, furniture, appliances, antiques, primitives, collectibles, tools, misc. household at Red Cloud, Nebraska for VI Borton Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

May 4 — Guns, tools & misc. at Junction City for Jack Pickering. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

May 4 — Tractors, old & collectible tractors, combine, dozer, scraper, farm equipment, trucks, livestock & horse trailers, camping trailer, trailers, livestock equipment, antiques, antique machinery, misc., Cab Cadet & attach., boats, vehicles at Burlington for Mrs. Joan Hess. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

May 4 — 4 bedroom home at Abilene for Gregory Kowenicki. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

May 4 — Construction & farm toys at Fairview for Ambrose Ernzen Estate, Theresa Ernzen. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

May 4 — Labette & Neosho County Kansas land in 7 tracts at Parsons for O'Hern Estate. Auctioneers: Chesnutt & Chesnutt.

May 4 — Tractors, equipment, stock trailer, boat, household, tools & misc. at Wellsville for Jim & Marilyn Malson. Auction-

eers: Griffin Auctions.

May 4 — Trucks, tractors, farm & shop equipment at Gypsum for Mr. & Mrs. Don Ade. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 5 — Furniture, household, collectibles, horse trailer & tools, guns at Wamego for Dr. Bill & Huann Braden and Myron Figge. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 6 — Trego County land at Ellis for the Peterson & Kanoff Heirs. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

May 7 — Morris County real estate at White City for Leo & Nellie Hultgren. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

May 8 — Tractors, combines, balers, skid steers, wheel loaders, trucks, trailers, livestock, tillage, planting equip. & more online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

May 9 — Barber County acreage, hunting, cropland & pasture at Attica. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

May 10 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related, antiques, collectibles & household near Moundridge for Tim B. Schrag Estate. Amy Schrag seller. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

May 10 — Forklifts, machine shop equipment, office furniture & misc. at Wichita for property of Humphrey Products, Inc. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Realty, Inc.

May 11 — Coins at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

May 11 — Tractors, harvest, planting & tillage equipment, trucks, trailers near Stafford for Donald Gene Newell Estate Trust. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.

May 11 — Vehicles, furniture, guns, collectibles & household at Randolph for Louise & the late Leon Schultes. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 11 — Vehicles, trailers,

equipment, firearms, sporting, shop tools, collectibles, household & misc. at Perry for Dallas Merritt. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp & Ed Dewey.

May 11 — 3-bedroom house at Clay Center for 2012-2013 Construction Technology, Drafting and Ag Structures classes of Clay Center Community High School. Auctioneer: Harold Mugler.

May 11 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

May 11 — 3-bedroom house at Chapman for project of the Construction Technology, Industrial Technology and Cabinetmaking I & II of Chapman High School. Auctioneer: Ron Shivers.

May 11 — Tractors, trucks, trailers, horses & tack, machinery, antiques, shop tools & misc., household at Ellis. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

May 11 — Acreage, home, garage, outbuildings & personal property at Wamego for Dennis & Sharon Claes. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 13 — Pottawatomie County pasture S. edge of Emmett for Christopher A. & Krystal A. Greene. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

May 13 — Farmland/CRP land at Barnes for the Gertrude Behrens Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 13 — Grassland at Barnes for the Margaret Roth Trust. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 14 — Real estate (house), car & household goods at Leonardville for Micky Kendall Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

May 15 & 16 — Antique tractor collection, collector trucks, vintage fire trucks, pickups, cars, tractor parts, tools, vintage machinery, pickups, implement flatbeds at Baltic, South Dakota for David Dyke Estate, Carol Dyke owner. Auctioneers: Wieman Land & Auction Co., Inc.

May 16 — Marshall County farmland at Blue Rapids. Auctioneers: LandPros Realty.

May 17 — Flint Hills native grass acreage at Cottonwood Falls for Jean D. Ward Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 18 — Washington County real estate, pickups, tractor, machinery & tools, antiques, household at Washington for Marvin R. Roper Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 18 — Farm estate auction at Lecompton. Auctioneers: Sebree Auction, LLC.

May 18 — 3 tracts of land at Topeka. Auctioneers: Countrywide Realty, Inc.

May 18 — Anderson County acreage, hunting, turkey, ponds, productive cropland, timber, creek at Colony. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

May 23 — Morris County Real estate (Heritage House B&B & acreage) at Council Grove for Charles H. Downes, Charles R. Downes & Cheryl Downes. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

May 27 — Harley Gerdes 20th annual Memorial Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

June 1 — Classic tractors & vehicles, tools & collectibles at Clifton for Bonnie (Mrs. Earleen) Olson. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 1 — Consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

June 4 — McPherson Coun-

ty real estate at Moundridge for Darrel D. & Jamie Dirksen. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Specialists, Inc.

June 6 — Dickinson County land & livestock equipment N. of Hope for Russell & Rebecca Walker. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

June 20 — Pottawatomie County land at Olsburg for Claude Woodard Family. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

July 20 — Land, old machinery, antiques & misc. NE of Leonardville for Robert & Fern Berggren Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

August 3 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 2 — Harley Gerdes 18th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 21 — Farm equipment consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli and Associates, Inc.

November 2 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

November 9 — SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Bulls North of Wheaton for Moser Ranch 22nd Bull Sale.

January 1, 2014 — Harley Gerdes 29th annual New Years Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.



Sankeys Justified 101 won grand champion bull at the 2013 Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF) Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Show, April 21 in Reno, Nev. Chris & Sharon Sankey, Council Grove, and Foster Campbell, Bossier City, La., own the January 2011 son of Sankeys Lazer 609 of 6N. He first won junior champion. Bruce Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio, evaluated the 152 entries. Photo by Shelia Stannard, American Angus Association

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One of the biggest upheavals in food production in the last ten years was the result of one of the tiniest imaginable scares. It would be comparable to one single Aborigine threatening the U.S. with a flyswatter, and our government issuing every homeowner a fifty-caliber machine gun to defend themselves!

Peruse any ag media today and you will see multiple companies offering age and source verification for cattle. The biggest impetus for this technical, political and management service was the BSE/mad cow scare. It began in Great Britain in 1996 and was connected to human deaths from Creutzfeld-Jakob disease. Once they diagnosed the connection between BSE and C-J, the British bit the bullet and began their eradication program, but not before the whole world had a global

fright worthy of Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds*!

Over a period of time random cases were diagnosed in Canada, Korea, Japan and Europe. In 2003 the U.S. made their first diagnosis. At the peak of random testing, the number of positives compared to the cow population was less than a grain of sand in the Sahara (my exaggeration). Meat eaters around the world soon realized their own personal risk was less than getting hit by an armadillo dropped from the sky. Yet governments have continued to restrict imports of beef from each other, but mostly for political reasons and market protection.

In retrospect, the good side to this otherwise egregious reaction was, with the advent of age and source verification came the addition of other third party verifications of "value added" benefits.

These include procedures like bunk-broke, weaned, vaccinated, all natural, no hormone/antibiotics, BQA approved, dehorned, etc. Feedlot buyers appreciate the efforts and will pay a premium for feeders that will make them more money. I suspect these management procedures would have eventually come along sporadically over time, but the wide acceptance of the "age and source verification" avalanche has put us ten to fifteen years ahead of the game.

In every region each cow-calf operator has to work within his own natural circumstances: soil, winter, summer, rain, mud proximity to feedlots or packing houses, labor quality and availability, personal financial situation and state or federal regulations. But almost everybody today is within reach of a company whose "value-added verification" service might fit your specific program.

BSE was global disaster for cattle producers. The press labeled the first diagnosis in one cow as a "BSE OUTBREAK!" The outbreak continues; in 2012 the U.S. diagnosed its fourth case. I think we've got it under control.

Wildflower Walk planned at Rock Springs 4-H Center

The public is invited to a spring Wildflower Walk at Rock Springs 4-H Center on Saturday, May 4, starting at 9 a.m. at the Flint Hills Education Building. The morning walk includes an informative tour of the tallgrass prairie led by members of the Kansas Native Plant Society and identification of native wildflowers. Guests will enjoy morning snacks and beverages, as well as a hot lunch.

After a delicious meal at Williams Dining Hall, the day's events conclude with a 1 p.m. wrap-up session at the Flint Hills Education Building. Participants will summarize and share the day's findings among their groups.

For a brochure and registration information, visit the Rock Springs website at www.rocksprings.net. Rock Springs 4-H Center is located south of Junction City at 1168 K-157 Highway.

Tuesday, April 30, is the deadline to mail in registration forms. The \$20 fee can be prepaid or submitted upon arrival. The event is limited to the first 50 persons registered.

The Wildflower Walk is open to guests of all ages. There will be walking over uneven terrain so comfortable shoes are a must and no sandals are allowed. In case of inclement weather, the Wildflower Walk will be rescheduled. For updates,

check their website and Facebook page.

To improve enjoyment, those planning to attend are reminded to bring sunscreen, insect spray, sunglasses or a hat, a walking stick and perhaps a jacket. Cameras are certainly welcome to capture the beauty of the Flint Hills flowers and grasses. Please remember the only things we take from Rock Springs are photos and memories and the only things we leave behind are footprints.

Those having questions may contact Susan Mueller, marketing director at Rock Springs by calling 785-257-3221 or emailing smueller@rocksprings.net.

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July 1 is deadline to apply for Jersey youth scholarships

Monday, July 1 is the application deadline for six scholarships administered by the American Jersey Cattle Association, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

These awards provide financial support to Jersey youth enrolled in colleges or universities or, in some cases, seeking hands-on experience in the development and management of Registered Jersey™ cattle. Applicants must be a junior or life member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. A minimum

grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) is required to apply for these scholarships. Letters of recommendation and the applicant's academic transcripts must be included with the application.

The Russell-Malnati Scholarship for Advanced Studies will be awarded in the amount of \$5,000. Undergraduate students who have completed at least one-half of coursework credit hours required for a degree in dairy science, animal science (dairy em-

phasis), large animal veterinary practice, dairy production or manufacturing, or dairy product marketing, and graduate students in those program areas are eligible to apply.

The William A. Russell Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 will be presented to a student who will begin a program of study at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2013.

The Cedarcrest Scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student

seeking a degree in large animal veterinary practice, dairy production, dairy manufacturing, or dairy product marketing.

Also to be awarded is the \$1,500 Bob Toole Jersey Youth Award, which can be used for either college expenses or a well-defined practical experience related to breeding, developing and showing Registered Jerseys™.

The V. L. Peterson Scholarship and Paul Jackson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to

students who have completed at least one year of college or university work. The award amount for each scholarship is \$1,000.

The Reuben R. Cowles Jersey Youth Award will be presented to a resident of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Applicants must be at least high school graduates, but not older than 36 years of age as of January 1, 2013. The award may be applied to college expenses or to fund a trip to the

AJCA-NAJ annual meetings, The All American Jersey Show and Sale, or other Jersey educational activities. The amount of this award varies from year to year.

Applications are posted on the Scholarship Information page of the US Jersey website.

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For our sale Friday, April 26th steer and heifer calves were finding very good demand at steady to \$2 higher with the weaned calves finding the most advancement. Stocker feeder cattle were also finding good interest at steady to higher prices. Cull cows and bulls sold steady on the kind offered.

STEER CALVES — 400-550 LBS

Glenn Atwood	Harveyville	5 blk	418@188.00
Ken Ottensmeier	McLouth	7 blk	487@177.00
Alan Smith	Cassoday	20 blk	482@175.50
Bill Mahoney	Council Grove	5 blk	474@175.00
Mike & Archie Noble	Oskaloosa	13 xbred	508@172.00
Auston & Alan Sommer	Eskridge	5 bwf	472@170.00
Bill Farrell	Frankfort	11 blk	473@170.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	9 blk	412@170.00
James & Mary Gehrt	Alma	5 bwf	500@169.00
Fisher Brothers	Beattie	21 xbred	534@169.00
David & Carolyn Andres	Council Grove	6 blk	511@167.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	26 blk	489@166.50
SB Burris	Allen	5 blk	454@165.00
Debra Hassman	Riley	9 blk bulls	506@145.00

FEEDER STEERS — 550-1000 LBS

Wendell Anderson	Randolph	7 blk	552@162.00
Dan Coates	Baldwin City	15 blk	604@160.50
Chris McClelland	McLouth	8 blk	624@160.00
Fisher Brothers	Beattie	27 blk	608@159.75
Woody Kasselman	Olsburg	9 blk	610@159.50
Mike & Archie Noble	Oskaloosa	14 blk	618@159.00
Wendell Anderson	Randolph	17 blk	625@155.00
David & Carolyn Andres	Council Grove	4 blk	592@155.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	34 blk	619@154.50
Kurt Skalla	Blue Rapids	10 blk	640@152.00
Shannon Creek Cattle	Olsburg	8 herford	568@152.00
James & Mary Gehrt	Alma	5 blk	567@150.50
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	7 blk	674@148.00
Mike & Archie Noble	Oskaloosa	7 blk	705@146.50
Jake Bausch	Mayetta	5 blk	650@146.50
Chris McClelland	McLouth	6 blk	675@143.00
Dennis Schwant	Blaine	6 blk	715@142.00
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	9 blk	731@139.75
Kurt Skalla	Blue Rapids	7 blk	716@137.50
Dan Coates	Baldwin City	6 blk	714@137.50
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	16 blk	715@132.50
Fisher Brothers	Beattie	9 blk	732@130.50
Kocher Brothers	Onaga	100 herford	979@127.00

HEIFER CALVES — 375-550 LBS

Ken Ottensmeier	McLouth	4 blk	408@177.00
Mark Swick	Topeka	10 blk	386@176.00
SB Burris	Allen	6 blk	407@175.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	7 blk	400@173.50
Bill Mahoney	Council Grove	4 blk	391@167.00
Alan Smith	Cassoday	8 blk	415@166.50
SB Burris	Allen	5 blk	468@161.00
Ken Ottensmeier	McLouth	10 blk	481@160.50
Mark Mestagh	McLouth	4 blk	445@159.50
Alan Smith	Cassoday	17 blk	480@154.50
Bill Farrell	Frankfort	11 blk	446@154.00
Wendell Anderson	Randolph	7 blk	502@153.00
Mike & Archie Noble	Oskaloosa	15 xbred	520@150.75
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	31 blk	528@150.50
Kenneth Suther	Blaine	5 blk	426@150.50
James & Mary Gehrt	Alma	4 bwf	485@150.00
Chris McClelland	McLouth	12 xbred	518@148.50
Alan Smith	Cassoday	4 blk	526@145.50
Glenn Atwood	Harveyville	4 blk	500@145.50
Chris & John Stiner	Vermillion	4 herford	487@143.00
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Kenneth Suther	Blaine	4 blk	505@140.00
Gene Matile	Elmdale	4 xbred	515@138.50

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-925 LBS

Chris McClelland	McLouth	10 xbred	587@142.50
Kurt Skalla	Blue Rapids	11 blk	596@140.00
Wendell Anderson	Randolph	10 blk	562@140.00
Shannon Creek Cattle	Olsburg	16 herford	556@140.00
Mike & Archie Noble	Oskaloosa	7 blk	597@139.00
Dan Coates	Baldwin City	9 blk	601@138.00
Wendell Anderson	Randolph	8 blk	653@135.00
Woody Kasselman	Olsburg	5 blk	591@133.50
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	14 blk	697@132.50

Robert Wilson	Waterville	11 blk	630@132.50
Kurt Skalla	Blue Rapids	4 blk	651@132.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	4 xbred	597@132.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	25 blk	640@130.50
Cary Skalla	Blue Rapids	4 xbred	645@129.50
Gary Pinkston	Tiburon	7 blk	733@128.50
Woody Kasselman	Olsburg	4 blk	692@128.50
Kenneth Suther	Blaine	5 blk	621@127.50
Robert Wilson	Waterville	13 blk	738@127.50
Gary Pinkston	Tiburon	29 blk	814@123.50
Stan Chipperfield	Gypsum	15 blk	887@120.50
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	7 blk	832@120.00
Robert Wilson	Waterville	4 xbred	906@118.00

Tim Bailey	Oskaloosa	1 blk	1735@97.50
Stallbaumer Bros	Centralia	1 blk	1900@94.25
Robert Rickstrew	Wamego	1 simm	1440@93.00
John S. Alexander	Gypsum	1 herf	1780@90.50
CW Taylor Jr.	Frankfort	1 blk	2335@90.25
Matt Ubel	Wheaton	1 blk	1775@88.25

BULLS — 1425-2350 LBS

Robert Wilson	Waterville	11 blk	630@132.50
Kurt Skalla	Blue Rapids	4 blk	651@132.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	4 xbred	597@132.00
Dan Reves	Westmoreland	25 blk	640@130.50
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Gary Pinkston	Tiburon	7 blk	733@128.50
Woody Kasselman	Olsburg	4 blk	692@128.50
Kenneth Suther	Blaine	5 blk	621@127.50
Robert Wilson	Waterville	13 blk	738@127.50
Gary Pinkston	Tiburon	29 blk	814@123.50
Stan Chipperfield	Gypsum	15 blk	887@120.50
Butch & Dori Harris	Soldier	7 blk	832@120.00
Robert Wilson	Waterville	4 xbred	906@118.00

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 750-1800 LBS

Irvine Ranch	Manhattan	1 blk	760@121.50
Chad Breiner	Alma	1 blk	840@120.50
Dave Heier	Olsburg	7 xbred	1000@118.00
Randy Parker	White City	2 xbred	1037@115.00
Oleen Brothers	Dwight	1 bwf	910@113.00
Randy Parker	White City	2 blk	1170@109.50
Dave Heier	Olsburg	17 xbred	1179@109.25
Lance Grutzmacher	Westmoreland	3 blk	1191@109.00
Galen Hofmann	Leonardville	1 blk	1135@103.50
Moyer Ranch	Manhattan	1	1090@93.50
Oleen Brothers	Dwight	2 blk	982@91.00
Mike Wulf	Blaine	2 blk	940@91.00
Gailyn Hinson	Silver Lake	1 xbred	1260@87.00
Mike Heptig	St. George	1 blk	1835@82.75
David Mullinix	Burlingame	1 blk	1800@81.00
Monte Havel	Burlingame	1 blk	1590@80.75
Warren Forbes	Keating	1	1580@79.75
Tabatha Brooks	Wamego	1 blk	1545@79.25
Tim Bailey	Oskaloosa	1 blk	1575@79.00
Tyler Teske	Wheaton	1 blk	1265@79.00
Stallbaumer Bros	Centralia	1 blk	1185@79.00
Galen Hofmann	Leonardville	1 blk	1080@78.50
Oleen Brothers	Dwight	1 Angus	1315@77.25
Steve &/or Debbie Hargrave	Randolph	1 blk	1720@77.25
Rick Sprang	Effingham	1 red	1395@75.50
Loren Abitz	Wheaton	1 blk	1205@75.50
Greg Sinn	Manhattan	1 blk	1435@75.25
Rustin Brooks	Stillwater	1 blk	1300@74.00
Lance Grutzmacher	Westmoreland	1 blk	1445@73.50
Shea Suther	Onaga	1 blk	1245@73.25
Stallbaumer Bros	Centralia	1 blk	1210@72.50
Loren Deters	Westmoreland	1 blk	1130@71.00
Gary Threewit	Westmoreland	1 xbred	1245@71.00
Duncan Farm	Westmoreland	1 blk	1235@70.00
Arthur Garn	Eskridge	1 blk	1065@70.00
KSU AS&I Dairy	Manhattan	1 holstein	1735@69.25
Stan Hartwich	Onaga	1 herford	1075@68.50
Pat Beavers	Junction City	1 blk	1285@68.50
Duncan Farm	Westmoreland	1 blk	1360@68.00
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland	1 blk	1280@68.00
John S. & Daniel J. Lee	Potter	1 xbred	1295@67.50
Gary Threewit	Westmoreland	1 xbred	1205@67.00
Barbara Bausch	Mayetta	1 xbred	1110@65.50
Mark Anderson	Alma	1 blk	1250@65.00
Pat Beavers	Junction City	1 blk	1565@64.50
Shawn McIntyre	Waterville	1 herford	1555@63.00
Gary Threewit	Westmoreland	1 blk	1260@62.00
Shawn McIntyre	Waterville	1 blk	1255@61.50

BRED COWS

		Age	Mo.	
Matthew Anderson	Alma	1 blk	3	\$1,300.00
Shawn McIntyre	Waterville	1 blk	3	\$1,300.00
CW Taylor Jr.	Frankfort	1 blk	4	\$1,300.00
Allan Wegner	Onaga	2 blk	5-6	\$1,260.00
Robert Rickstrew	Wamego	1 blk	2	\$1,260.00
Matthew Anderson	Alma	1 blk	5	\$1,250.00
Ben Puett	Manhattan	1 blk	3	\$1,235.00
Allan Wegner	Onaga	1 blk	SS	\$1,225.00

CATTLE AUCTION EVERY FRIDAY

CW Taylor Jr.	Frankfort	2 blk	4	7-8	\$1,210.00
Rita Oliver	Dwight	1 blk	2	6	\$1,200.00
Ben Puett	Manhattan	1 blk	6	7	\$1,200.00
Dawn Hubbard	St. George	1 bwf	2	3	\$1,150.00
Shawn McIntyre	Waterville	2 blk	5	7-8	\$1,135.00
Allan Wegner	Onaga	1 blk	BM	7	\$1,100.00
CW Taylor Jr.	Frankfort	1 blk	BM	7	\$1,010.00

COW/CALF PAIRS

			Age.	
Randy Parker	White City	1 xbred	5	\$1,800.00
Natasha Emrich	Manhattan	1 blk	6	\$1,510.00
Justin & Valerie Visser	Riley	6 blk	5-6	\$1,485.00
Justin & Valerie Visser	Riley	3 blk	4	\$1,450.00
Jerry Lawrence	Topeka	1 blk	4	\$1,450.00
Justin & Valerie Visser	Riley	11 blk	5-6	\$1,400.00
Justin & Valerie Visser	Riley	3 blk	5-6	\$1,385.00
Allan Wegner	Onaga	2 blk	5-6	\$1,385.00
Robert Rickstrew	Wamego	1 bwf	7	\$1,360.00
Mike Wulf	Blaine	2 bwf	4-5	\$1,360.00
Robert Rickstrew	Wamego	1 bwf	5	\$1,310.00
Ben Puett	Manhattan	2 blk	2	\$1,300.00
Natasha Emrich	Manhattan	1 blk	5	\$1,285.00

SPECIAL COW SALE WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST

STARTING AT 11:00 AM

Complete Herd Dispersal of 35 blk & bwf cow, 3-9 yrs old, w/Dec. 15 thru April calves by side. 21 blk & bwf Springer Cows.

48 blk fall calving cows, 4-5 yrs old, bred to Angus bulls for Sept.-Oct. calves. Bull put in Dec. 1st.
45 blk first calf heifers, w/30 day calves by side
37 blk cows, 6 yrs old, w/Char & Herf sired Feb./March calves by side
35 Fancy blk & bwf fall calving cows, 3-5 yrs old, bred Fink Beef Genetics Angus bulls for Sept.-Oct. calves
30 blk & bwf cows, 13 are first calf heifers, balance are 17 from 2nd calf & older w/Feb.-Mar. calves by side
16 blk Angus & red Angus homeraised fall calving cows, 3 yrs & older, bred Angus for Sept.-Oct. calves
15 blk first calf heifers, bred Hereford to calve Aug/Sept.
15 Angus cows, 3-7 yrs old, bred Mill Brae Prodigy Angus bull, to start calving Sept. 20 for 60 day calving period
12 Homeraised Angus cows, running ages, w/Nov.-Dec. Angus calves by side
11 blk cows, 3-4 yrs old, bred Hereford, calving now thru Sept.
10 blk cows, 2-7 yrs old, w/Jan thru March calves by side
9 big Fancy Angus first calf heifers w/30 day old calves by side
9 big Angus first calf heifers, bred Angus in 3rd stage
9 Homeraised Angus first calf heifers w/Nov.-Dec. Angus calves by side
8 Choice blk & bwf first calf heifers w/Angus calves by side
8 blk & xbred cows, short & solid, bred Angus for late Aug.-Sept. calves
7 blk cows, 3-4 yrs old, w/400 lb. calves by side
7 Choice blk cows, 3 yrs old, w/30 day old calves by side
7 blk older fall calving cows, 2-3 months bred
6 blk cows, 4 yrs old, w/big calves by side
6 blk Simm older cows, bred to blk Simm bull, heavy springers
5 blk first calf heifers w/30 day old calves by side
1 Polled purebred blk Simm bull, 2 yrs old
1 Angus On Target bull, 3 1/2 yrs old
1 reg. Angus bull, 3 yrs old, Laflin breeding
1 Polled blk 1/2 Simm, 1/2 Angus bull, 18 month old
1 Polled blk Simm bull, sired by Up Grade, semen checked
1 reg. Gelbvieh bull, 4 yrs old
1 Angus first calf heifers, w/Angus calves by side

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FRIDAY, MAY 3RD:

60 Choice Reputation OCV Homeraised Angus Replacement heifers. Two generations plus AI Genetics, sired by Right Answer and Chisum, 750-800 lbs.
50 Hereford str & hfrs, 6 weeks weaned, poured, all shots, 400-650 lbs.
45 Choice red Angus str & hfrs, 45 days weaned, 3 rds shots, 550-700 lbs.
22 Holstein str, 500-550 lbs.
20 Fancy red Angus str & hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 550-650 lbs.
20 Choice Homeraised OCV Fink Beef Genetics Angus Replacement heifers, 800-850 lbs.
3 bulls: 2- Hereford, 1- 3/4 Hereford, 1/4 Red Angus. 1-3 yrs old, semen tested.

Upcoming Special Cow Sales (Starting at 11:00 AM): 2013: May 1st

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Wheat Quality Tour to examine Kansas wheat fields

By Bill Spiegel

Participants in this week's Hard Wheat Quality Tour of Kansas wheat fields will get a first look at the impact that hard freezes the weeks of April 8, April 15 and April 22 will have on the 2013 Kansas wheat crop.

Nearly 80 folks are expected to participate in this year's tour, which is hosted by the Wheat Quality Council and intended to give its members an understanding of the growth and development of the Kansas wheat crop, plus provide insight into yield and quality potential. The tour, which takes place April 29-May 2, leaves from Manhattan and follows six pre-determined routes. Participants will have overnight stays in Colby and Wichita, with daily evaluations of what they've seen in the state's wheat fields; a wrap-up session at the Kansas City Board of Trade will forecast the yield of the 2013 Kansas wheat crop.

The annual Wheat Quality Tour is an educational and networking opportunity for those involved, says Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer of the Kansas Wheat Commission and Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. "The tour is widely known for bringing together all segments of the wheat industry, where it all begins: in the field, with farmers."

Ben Handcock, director of the Wheat Quality Council, says the tour serves as an educational opportunity for many members of the media, milling and baking companies, governmental agencies and retailers. "Our objective is to give people a snapshot view of the wheat crop, the day we are there," he explains. "We have members who mill, bake and trade this crop, and the tour is a service to them. This tour provides a great opportunity for them to gain a greater understanding of the industry."

Participants gain a firsthand understanding of what it takes for farmers to grow, manage, harvest and market the crop. Many foreign buyers of Kansas wheat will participate, giving those folks a chance to see the high quality of the Kansas crop, Handcock adds.

More than 600 crop evaluations will be made in wheat fields throughout the state, and yield estimates made using a formula developed by the National Ag Statistics Service.

What the group finds on the 2013 Wheat Tour is unknown, at this point. Last year, the crop was well ahead of schedule; this year's crop is about 10 days behind schedule and could be dramatically affected by recent freeze events. Effects of drought in western Kansas are severe, according to the April 22 Weekly Crop Report from Kansas Ag Statistics; the state's wheat crop is rated 37% poor to very poor; 33% fair and 30% good to excellent.

The Wheat Quality Council aims to improve the quality of all U.S. wheat varieties and act as an information conduit between wheat breeders and millers and bakers. It sponsors an additional tour of Hard Spring and Durum wheat throughout North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

For daily Wheat Tour updates, log onto their blog, www.thewheatbeat.wordpress.com

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LITTLE RIVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 59TH CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 4 — 9:30 AM
410 Clinton Street — LITTLE RIVER, KS

NEW EQUIPMENT: 15 Skid loader attachments — 4 Lowe Hydraulic Post Hole Diggers w/9, 12 & 18 inch augers; Stout Brush Grapple HDU 72; Stout Rock Bucket Grapple HD72; Stout 72 material bucket; Stout Walk-Through 48 inch pallet fork; Stout Standard 48 inch Pallet Fork; Stout bale spear; wagon load of new Craftsman and name brand power tools to include table saws, 10" band saw, garage door openers, cordless drills, routers, air compressors, wrench sets, and tool chests

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HOUSEHOLD: Several wagon loads of furniture, small household items & electronics.

Cool spring temperatures delay grazing, hay crop

(AP) — Cool temperatures this spring in Kansas have delayed the growth of pasture grasses and the first cutting of alfalfa fields, keeping cattle ranchers from turning their herds out for grazing and putting pressure on tight hay supplies.

Development of all forage grasses is running almost three weeks behind normal, said Steve Hessman, hay market reporter for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's office in Dodge City. Cool-season grasses like fescues have not grown much, and warm-season varieties such as the bluestem grasses of the Flint Hills are just now beginning to green up some.

That means the grass in pastures has not grown enough for ranchers to turn their cattle out to graze as usual, Hessman said.

Aggravating the tight hay supplies is a hard freeze that hit Kansas earlier this month, nipping alfalfa fields. Normally growers start cutting alfalfa fields in southern Kansas by late April or early May, he said. This year it could be late May before alfalfa fields regrow enough to cut.

Steve Dewey said he had an inch of snow last Tuesday at his cattle and hay farm near Cimarron in southwest Kansas. He said that on his phone are pic-

tures taken in April last year showing his dog Kate, a Jack Russell terrier, running through an alfalfa field that was so tall you could hardly see the dog. That compares to this year, when the alfalfa in his field is so short that he wryly said you couldn't hide the dog even if she was digging holes.

"It is an extreme difference," Dewey said.

He figures it will be the end of May before he starts swathing hay this season.

Scott Habiger, a cattle rancher and hay grower in Kinsley, was able to stockpile enough hay that he isn't running out of it for his herd. But Habiger, who also buys and sells hay, has been getting about eight to nine calls a week lately from other cattle producers who have run out of hay — especially in western Kansas and eastern Colorado.

"They are down to just living from load to load," Habiger said. "A lot of people you talk to are about ready to start selling cows because they can't afford to keep buying hay."

While much of eastern Kansas has gotten good snowfall or heavy rains this spring, western Kansas rangeland has not received much precipitation this year.

"Our problem is pastures are so grazed down from last year's drought,

even if we get normal rainfall it is going to take a year or so to recover," Habiger said.

That hard freeze that hit Kansas earlier this month also damaged winter wheat crops in parts of southwest and west central Kansas, said Jim Shroyer, Extension wheat specialist with Kansas State University. Some winter wheat fields were freeze damaged so badly that they look like somebody had sprayed Roundup to kill it.

Warm temperatures earlier this spring were interspersed with untimely freezes, snow and heavy rains in parts of Kansas that have wreaked havoc with crops.

"It is setting back the

forages, and it has even held up the corn planting," Hessman said. "In areas of the state dry enough to plant corn, growers have hesitated because soil temperatures are cooler than they wanted."

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported last Monday that corn planting in Kansas was 5 percent complete, well behind the 30 percent completed last year at this time and the 20 percent average.

The state's winter wheat crop was also maturing more slowly with just 43 percent reaching the jointed stage. Last year at this time, 96 percent had already jointed. The average for this time of the year is 63 percent jointed.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 11 — 9:30 AM

1965 Douglas Rd. — PERRY, KS

(5 miles west of Perry or 6 miles east of Topeka on 24 Hwy. & south ¾ mile on Douglas. WATCH FOR SIGNS!)

VEHICLES, TRAILERS, EQUIPMENT

1965 Chevy II Nova Sedan collector car auto, 120K (Nice); 1981 Ford 700 cab-over truck w/8x17x4 steel bed w/hoist; Fruehauf 40 ft. tandem box trailer; Highway 40 ft. tandem box trailer w/2 hoppers; 2003 Elite 8.5x25 ft. gooseneck trailer (tandem 7K axles, 10 ply new tires, 3 fold down ramps, winch, job box, NICE); 7x16 tandem flatbed trailer; gooseneck 8x16 hvy duty single axle trailer; 2 wheel flatbed trailer; Vermeer BH-3P ser#261 3pt. hitch backhoe w/2 buckets; 3pt. Woods RM306 finish mower; 3pt. 350lb broadcast seeder; 3pt. Ford 14-92 sickle mower; FMC 100 gal. sprayer; Kukur 50 gal. sprayer; 200 gal. fiberglass tank; 3pt. 25 gal. sprayer; 3pt. 9 shank anhydrous applicator w/folding ends; 7ft. backhoe bucket; DR All Terrain Field/Brush mower (new); Troy-Bilt tiller; Troy-Bilt log splitter; Toro Wheel-Horse & Massey Ferguson 2514G riding mowers; Craftsman riding mower; Toro-Pro-Line walk-behind mower; mini-bike; David Bradley mower w/disc, plow, cultivator; **Collector Lawn Tractors:** Springfield 36 w/plow, snow-blade; Custom Sears 6 hp.; Ford 100.

FIREARMS Sell First 9:30 AM SPORTING, SHOP TOOLS

Winchester model 670 264 Win Magnum w/Bushnell 4x12 Banner Scope; Remington Gamemaster model 760 243 Win. Pump; Winchester Ranger model 120 20 ga.; Stevens Little Scout 22 single shot 14 ½" barrel; HR model 700 22; Savage 410 .22 over/under; 3-Ruger Mark II SS 22 pistols (4", 6" & 9 ½ barrels); FIE model E15 .22 long revolver; Crossman model 38T pellet pistol; (ALL ATF RULES APPLY KS RESIDENTS ONLY); ammo.; Shasta 16SC single axle camper; El Dorado 30ft. fifth wheel camper (salvage); 14ft. flat-bottom boat; 16ft. Alum-Craft canoe; 20hp. Johnson motor; Jet Ski 300 (salvage); 16ft. boat trailer; small boat trailer; Bamboo & Browning fly rods; Plueger fly reel; Shakespeare Tidewater 30LA reel; several rods/reels; Mino-Saver aerators; tackle; sanes; deep fryer & camping items; Miller-Bobcat AEAD-200LE welder/ generator; 2-MIG135 welders; Lincoln 180 welder; old Forney welder; Blue Max 5.5 contractor wheelbarrow compressor;

Vantage 3500 generator; two 16 sp. hvy duty drill presses; 12 sp. & small drill presses; Sears 35-230 var. welder; Homak tool cabinet; NIB tools: DeWalt 705 mitre-saw/Mag 77 worm drive saw/Chicago 2000lb winch/Bostitch stapler/1000lb engine stand; Ruger engine hoist; hvy duty hor/vert bandsaw; Hitachi 14 & Sears 10 mitre-saws; Makita metal cut-off saw; 12 in. band-saw; scroll saw; Belsaw sharpeners; pallet jack; mini lathe; ½ ton electric hoist; Craftsman spindle sander; new sand points; chainsaws; shop fans; 6 trash pumps; gooseneck/fifth wheel hitch; rolling shop carts; hvy duty metal shelving; engine stand; 6 cylinder Chevy engine; Kohler 4CM21 motor/ generator; L-fuel tank; basement floor jacks; house jacks; shop tables; large metal carpet rollers; large gang tree w/rollers; alum. ramps; trailer house tires; Wilton large bench vise; power & hand tools; new nails; hardware/bolts; conveyor belting; barrel pumps; 3-12 in.x16 ft. I-Beams; electric motors; scrap iron; 2x12's & rough-cut oak/walnut & dimensional lumber; 1-7ft. & 2-5ft. galv. 20ft. tubes.

COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD & MISC.

Hoop 2 & 3 ft. fish nets (RARE); Tommy Burns handmade fish poles; #2 school bell w/yoke; 1899 doorbell; Huffy bicycle w/Spit-Fire motor; 3 swords; Champion #731 CI seat; implement seats; steel wheels; milk cans; egg baskets; saw blades; CI skillets/pans; wet stones; glass chicken waterers; beer signs/mirrors; duck prints; Tyco HO scale train-set; stamps; brass spittoon; RR cart; Tonka toys; dentist chair; post office metal sorter; oak wishbone dresser; oak entry table; glass globes; several pieces of vintage furniture in various condition; Avon nativity Scene collection; records; bull whip; 6x10 dog kennel; large chain link gates; martin houses; rain-trains; several pieces of concrete yard art; large red landscape rock; fiber petro matting; wooden 8x8 walk-in cooler; fire hose; ro-dent bait traps; animal traps; kitchen cabinets; Howard Miller grandfather clock; Maverick 20 floor machine; watch makers vise; numerous items too many to mention!

AUCTION NOTE: Dallas was a collector if he had one he had two, this will be a Very Large Auction! Two Auction Rings most of the day! Several Buildings to Sort Many Surprises!! **BE CAUTIOUS OF THE TRAIN CROSSING!!** Loader Tractor Day of Auction ONLY Large Bldg. To Sell From In case of Inclement Weather.

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'60 Case 800, LP, NF, gas, engine locked up; '40 Case DC, NF, front blade; '39 Case DC, LP, WF, pto; '60s Chev C20, 8' B&H; 3pt. equip incl 16-8 gm drill, potato planter, Ford cultivator; salvage combine/equip; hand & power tools • **ESTATES OF CLARENCE & ROSA L MIDDLETON, Sellers**

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1995 Honda Accord 4dr. car high mileage; 1993 Club Car gas golf cart; 50 Bags of NK brand Soybeans your choice, non treated; \$500.00 credit for custom hire swathing, baling, or raking from Rocking Oz Custom Hay Co.; 80 acres Variable Rate Technology from United Farmers Coop; Dec. KSU basketball tickets; 2 Nebraska/UCLA football tickets, Sept. 14; KSU & Husker throw quilts; KU comforter set; Framed RCHS band collage picture; 2 Belleville Buff bean bag chairs; dinner and a movie to Olive Garden & Salina Theaters; JD LX176 riding lawn mower 48in.; push mowers; radial arm saw; Dewalt 18v & other cordless drills; Deer tree stand; & other.

ANTIQUES, & FARM TOYS

Sleigh bed w. mattress; 4 wood chairs; desk; 2- 1987 first National bank rulers; bowl from JH

Conrad & Sons Hardware, LaCrosse, Ks.; Belleville & Ada Lutheran church centennial plates; amber dish set; 2 school desks; life size Mime doll; corner shelf; **Farm Toys:** Radio controlled Bobcat X331 excavator, in box; Radio controlled Bobcat 753 skid loader in box; 3630 Spray-Coupe 1/32 in box; 1993 National farm toy show collector's edition JD 4010 D in box; McCormick C-70 tractor special edition, 1/16 in box; 1944 Ks. FFA alumni Formal F-20 tractor 1/16 in box; M-200 Melroe loader 1/25 in box; Ag-Chem. 1995 show edition semi 1/64 coin bank in box; Toy farmer IH Farmall tractor from National farm toy show 11-91 in box; 1955 Chevy Sedan delivery wagon 1/25, Sentry Hardware coin bank in box; Toy tractor from CTI; Case IH Magnum 340 tractor.

HOUSEHOLD

Lots more items by day of Auction. Lunch on Grounds. TERMS: CASH: Nothing removed until settled for. Not Responsible for Accidents

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow to moderate. Demand light to moderate for dairy and grinding alfalfa, for stock cow hay, grass hay and alfalfa pellets. The eastern half of Kansas has been receiving moisture, the western half of the state is still extremely dry. Yet another round of cold temperatures hit the state last week. This will delay the 2013 alfalfa crop and the pastures even longer this Spring. Hay supplies are shrinking for livestock producers waiting to turn out on grass. Many alfalfa producers have sprayed or chemigated alfalfa weevil and most will continue the fight when it warms up. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange: www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to firm. Movement moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares 350.00-400.00. Dairy, Supreme 260.00-280.00; Premium 250.00-270.00; new crop contracted 180.00-205.00 standing in the field all cuttings; Heifer or Bunk hay a little new crop contracted 230.00-235.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 210.00-240.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 240.00-275.00, a few instances of 225.00-235.00 new crop contracted. The week of 4/15-20, 7,257T of grinding alfalfa and 1,920T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, large bales 60.00-70.00. Corn stalks 55.00-65.00, or 70.00-85.00 delivered, ground and delivered 72.00-100.00. CRP, Fair, large bales 90.00-100.00, Good 110.00-130.00. Sudan/ Cane, Good, 140.00-150.00.

South Central Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Dairy, Supreme, 260.00-280.00. Premium 240.00-260.00; Heifer or Bunk hay 225.00-240.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 200.00-220.00, some 210.00-230.00 delivered,

Utility-Fair 190.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots, 240.00-265.00. The week of 4/15-20, 2,756T of grinding alfalfa and 1,075T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 285.00-290.00, 17 pct protein 290.00-305.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 355.00. Straw, large bales 55.00-70.00, Hi-density bales 65.00-75.00. Corn stalks 55.00-70.00. Sudan, Good, large bales 145.00-150.00. Milo hay, high nitrates 100.00, low nitrates 120.00-150.00. Milo stalks 70.00-85.00. Soybean stalks 55.00-60.00. Grass hay, Good, large bales 150.00-180.00, Fair, large bales 90.00-120.00.

Southeast Kansas

Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse or Goat, 300.00. Dairy, No trade, stock cow 250.00-280.00. Bluestem: Good, small squares 140.00-160.00, an instance 190.00, mid and large squares 125.00-150.00, large rounds 100.00-135.00; Brome: Good, Small squares 140.00-150.00, mid and large squares 130.00-150.00, large rounds 110.00-150.00. Grass Mulch CWF, large round 70.00. Straw, large bales 50.00-60.00. Soybean hay, good large bales 170.00-200.00. CRP, Fair, large bales 100.00. Milo hay, Good 100.00-130.00.

Northwest Kansas

Alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 300.00, Mid squares 250.00; Dairy, Premium 230.00-240.00; Stock cow 200.00-220.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 210.00-230.00. Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 250.00-270.00. Corn hay, large bales 100.00-125.00. Corn stalks 55.00-70.00. CRP hay, large bales, Good, 125.00-150.00, Fair, 100.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy, grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, 300.00, some

9.00/small square bale; Dairy, Supreme 240.00-275.00; Premium 230.00-250.00; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 190.00-220.00, alfalfa ground-on-the-truck 235.00, Ground and delivered 240.00-270.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 6.50/bale, some 10.00/bale, 120.00-160.00, Mid squares 130.00-150.00, a little 165.00, large rounds 50.00/bale, 110.00-150.00/T. Brome: Good, small squares, 7.00/bale, a little 10.00/bale, 110.00-150.00/T, an instance 180.00, Mid squares, 120.00-

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McPherson County Fairgrounds new site for high school rodeo

High school rodeo makes its return to the McPherson County Fairgrounds, Canton, May 4-5. The two-day rodeo is expected to bring several hundred participants and their families to the rodeo arena located on the north edge of the central Kansas community. It will also feature a junior high division for students in sixth through eighth grades. The action begins at noon on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Events will run throughout the afternoon on both days and is open to the public.

According to McPherson County Fair Board vice president Trevin Prieb, this is the first time in 15 years a Kansas High School Rodeo Association (KHSRA) sanctioned event will be held at the Canton facility and the first ever sanctioned junior high rodeo in Canton.

“We are very excited to be part of the KHSRA schedule this year and hope that it will be an ongoing partnership,” Prieb said. “The community support to bring this event to Canton has been one of the primary reasons that Canton was selected to host the event along with our central location.”

Support for the event has included donations of money and sweat equity to make improvements at the arena, which annually hosts the McPherson County Fair Rodeo in July as well as a number of other rodeo-related events throughout the year. Improvements included building an additional arena to the east of existing Tom Miller Arena, which will allow the high school and junior high rodeos to be held concurrently, upgrading electrical systems and adding stall space. Area oil producers played a big part in the effort to raise the necessary funds for the project along with a number of other area businesses and individuals. The arena is owned and maintained by the McPherson County Fair Board Association. Prieb said the fair board is pleased that the facilities will be used for a

youth event of this caliber.

Hosting the event is a natural fit for the Canton community, which has a long association with rodeos and rodeo-related activities. The McPherson County Fair is celebrating its 65th year in 2013 and a rodeo has been a featured event in all 65 of those years. The fairgrounds arena has jackpot roping the last Friday of every month May through September, barrel racing competitions and holds practice roping every Friday throughout the season. The area has also produced a number of rodeo participants over the years including several area students who are currently competing in the junior high and high school rodeo association and are expected to appear at the Canton event. Rylin Rouse, 11, and a sixth-grade student at Canton-Galva Middle School, will be competing in barrel racing, ribbon roping and pole bending. She is excited to have the rodeo held in Canton – equating it to competing in a home football or basketball game.

“It’s exciting because I have lots of friends and family in the area and they can come and see what I do,” Rylin said. “I’m also familiar with the arena. The new arena is beautiful.”

This is Rylin’s first year competing in the KHSRA’s junior high division, but she has been competing in rodeo events since she was five. Her favorite event is barrel racing, and she said she and her barrel horse, Darlin, are really good friends. Rylin said rodeo has taught her a lot about animals as she takes responsibility for taking care of Darlin. She’s also made a lot of friends on the KHSRA circuit.

Rylin’s mother, Heidi Rouse, herself a competition barrel racer, said rodeo is a great family activity and just as valuable in teaching life lessons as any other competitive sport.

“The kids learn good sportsmanship, and they all encourage each other. They learn discipline and how to take on responsibility as

they take care of their animals. It’s a lot of work – there are always chores to do – but it’s a wonderful activity,” Heidi Rouse said.

Rouse is pleased that Canton will be hosting the rodeo and said it is a wonderful opportunity for families who might be considering rodeo to come out and experience what it is all about. Supplying the stock for the event will be another local connection, JC Rodeo Company from Roxbury. JC Rodeo Company has gained a national reputation for its quality stock and is a frequent stock supplier at rodeos across the region. The company is the stock supplier for the McPherson County Fair Rodeo each year, which is a CPRA sanctioned event.

While many of the events at a junior high and high school rodeo will be the same as professional rodeos – including rough stock events – spectators will see a number of events unique to youth rodeo. Options for cowgirls are expanded over the professional circuit and include, in addition to barrel racing, roping events, pole bending, goat tying and cutting. Rodeo is not a sport recognized by the Kansas State High School Activities Association and is managed by the KHSRA. However, just like KSHSAA activi-

ties, students must be academically eligible to compete. Participants do not have to attend a school with a rodeo team to compete in sanctioned events. And, just like other high school athletes, high school cowboys and cowgirls are eligible for college scholarships in their sport with a number of community and four-year colleges sponsoring rodeo teams that compete on the college circuit. Students belonging to the KHSRA pay dues and entry fees to participate in sanctioned events, are responsible for their own horses and other equipment, and for transportation to and from rodeos. Cowboys and cowgirls earn points at each rodeo to gain a spot in the state championship rodeo held in Topeka. High point competitors at the state rodeo advance to the National High School Championship Rodeo held in 2013 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, as part of the Kansas Rodeo Team. Champions at the Canton event will receive buckles for the All-Around Boys and bracelets for the All-Around Girls.

To learn more about the Kansas High School Rodeo Association, see their website at www.KHSRA.net or on Facebook. Local contacts for the Canton rodeo are Prieb and Vance Lacy.

Beef cattle and forage crops field day to be held May 2

A beef cattle and forage crops field day will be held Thursday, May 2 at the KSU Southeast Agricultural Research Center, Mound Valley Unit. The facility is 2 1/2 miles west of Mound Valley on U.S. 160 (formerly K-96) then 1/4 mile south on Elk Road.

Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be furnished compliments of Parson Livestock Market.

Presentations will include:

- Pasture Management Following A Drought – Dr. Doug Shoup, Southeast Area Extension Crops & Soils Specialist
- Establishment Of Legumes In Tall Fescue Pastures – Dr. Joe Moyer, forage agronomist, Southeast Agricultural Research Center
- Grazing Tall Fescue Pastures Interseeded With Legumes – Dr. Lyle Lomas, animal scientist & head, Southeast Agricultural Research Center
- Stretching The Winter Hay Supply – Dr. Jaymelynn Farney, Southeast Area Extension beef specialist
- Bull Selection Tools And Strategies For Commercial Beef Production – Dr. Bob Weaver, cow-calf Extension Specialist, Kansas State University

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The N ½ NW ¼ 25-4-5, Barnes Township, Washington County, Kansas

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Cowboy Up

by Ron Wilson
Poet Lariat



The Call

Farm women seem to get the call. Sometimes it's a distress call, of sorts. For example, I'll be working on the ranch and I'll place a call to my wife, at the house or on her cell phone. The calls vary.

It might be a happy call, such as: "Honey, you ought to come out and see this.

Come look at this attractive sunset/pretty colt/nice view." Or perhaps it is a call with a heightened sense of urgency, such as: "Honey, when you get a chance to come out, would you bring a pair of pliers/part from town/hammer and nails?" Or on occasions which are rare (we

hope), the call reaches the Defcon 1 level: "HONEY! Come out right now and bring the chain saw/big tractor/volunteer fire department!!"

These latter calls usually result from the cowboys getting into some jam and resorting to cowboy smarts to fix it. When we really get in a pinch, we call on our beloved better half, our farm partner, to come and help out. Of course, due to our male ego, we don't think of it as calling for help. We think of it as deploying our assets.

Nowadays there are many women managing their own farms too, but the farm wives (who put up with us cowboys) deserve special praise as seen in the following poem.

Experienced farm women know what these calls really mean. The words may say, "Would you pick up those o.b. chains and bring them out as soon

as you have a chance?" But I'm afraid what we really mean is: "I need help pulling this cussed calf. Drop whatever you're doing. Burn whatever's on the stove. I don't care if you're in your nightie, come out right now!"

Now, in defense of us cowboys, we don't place these calls unless they are needed. After all, there are certain things that require more than one person, such as holding up both ends of a panel or keeping the cattle in a pen while you're trying to get in the one that's out. And when that extra hand is needed, it's really needed. Have you ever been fixing fence or doctoring a calf, holding on for dear life, and then find the tool or syringe you need is just out of reach? It's... right... over... there....

Boy, wish I had somebody to help me. I think I'll make a call.

"Ranch House Spouse"

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

I'd like to take a minute and say a praiseful word About a certain someone, that too often goes unheard. This person is long-suffering; puts up with lots in life. This very special person is called the cowboy's wife. Bein' married to a cowboy is no walk in the park

His ranchin' duties keep him out from dawn until the dark.

His schedule is uncertain, and I know this line's a winner:

He'll show up at odd hours and say "I'm starvin,' what's for dinner?"

Even though she'd like to whack him with her old frying pan,

She finds it in her heart to forgive her cowboy man.

Though his schedule is uncertain, one factor is for sure: At times this cowboy will smell like cow manure.

His boots will track into the house some mud or even worse.

In winter, there might be newborn calves brought in the house to nurse.

Another thing that makes the cowboy's wife some nervous:

When he gets in a jam, she gets pressed into service.

If he needs a part, then she has to run to town.

She has to drive the feed truck if the hired man's not around.

It seems that he expects her other tasks to wait When he needs her to hitch a trailer, or open up a gate.

So yes, the cowboy's wife has to put up with a lot

But she still finds some rewards in the lifestyle that she's got.

The cowboy's wife may have a town job of her own

Yet she keeps the family goin' and maintains the hearth and home.

So we salute the cowboy's wife, for she plays a vital part.

She loves and cares for family, with a sharing, giving heart.

And somehow she loves that cowboy, though an angel he sure ain't,

So let's praise the cowboy's wife, for she truly is a saint..

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Heavy cattle — sorting the opportunities from the challenges

By Miranda Reiman

Everyone in the beef chain seems to agree we need more of it. That's the simple explanation for a trend that shows hot carcass weights (HCW) have increased 200 pounds in four decades. But for all the opportunities that presents, there are many challenges.

John Stika, president of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), talked about both at last month's Harlan Ritchie Beef Symposium during Midwest American Society of Animal Science meetings in Des Moines, Iowa.

"The production side is looking for something bigger to cover their increased costs," he said, "but the retail and food-service sides are looking for (more units of) something much smaller that's easier to manage from a portion-control standpoint and a unit-cost standpoint." Increasing HCW is like adding many more finished cattle. Stika noted Cattle-Fax estimates show such increases from last November into March have made up for 256,000 head of cattle.

As the nation's cow herd keeps falling back, increasing HCW is good news overall for beef marketers.

"They would rather have big beef to sell than no beef at all," Stika said. CAB data and supporting records from the National Beef Quality Audit (NBQA) show that the market is getting more high-quality beef in that mix, too.

Carcasses accepted for the Certified Angus Beef® brand this year have a 7-lb. heavier HCW than average.

"If they gain better, they eat better, they're healthier," Stika said.

"Their carcass weights tend to be up and their grades tend to coincide with that." Data on more than two million head in the NBQA records indicate cattle with a marbling score of Modest or higher were 14 lb. heavier than average.

That's not a new trend, Stika said. "But it's a hot topic right now because we've seen a more rapid increase in carcass weight than what we've historically been used to." From 2008 to 2012, the Angus-influenced or A-stamped cattle increased 34 lb., to last year's 846 lb.

Economics and genetic improvement are the main drivers.

"If I'm a feedyard operating today at 20% to 25% excess capacity, and I look at the replacement costs of what I have to buy—feeder cattle to replace a pen of cattle that I ship out—the economics, at times, begin to work rather nicely that I just feed those cattle longer," he said. Many packing plants in an industry at 10% to 15% excess capacity have tried to increase efficiency by increasing the upper limit on HCW and decreased discounts for those just over the line.

In response, the feeding industry more broadly adopted the use of beta-agonists. Those may decrease marbling scores, Stika said, but the best way to mitigate their negative impacts is to feed cattle longer.

"How are we going to take these cattle once they've hit the plant and add value, or remove the discount that's associated with them today?" he asked.

The industry has already made some adjustments on everything from how many pieces of meat

go in a box to cutting methods.

"Retail doesn't use a lot of forklifts and is heavily dominated by unionized labor, so there are certain limits in terms of what those boxes can weigh," Stika said.

Labor challenges are also part of the problem at foodservice where 75% of restaurants still cut their own steaks, but there's a developing trend toward breaking down some popular subprimals to smaller cuts. "You've got some different options that are starting to catch on very nicely at foodservice, but it's not the end-all and be-all," Stika said. "You have higher production costs and lower product yield." Down the road, packing plants are looking at more ways to reduce variation.

"How do we make sure the smallest rib that we have is not in the same box with the heaviest rib?" Stika asked. That's one common break in boxed beef already, between the largest ribeye areas and the smallest. But it's not just about the middle meats, he said, and the range in product difference continues to grow as carcasses do. Plant logistics and inventory management are the biggest hurdles to implementation.

So are increasing carcass weights an opportunity or a challenging issue?

"The answer is, it's reality," Stika said, "and probably a little of both. It's allowed us to maintain beef production levels with fewer numbers, but the issues we have are real. If we want to continue to drive beef demand forward, we've got to continue to provide more value to our consumer if we're going to expect them to pay more for it."

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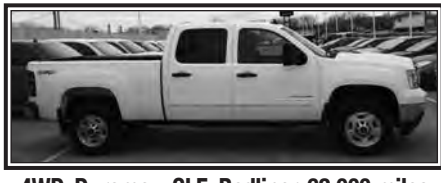
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Grain industry awards scholarships to seven students

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Tanner Aherin, Phillipsburg – to study ag economics at Highland Community College

Kyle Anderson, Abilene – to study feed and grain science at Kansas State University

Beth Augustine, Ellis – to study ag education at Kansas State University

Emily Bokelman, Washington – to study feed science at Kansas State University

Braxton Butler, Virgil – to study veterinary medicine at Kansas State University

JoLynn Hennerberg, Hol-

lenberg – to study biological systems engineering at Kansas State University

Wyatt Pracht, Westphalia – to study agronomy at Kansas State University

Nearly 140 applications were received and considered by an independent Scholarship Selection Committee made up of association members.

Each year, KGFA awards

one \$500 Dub & Inez Johnson Memorial scholarship and six \$1,000 KGFA scholarships. KGFA also awards one \$1,000 John Cranor Memorial scholarship, whose winner is selected by the Kansas State University Foundation.

The KGFA Board of Directors voted at their April 8 board meeting in Wichita to increase the number of

\$1,000 KGFA scholarships from six to seven for the 2014-2015 school year.

Founded in 1896, the Topeka-based KGFA is a voluntary non-profit, trade organization providing governmental representation, educational opportunities and a wide variety of other services to the vast and indispensable grain and feed marketing system. KGFA's

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April freezes causing some damage to wheat tillers and lower stems

The repeated hard freezes in Kansas are taking a toll on some of the wheat furthest along in development, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist. Temperatures were in the mid- to low-20s on the nights of April 23 and 24, which is low enough to damage wheat in more advanced growth stages, he said.

"This is the third episode of hard freezes we've had, starting April 9. This time, the freeze caught a few more fields in the jointing and pre-boot stage than the freeze on April 9 and 10. What should producers expect now? If freeze-damaged wheat heads out, will that head be viable and produce grain? It depends on what stage the wheat was in when the freeze occurred," Shroyer said.

Jointing to pre-boot: If the tillers were in this stage or earlier at the time of the

freeze and the tillers are green and growing actively now, then the heads should be fine. If the head had been killed, the tiller would not be green and actively growing. If the leaves coming out of the whorl are chlorotic, then the head on that tiller is dead.

Boot: If tillers were in this stage at the time of the freeze, there are several possibilities. The head may be fine, it may be partially damaged, or it may have been completely killed. In any of those cases, the head may continue to emerge.

If the head is fine, it will turn from lime green in the boot to a darker green when it emerges. If the head is freeze-damaged, some or all of the spikelets will become yellow and/or water-soaked in appearance as it emerges. It's possible for some of the spikelets to be alive and a healthy dark green while other spikelets

on the same head are damaged. If a spikelet flowers normally and the kernels on that spikelet develop normally, then the head is at least partially viable and can produce grain.

In southwest Kansas, irrigated wheat is probably going to have the most severe freeze injury, and some stands could be mostly or entirely lost, Shroyer said. Some of the dryland wheat in southwest Kansas, especially early maturing varieties and wheat in low-lying areas also may lose some tillers — or have even more severe damage in some cases, he added.

The freezes have caused extensive leaf damage in west central and northwest Kansas, but some of that wheat is already greening back up, especially where the growing point was still at the soil surface or just slightly above the soil at the time of the freezes, he re-

ported. Where tillers were killed, new tillers are beginning to grow in many cases, he added.

Freeze damage is not the only problem for dryland wheat in western Kansas, Shroyer said.

"Dry soils and mite damage are limiting the yield potential of dryland wheat in western Kansas as much or more than the freezes. The smaller wheat hasn't been hurt much by the freezes except for leaf burn, but it will need some moisture to produce much grain," he said.

In south central Kansas, temperatures also got into the mid-20s on April 24. Some wheat had one or two joints at the time of the

freeze, and this could cause some tiller loss, Shroyer said. The situation there is a little different than in western Kansas, he added.

"Soil moisture conditions are much better in central Kansas than in western Kansas. This will help reduce the severity of freeze damage to some extent, and will help the wheat regrow or continue to develop in the coming weeks," he said.

"However, there are reports of freeze damage to the lower stems in that region. If the lower stem damage is severe, the wheat will eventually lodge," he added.

More information on freeze damage to wheat is available in "Spring Freeze

Injury to Kansas Wheat," K-State Research and Extension publication C646, available at county and district Extension offices and online at: www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/crpsl2/c646.pdf.



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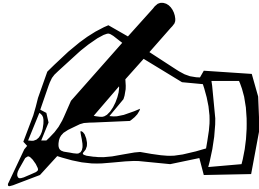
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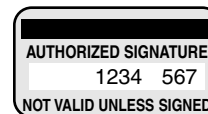
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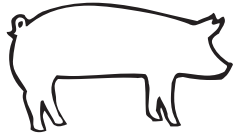
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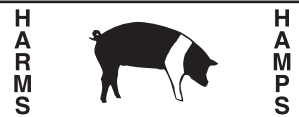
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Kansas Forest Service to host event — Agroforestry Field Day in western Kansas

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On May 8, the Kansas Forest Service will host the 2013 Agroforestry Field Day in Trego County to educate participants on current issues facing agroforestry in Kansas.

The field day, located near Wakeeney on the farm of Dave and Mary Hendricks, will focus on the wildlife habitat the Hendricks have created through planting and renovating windbreaks and establishing native grass and wildflower plantings. Suggestions on row removal, selective thinning, watering and establishing additional tree rows will be provided.

The Hendricks are known throughout western Kansas for their wildlife habitat and conservation achievements. The couple will be recognized by the Kansas Forestry Association and the Kansas Forest Service as recipients of the 2013 Kansas Agroforestry Award. The award is presented to landowners who do an exceptional job implementing agroforestry practices on their property such as riparian forest buffers and shelterbelts.

Issues to be covered at the field day include:

- With the current drought stressing windbreaks throughout western Kansas becoming a challenge, Jim Strine and Bob Atchison, Kansas Forest Service foresters, will provide tips on how to maintain and renovate older windbreaks and shelterbelts using one of the many windbreaks the

Hendricks have on their property. Participants also will receive the latest information on financial assistance available to implement windbreak renovation projects.

- Stacie Edgett-Minson, K-State Research and Extension watershed specialist, will share her knowledge of water quality and quantity issues and offer suggestions to participants on practices to implement.

- Burning the prairie helps ensure the health of grass and range lands. Unfortunately, many landowners are hesitant to burn or do not plan adequately. Windbreaks on the Hendricks' farm have been damaged by wildfire for that very reason. Michele Witecha, Kansas Forest Service wildlife ecologist and rangeland fire specialist, will provide a session on how to develop a burn plan that accomplishes specific management interests while lowering the risk of wildfire potential.

- Nikki Opbroek, Kansas Forest Service forest health specialist, will offer an update on potential health threats to trees and shrubs (including drought) and provide both diagnosis and control recommendations for the major tree problems people encounter in western Kansas. Foresters will also provide suggestions on appropriate tree and shrub species to plant in the Trego County area.

- Mule deer have a different set of habitat requirements compared to upland birds and are regular visitors to the Hendricks farm. Dave Hendricks will show participants how windbreaks can

be used as a fawning area for mule deer and discuss how landowners can encourage mule deer habitat on their properties.

- Winners of the 2012 Kansas Wildlife Federation's, Land and Soil Wildlife Conservationist award, Randy Rogers and Helen Hands will provide both the landowner as well as the professional wildlife biologist perspective on how to improve habitat for upland birds. Last season hunters harvested an estimated 475,000 pheasants and this year's numbers are down by almost 50 percent.

- With a population decline of more than 90 percent since settlement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering listing the lesser prairie-chicken as a threatened or endangered species. Mark Witecha, a Pheasants Forever biologist, will be on hand to discuss the habitat needs of this important species and suggest conservation practices that foster lesser prairie-chicken and other important grassland birds.

Registration for the field day will begin at 8 a.m. A hot lunch will be provided as part of a \$10 registration fee. To register, checks should be written to Kansas State University, and mailed to the Kansas Forest Service, Agroforestry Field Day, 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502-2798. More information about the field day may be obtained by calling Bob Atchison, rural forestry coordinator, at 785-532-3310 or by checking out the News and Events section on their website at www.kansasforests.org.

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BLUE RAPIDS	7 WF STR	561@ \$139.00
MARYSVILLE	2 BLK STR	712@ \$139.00
BLAINE	10 BLK STR	643@ \$138.00
SABETHA	26 XBRD STR	695@ \$137.60
VALLEY FALLS	13 BLK STR	710@ \$136.50
HADDAM	3 CHAR STR	746@ \$135.25
BLUE RAPIDS	1 BLK STR	665@ \$135.00
BLUE RAPIDS	1 BWF STR	645@ \$135.00
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CORNING	4 BLK HFR	416@ \$156.00
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VALLEY FALLS	3 BLK HFR	420@ \$151.00
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BLUE RAPIDS	6 BLK HFR	517@ \$148.00
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BLUE RAPIDS	1 BLK HFR	650@ \$129.50
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CORNING	15 BLK HFR	765@ \$122.75
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MARYSVILLE	1 BLK HFRETTE	1,090@ \$115.00
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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

It ended up being a rather directionless week in the grain markets. We had plenty of volatility from time to time and lots of activity in the spread trade and plenty of movement in the cash basis, but when it was all said and done the July KW was unchanged, July soybeans were down 1 ½ cents, and July corn was down 13 ¼ cents. The big loser of the week was the December corn, which lost 23 cents for the week.

The new crop corn was under the most pressure this week because the extended forecasts have suggested that there is warmer and drier weather ahead for the Corn Belt, which will allow for much better planting progress and the crop will end up being planted on time. That remains to be seen, but that is certainly how the market was traded this week. Wednesday's new low for the move and the

push towards the \$5.12 support looks very negative on the December corn chart. The next two support areas are fairly close together at \$5.12 and \$5.00, and it is likely that we uncover some buying interest at those areas, but so far there is no indication that the downward pattern the market has been stuck in is about to change.

What can change the downtrend? Well, if we don't see any issues with planting progress, then nothing until we see some kind of summer weather scare. If the \$5.00 support fails then there is a serious possibility that we see the market head for \$4.00. Put options can still pay off.

Another thing that can pressure the new crop contracts is the potential for more bull spreading in the market. Basis levels are still strong and while the export market is still horrible,

the ethanol production figures suggest that USDA is too low with that estimate, which in turn means that ending stocks are overstated. We also have to consider that USDA doesn't know how much corn we are feeding and that the next stocks report will be bullish. It is hard to bet against the bull spreads if we don't have a production problem.

Thursday the July KW closed above the 50-day moving average for the first time since December, but slipped back below it Friday. Freeze scares are always hard to trade and this one is no exception. There has obviously been a great deal of damage done to the HRW crop, so we have less wheat than we otherwise would have, but the bigger question is did we need the wheat in the first place? Will losing the production matter? It would be much

easier to answer those questions if we had consistently large export sales and were seeing excitement on the demand side of the equation. We have seen very large purchases by the Chinese, but if they don't come back to the market soon, the market has no reason to try to slow the demand. Right now traders view supplies as adequate at worst and most likely we will make it through the year without supply concerns. To change that view the crop damage will have to be much worse than anticipated or demand will have to be strong enough to draw down supplies. For the time being we have to look at freeze related rallies as a selling opportunity.

The late week rebound in the soybeans confirms that the bottom end of the trading range, near \$13.40 in the July contract, that has held as support for about six months is still solid support, and will continue to hold the market. The strong basis levels we have should mean there are few if any deliveries, which mean we should see more bull spreading in the market and the May-July spread will probably set more records.

Old crop futures in gen-

eral should have good upside potential as we head into the May supply and demand report since it is likely that we see higher export and crush estimates. The new crop, of course, is a different story. Like the new crop corn, as long as traders feel the crop will get planted, it is hard to have any enthusiasm for the November beans unless we get a summer weather scare.

Cash cattle traded at \$128 in Kansas, which should be supportive. The June live cattle futures closed above the 50-day moving average Thursday, but slipped back on Friday. However, last week's action is the best indication of a change in trend we have seen since the trend turned lower in January. If the market can manage to hold gains this week, we have a good chance at making a run to \$128 in the June contract.

As for the feeder cattle, it is possible that we scored a long term bottom in the August contract this week. The fact that we so easily made an \$8 run higher after the bearish supply and demand report is very encouraging. \$150 should act as support next week, and if that level holds, the next upside objective will be \$154.50. A lot

of the price action down the road will be impacted by the price of corn, but if we do continue to trading lower in the new crop corn, that will only serve to push the deferred feeders higher.

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Economist's outlook for dairy is bullish

Despite neutral supply and demand in dairy markets, the outlook is bullish, said an economist at the University of Missouri Extension Spring Ag Marketing Outlook Conference.

"As we look at futures margins, they are the best available in years, with falling feed prices and rising milk prices," said MU agricultural economist Joe Horner. "2013 profitability will depend a little bit on the growing season, as we are particularly short of quality forages right now."

Milk cows on farm basically started 2013 below year-ago levels and, adjusting for 30-day months, are right in between the last two years. Horner says they haven't really started

building the herd back up and cow numbers are kind of flat-lining.

"We've been culling cows really heavily and that should have given us a jump in milk production per cow," Horner said. "But we've got some coarse feedstuffs out there, a lot of drought-damaged stuff and expensive feed, so people have cut back on rations. Our milk production on a per cow basis is following trend lines between where it was last year and the year before."

Cow slaughter has continued to ramp up. Horner says it used to be that 40,000 cows a week would be normal, but recently it has been above 60,000.

"There are a lot of farmers looking at the price of

cull cows, and if they have a fat cull cow that drops below break-even, she's going to town," Horner said. "Right now springer heifers are cheap, so it is almost an even trade between selling a cull cow or buying a replacement heifer."

Horner told the conference that exports are potentially strong and have grown to the point where 13.5 percent of milk on a solid basis is being exported. While China is talked about a lot as an export market, Horner says Mexico is still a more important export market right now.

"China's market potential has everyone very excited," Horner said. "Whole milk powders have traditionally been where

the U.S. has been a minor player, leaving that market to be filled by New Zealand. The U.S. is now starting to produce some whole milk powders in addition to skim milk powders. China's market potential is huge and growing but it remains to be seen

how much of that we can capture."

Horner says the outlook for milk prices in the second quarter will be slightly higher than the first quarter. He says the price of milk for all of 2013 will be about \$20 per hundred-weight, which is a couple of

dollars higher than last year.

"All things considered, it is probably going to be the best margin year since 2008," Horner said. "That's if we can grow our crop, if we can grow forages and if our exports keep milk prices where they're at."

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GENETRUST at Suhn Cattle Co. 20th anniversary Brangus & Ultrablack Bull sale held in Eureka

An unexpected snow storm that left roads blocked Sunday morning brought much needed moisture and did not deter either registered or commercial breeders from attending the 20th Anniversary Sale of Suhn Cattle Company, a partner in the GENETRUST marketing alliance. The day of the sale, March 26th, found roads passable and a packed crowd of cattle enthusiasts evaluating the offering. Comments from the buyers were that this was definitely the most impressive and uniform set of bulls ever presented at Suhn Cattle Company.

The sale began with Lot 75, Suhn's Foundation 331Z28, a bull bred by Vernon & Vicki Suhn, Suhn Cattle Company, Eureka. He was by GR Swift 209W3 a son of the high IMF producer, Lambert of Brinks, and out of a full sister to the great maternal sire, Suhn's Next Step 331R7. This extraordinary standout is big-boned, deep-ribbed with top end performance and a great disposition. With rankings in the top 4% for yearling weight, top 5% for rib eye area and the top 10% for weaning weight he had captivated the eye of many. The bidding was intense from ringside, DVAuction and via the telephone. The winning bid was captured by Double W Ranch, David and Nada Wood, Houston, Texas for \$66,000 for ½ interest and possession.

The second high-selling individual was Lot 164, Suhn's Rembrandt 919Z8. His sire, Suhn's Advantage 331T5, is a member of the ABS Global Brangus Sire roster, and his dam is a daughter of Suhn's Next Step 331R7. Rembrandt not only ranks in the top 5% of the breed for yearling weight, top 10% for weaning and scrotal plus a top 20% for REA but was also impressive with his eye-catching phenotype. This herd sire prospect was purchased for \$35,000 for ½ interest and possession by TJM Ranch, Jack and Peggy Moore, Kerrville, Texas.

The next high-selling lot attracted considerable attention due to the by-law change passed by the International Brangus Breeders Association membership. This rule change allows top-crossing Ultrablacks back to 7/8ths Brangus and those resulting animals being registered as Brangus. This Ultrablack bull, Lot 148, Suhn's RYR Fusion 894Z5, was one of the first to be offered at public auction that fit this criterion. Bred by Suhn Cattle Company, he was purchased by Robert Yates Ranch, Hamptonville, N.C. for \$20,000.

The Ultrablack bulls continued to draw a lot of attention as in the past. This year's Ultrablack offering included over twice as many bulls as we have sold in the past years. Nevertheless, this did not diminish the strong demand that we have seen rapidly building from our customers. Another highlight Ultrablack bull was bred by Dale and Nancy Kirkham, Eureka and sold for \$15,000 to GENETRUST partner, Randy Schmidt, Schmidt Farms, Texarkana, Texas. Lot 96, KB Dakota Gold 402Z2 combined great ratios in his contemporary group; plus, impressive phenotype of thickness of topline and rear quarter coupled with outstanding base width.

In all, 106 Brangus bulls were sold, averaging \$5,343 and 38 Ultrablack bulls averaged \$5,518.

Buyers represented thirteen states from Florida to California. Averages for the Brangus bulls selling was \$5,343 and the Ultrablack averaged was \$5,518. Volume buyers were Frosty Tipton, Winnemucca, Nev., Wayne Ammons, Roveline, La.; and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

K-State Crops Team ends 2013 spring season on strong note

The Kansas State University Crops Team took second place in the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture national crops contest held recently at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. The team also competed in the Iowa State Invitational contest at Ames, Iowa in February and the Regional NACTA contest hosted at K-State in March.

At the national contest, a total of 19 teams competed, including 11 four-year and eight two-year programs. In the two-year division, Hutchinson Community College placed first. The contest consists of four components: laboratory practical, agronomic exam, math practical and plant and seed identification. In the laboratory practical, competitors identify insects, diseases, crop products and equipment, plus determine crop growth stages, interpret pesticide labels or seed tags, name plant structures, evaluate crop production problems and describe soil properties.



K-State's 2013 NACTA Crops Team is, from left: Trent Newell, Katie Martin, Michael Poland, Cameron Alderfer, Blaine Bogner, David Abel, Hannah Anderson and Hannah Christen.

The agronomic exam evaluated knowledge of crop production and management; crop physiology and breeding; soil properties; soil fertility; tillage; crop harvesting and storage; and weeds, insects and diseases. The math practical includes equipment calibration and various other agronomic calculations. Seed and plant identification requires contestants to learn more

than 250 plant and seed samples.

Students competing on the K-State national team were Cameron Alderfer, Centralia; Michael Poland, Chapman; David Abel, Wichita; Blaine Bogner, Mul-

vane; and Trent Newell, Oskaloosa — all seniors majoring in agronomy. The alternate was Hannah Anderson, Newton, a junior in agricultural education. Also competing in the regional events at Iowa and K-State were agronomy seniors Hannah Christen, Oregon, Ill., and Katie Martin, Glasco, Kevin Donnelly, professor of agronomy, served as coach for the team.

Top individual placings for the K-State team at the national contests were Cameron Alderfer, fifth overall and third in plant and seed identification; Michael Poland, eighth overall and second in ID; David Abel, tenth overall; and Blaine Bogner, fifth in exam. At the K-State contest, Poland was first overall and Alderfer was third, while at Iowa State, Alderfer was fourth and Poland was fifth.

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30 blk, bwf, rwf (3-4 yrs; 1150-1250#). Long sided, calves fancy...Keim Ranch

Bred Females:
All the bred females are good producers.
All are end of calving liquidations
50 blk (young-solid mouth; 1250-1300#) bred Angus (Hall); cf May 1 for 30 days.....Bryan Morgan (402-376-4870)
40 Angus (young-short term; 1300-1400#) bred Angus (Marcy & Krebs); cf MayJerry Fischer
30 blk, bwf, rwf (3-4 yrs; 1250#) bred blk; calving now-May 20. Long sided...Keim Ranch

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KARL training ends on high point in more ways than one

A month after reaching the Andean mountaintop village of Patabamba, Peru at 15,000 feet and Machu Picchu at 8,000 feet – a class of 30 agriculture leaders hit another milestone – graduation.

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Class XI graduated April 20 in Salina. Kansas State University provost and senior vice president April Mason charged the class to take their skills back to their communities and state in an effort to improve Kansas.

The final seminar for the class that day – The Power of One – was the conclusion of the two-year training experience that spanned the state, taking KARL class members to Washington, D.C. where they studied decision making on the national level, as well as to Peru for an international agriculture tour.

As part of the Salina session, class members elected Blake Angell, a cattle buyer from Ellis County, to the KARL board of directors. The class also gave individual testimonies on the impact of the program and their future goals as leaders in their communities and industry.

Over the two years, the class attended nine seminars, learning about current agriculture and rural topics and trends facing Kansas, including environmental, economic and political challenges. Class members also honed public speaking, analytical and writing skills. They met with Kansas agribusiness executives, heads of organizations, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, as well as the president of Fortune 500 company Monsanto.

“This Class XI group of 30 leaders was our 20th anniversary class and they met milestones throughout their two-year experience. Their greatest challenges as our latest graduates are yet to come as they proceed to represent and serve alongside of our past 300 participants. They are ready for that responsibility,” said Jack W. Lindquist, president and KARL program director.

Members of KARL Class XI include: Blake Angell, Ellis - Ellis County; Dan Atkisson, Stockton - Rooks County; Amy Bickel, Burrton - Harvey County; Debra Bolton, Garden City - Finney County; Jarrod Bowser, Circleville - Jackson County; Randall Debler, Alma - Wa-baunsee County; Brandon Depenbusch, Great Bend - Barton County; Tyler Ediger, Meade - Meade County; Tanner Ehmke, Healy - Lane County; Andrea Feldkamp, Manhattan - Riley County;

Mark Fowler, Manhattan - Riley County; Mandy Fox, Ulysses - Grant County; Natalie Gosch, Mulvane - Sedgwick County; Hannah Grape, Manhattan - Riley County; Liesel Grauberger, Concordia - Cloud County; Kris Graves, Bartlett - Labette County; Aaron Harries, Manhattan - Riley County; Kelsey Holste, Manhattan - Riley County; Michael Irvin, Manhattan - Riley County; Tricia Jantz, Newton - Harvey County;

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KARL was formed in 1990 when 20 individuals, representing nearly all segments of Kansas agriculture, met to discuss the need and potential for an extensive education program with a rural leadership focus.

The first class of 30 participants began their leadership development in 1991. More than 20 years later, the program has raised more than \$4.5 million from 900 entities – including farmers, individuals, organizations and businesses – which has been invested in 330 rural leaders from all regions of Kansas.

“The KARL footprint now covers 99 of Kansas’ 105 counties and \$620,000 was invested in the training of Class XI,” Lindquist told the class in Salina. “Simply put, 900 entities believed in these 30 new leaders enough to invest their hard-earned money in their training. Even our graduates donated \$120,000 to the Class XI. That’s one-fifth of our budget and a reinvestment that anyone should be proud of.”

The KARL Program, which is a non-profit organization, has survived for 23 years on investments from individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations through contributions, Lindquist said, adding that it has not asked for or accepted tax-derived funding.

“We can be proud of that accomplishment,” Lindquist said to the new graduates. “Now get out there and get to work. We have a new Class XII group of 30 leaders to bring into the KARL family.”

Wheat organizations announce research funding

The Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Wheat Alliance and Kansas Crop Improvement Association have announced that collectively, they will fund more than \$1.4 million dollars in wheat research for the 2014 fiscal year (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014). The research awards are for scientists with Kansas State University in Manhattan and Hays.

Research funding comes from 1 1/2 cents collected on every bushel of wheat sold in the state through the Kansas Wheat Commission, royalties collected on licensed public varieties through the Kansas Wheat Alliance and contributions from the research support fund generated by certified seed growers. Much of the funding is tied directly to core facets of new wheat variety development including: disease control and resistance, insect control and resistance, quality assessment, and genetic mapping and trait identification. Other projects include use of advanced breeding technologies and new agronomic equipment. This core wheat research benefits public university programs and private seed companies in Kansas and across the central plains.

Not all projects include lab or field work. One example, funded through KCIA, aims to connect wheat growers with seed distributors on the Internet. “We are trying to take advantage of emerging technologies to give wheat farmers tools to make their jobs easier,” said Steve Schuler, executive director of KCIA.

This year, for the first


time, the three organizations combined their research award process. Scientists were asked to submit proposals which were reviewed by committees of each organization. Project funding was awarded based on each group’s particular research goals.

“Collaboration allows our organizations to better prioritize research funding needs and to get the most

out of wheat producer dollars,” said Daryl Strouts, president of KWA.

Kansas Wheat CEO Justin Gilpin noted, “Kansas farmer funding of wheat research is at its highest point in history. These research projects along with the investment in the new Kansas wheat Innovation Center clearly demonstrate that wheat farmers put money back into advancing their industry.”


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24	734	140.50	14	801	122.75
15	840	132.75	2	897	119.25
65	875	130.00		1158	108.00
62	863	130.00			
69	842	129.85			
65	932	126.60			
59	930	126.25			
18	953	123.25			
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15	511	148.00			
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45 Ang X Strs/Hftrs.....500-650 lbs.
75 Blk X Strs.....800-950 lbs.....yearlings
65 Blk X Strs.....825-875 lbs.....yearlings
11 Mix Strs.....800-900 lbs.....yearlings
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

CONSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 8:
160 Blk X Strs.....800-850 lbs.....yearlings (pending)
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30 Blk X Strs/Hftrs.....500-600 lbs. ...Weaned & Vacc.
60 Blk/RWF X Strs/Hftrs.....400-600 lbs. ...Weaned & Vacc.
30 Blk Strs/Hftrs.....500-600 lbs. ...Weaned & Vacc.
15 Blk X Strs/Hftrs.....450-600 lbs. ...Weaned & Vacc.
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2 hfs	@285#	\$151.00	3 strs	@398#	\$163.00
3 hfs	@377#	\$149.00	2 strs	@363#	\$156.00
2 hfs	@335#	\$147.00	8 strs	@408#	\$171.00
2 hfs	@410#	\$157.00	8 strs	@468#	\$170.00
11 hfs	@402#	\$156.00	10 strs	@488#	\$170.00
7 hfs	@499#	\$154.50	4 strs	@483#	\$166.00
4 hfs	@460#	\$154.00	5 strs	@445#	\$161.00
2 hfs	@480#	\$151.50	7 strs	@483#	\$158.00
9 hfs	@488#	\$148.00	5 strs	@510#	\$169.00
4 hfs	@400#	\$143.00	15 strs	@546#	\$163.00
10 hfs	@515#	\$151.00	9 strs	@569#	\$160.25
15 hfs	@580#	\$150.00	13 strs	@582#	\$159.75
8 hfs	@560#	\$150.00	18 strs	@548#	\$159.00
10 hfs	@574#	\$149.00	4 strs	@578#	\$157.00
12 hfs	@572#	\$146.00	11 strs	@578#	\$154.50
7 hfs	@546#	\$141.00	5 strs	@598#	\$154.00
6 hfs	@600#	\$136.00	10 strs	@589#	\$147.00
4 hfs	@658#	\$129.50	59 strs	@633#	\$148.00
46 hfs	@687#	\$129.35	7 strs	@677#	\$139.50
45 hfs	@691#	\$127.00	6 strs	@665#	\$138.50
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4 hfs	@737#	\$124.50	9 strs	@705#	\$139.00
3 hfs	@765#	\$123.50	42 strs	@729#	\$138.60
19 hfs	@781#	\$123.25	5 strs	@736#	\$137.00
11 hfs	@814#	\$120.00	4 strs	@793#	\$135.00
4 hfs	@860#	\$116.00	6 strs	@771#	\$132.00
2 strs	@350#	\$168.00	27 strs	@823#	\$130.00
2 strs	@365#	\$167.00			

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- 20 blk strs & hfs, 450-600 lbs.
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Farming? There's an app for that

Smartphone apps aren't just for social networking or entertainment. A growing number of apps make use of smartphone technology to help farmers do their job.

Farmers can use apps on smartphones or tablet computers for everything from staying up to date on agriculture news to calculating sprayer tank mix ratios, said Kent Shannon, University of Missouri Extension natural resource engineering specialist.

"In the area of precision agriculture are apps that we can collect geo-reference GPS data from," Shannon said. "That allows us to do a better job of recording things in the field."

One example is Connected Farm, which lets pro-

ducers collect scouting information in the field and take pictures that are geo-referenced. There are also several apps that have commodity market information.

"By having information right there at your fingertips, you don't have to go back to the office and get on a computer," Shannon said. "You can make decisions right there in the cab of the tractor or combine."

And this is only the beginning, Shannon says. New and more powerful farm-related apps are being developed all the time as smartphone usage expands and technology evolves. Shannon says producers will be able to use a tablet or smartphone to access diagnostic information on their equipment, anything from

oil levels to hours run, allowing them to perform more timely maintenance.

Before jumping head first into mobile technology, there are some important things to consider.

Perhaps the most important one is wireless coverage in your area. Reliability of phone service and speed of Internet connections can vary greatly by location and provider.

The majority of smartphones and similar mobile devices use one of two operating systems. Apple's iOS runs on iPhones and iPads. Most of the popular competing devices use some version of Google's Android operating system. While most carriers offer Android smartphones, the iPhone is only available

through some wireless providers. Many popular apps are available on both operating systems.

Though the latest high-end devices tend to be pricey, Shannon says that in today's marketplace you can get a smartphone pretty inexpensively.

"Your data plan is going to be a data plan no matter what kind of a phone you have," Shannon said. "But the maturity of the market has allowed us in some instances to get a phone free as part of your contract."

Shannon notes that a lot of available apps are free. "Just try it," Shannon said. "If it is a free app, it doesn't cost you anything to try it. You can always delete it off your device, but you can see what the app offers."

Work safely this summer

By Scott Gordon,
Extension Ag Agent,
Wildcat Extension District

With all the rain we've had this spring it has been too wet for field work much of the time for several weeks now. I'm sure that many of you now have about two months worth of work to do in three to four weeks. This means lots of hours on the tractor or other machines and people will be pushed to the limit. However, we must be careful not to exceed those limits or machine breakdown and personal injury are the likely results.

Very few people can run nonstop 18 to 20 hours per day for days on end without running substantial risks of serious injury or death. It can be from a farm accident due to poor judgment resulting from fatigue or going to sleep while driving a vehicle. I realize that the work still has to be done but there are ways to decrease fatigue and increase alertness and productivity. The following suggestions can help make this busy time of year a little safer for everyone.

Make sure equipment is in good repair. Use weather delays to do preventative maintenance. Check that lights are in good repair and adequate. Add lights if

necessary. Slow Moving Vehicle signs should be in good shape. Make sure harvesting equipment is prepared, as there may not be a break between planting and harvest.

Drink plenty of fluids and eat sensibly. Not all liquids are created equal. Avoid overconsumption of caffeine and soft drinks. Water is an excellent source of fluids. Large meals can increase drowsiness. Avoid alcohol.

Take short rest breaks every couple of hours – get off the tractor or combine and inspect for loose parts, failing bearings, etc. Not only will this increase alertness, it may also head off a serious breakdown.

At the minimum, stop the equipment at least once an hour, lean back, stretch, take several deep breaths. Again, this serves to decrease fatigue and increase alertness.

Avoid the "Gotta Go's." We all find ourselves dropping into the "gotta go, gotta go..." trap when we are pushed. In reality, it's the worst thing that can happen. It gets to the point that all we focus on is "gotta go." We tend to ignore everything but finishing. We clutch the steering wheel with both hands and stare straight ahead. We forget to

monitor the equipment, our pulse races, our breathing become shallow and rapid. It is not good for us or our equipment. The only way out is to break the cycle. Stop for a few minutes and calm down. Overconsumption of caffeine can make this problem worse.

If you are having trouble staying awake, stop and take a short nap. It is amazing what a 10 to 20 minute nap can do.

Maintain contact with people in the field. If you have a radio or a cell phone, use it to check in every cou-

ple hours. If someone in the field does not answer repeated radio or phone calls, check on them; something may be wrong. If workers do not have a radio or phone, check in on them in the field periodically.

Think before you act. This will keep you from putting yourself, your family, or your employees in dangerous situations. Most of us know what can happen as the result of unsafe actions but often we just do not think much about it until it is too late.



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4 blk bwf str	501@154.00	3 blk red str	1110@115.00		
3 blk red str	438@151.00				
2 blk str	625@143.50	3 blk red hfr	295@159.00		
3 blk str	435@143.00	5 blk hfr	413@149.50		
4 blk str	660@141.00	2 blk hfr	422@147.00		
5 red bulls	581@141.00	2 blk hfr	462@140.00		
6 blk red str	589@141.00	5 blk bwf hfr	455@133.00		
2 blk str	652@140.00	4 blk hfr	405@132.00		
6 red str	473@140.00	3 blk bwf hfr	490@130.50		
2 blk str	650@139.00	2 blk hfr	517@126.00		
3 blk str	475@138.00	2 blk hfr	537@124.50		
3 blk str	650@136.50	3 blk hfr	591@122.00		
2 blk str	460@136.00	2 blk hfr	610@121.00		
4 blk red str	560@134.50	8 blk bwf hfr	883@117.50		
4 blk str	658@134.00	3 red hfr	873@116.50		
7 blk bwf str	735@131.75	1 blk hfr	805@115.00		
3 blk char str	701@126.00	2 blk hfr	655@112.00		

MARKET REPORT FOR SPECIAL COW SALE, APRIL 26

BRED COWS			BREEDING BULLS		
9 blk cows 3 2 prd	1160@1,550.00	4 blk pairs 6	1500@1,800.00		
3 blk cows 4 2+3 prd	1400@1,285.00	5 bwf hfr pairs	1144@1,760.00		
3 blk cows 5-6 2 prd	1130@1,275.00	2 blk pairs 4	1220@1,725.00		
2 blk cows 2-3 prd	1212@1,175.00	5 blk hfr pairs	1089@1,700.00		
2 blk hfrs 3 prd	1280@1,175.00	5 bwf hfr pairs	988@1,675.00		
7 blk bwf hfrs 3 prd	1000@1,175.00	3 blk hfr pairs	1038@1,650.00		
6 blk cows 4-6 2 prd	1053@1,125.00	5 blk hfr pairs	1034@1,650.00		
5 blk cows 1-3 2-3 prd	870@1,120.00	5 bwf hfr pairs	975@1,650.00		
9 blk hfrs 3 prd	1022@1,085.00	4 blk pairs 5-6	1221@1,625.00		
		6 blk pairs 8	1736@1,575.00		
		4 blk hfr pairs	1005@1,550.00		
		2 red pairs 8	1380@1,525.00		
		3 blk pairs 5	1210@1,525.00		
		5 bwf hfr pairs	937@1,525.00		
		5 blk bwf pairs 7-8	1200@1,500.00		
		2 char pairs 6	1400@1,460.00		
		8 blk pairs 7-8	986@1,450.00		
		5 blk pairs 6	979@1,410.00		
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300-400 lb. steers, \$125-\$197; heifers, \$120-\$161; 400-500 lb. steers, \$125-\$184; heifers, \$120-\$161; 500-600 lb. steers, \$125-\$169.50; heifers, \$115-\$160; 600-700 lb. steers, \$120-\$158; heifers, \$115-\$135.50; 700-800 lb. steers, \$115-\$137.50; heifers, \$105-\$130.50; 800-900 lb. steers, \$115-\$120.50; heifers, \$100-\$120. Trend on Calves: Choice steer and heifer calves, steady to \$5 higher. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Feeder steers and heifers, steady to \$2 higher. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows, \$70-\$79.50; Avg. dressing cows, \$55-\$70; Low dressing cows, \$30-\$55. Stock Cows: Bred Cows: \$800-\$1,375; Cow/Calf Pairs: \$1,150-\$1,875. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls, \$85-\$97.50. Trend on Cows and Bulls: Butcher Cows, \$2 lower; Butcher Bulls, \$2-\$3 lower.

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3 bk red	390@171.00	5 bwf	518@155.00	30 bk bwf	787@129.75			
5 bk bwf	513@166.50	7 bk bwf	433@150.75	11 bk bwf	764@129.50			
7 bwf wf	411@165.00	5 bk	508@149.50	57 mix	793@122.90			
2 red	602@158.00	5 bk	531@145.50	22 bk bwf	835@122.25			
5 bk	622@155.00	4 bk red	536@144.00	4 bk bwf	1121@108.50			
4 bk bwf	631@153.25	11 bk bwf	718@139.75					
10 bk char	529@153.00	18 bk char	634@139.75	6 bk	632@135.25			
34 bk bwf	757@141.90	18 bk red chr		11 bk bwf str	585@146.00			
32 bk bwf	752@132.00		547@137.00					
19 bk bwf	870@131.90	7 bk	652@134.00					

BUTCHER COWS: \$57-\$87.50, mostly \$75-\$82, \$1-\$2 lower, but very active.

BUTCHER BULLS: \$86-\$102, mostly \$94-\$98

PAIRS: \$1,100-\$1,610

Early Consignments for May 2:

- 30 Red Angus pairs, 7-10 yrs old w/Red Angus calves at side, tagged to match. From Darrell Hess
- 60 black bwf steers & heifers, 500-650 lbs.
- 17 Red Angus steers, 550-700 lbs., weaned

Early Consignments for May 9:

- 250 black red Charolais steers & heifers, 750-1,000 lbs.
- 55 black Simmental-x heifers, 750-850 lbs., homeraised, replacement quality

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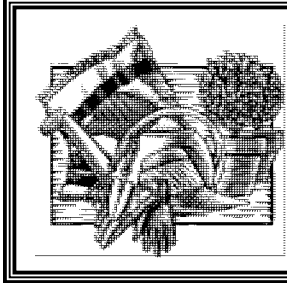
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If you have any cattle to be looked at call Ron or Austin



Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Crabgrass generally has a bad reputation. It stands out in the lawn with its lighter green color and fast growth. The flower of crabgrass in late summer really makes it noticeable. I may be the only one that appreciates the crabgrass for its usefulness.

Bare soil doesn't stay put. We need to have areas that may be bare in the garden or lawn covered to prevent erosion from wind or water at all times. Mulch is one tool. Our desirable plants are another and even undesirable plants like crabgrass hold soil in place.

Weeds may be prevented from growing by applying an herbicide that kills the young plant as it starts to grow. These preventers, also called pre-emergent herbicides are applied and watered in to get them active just as the weeds start to grow. A good indicator for timing is when the redbud trees are in full bloom. This is a sign that the soil is probably warming to where weed seeds will start to grow.

There are numerous products that can be applied to the lawn for reducing weeds starting from seeds. Read and follow the product label for best use. Some products may last all season where others will likely need to be reapplied after about eight weeks.

Herbicides for vegetables, fruits, and the landscape are harder to locate. A product containing trifluralin is normally available. Read the label to ensure it will reduce the

A Good Weed

weeds you want to stop and won't harm your desirable plants. Apply according to the product label. Research from K-State's "Prairie Star" flower program indicates that pre-emergent herbicides can slow down growth of your transplants. No reduction was observed in the annuals when products were used three days after planting. Good weed control is still achievable by waiting those three days.

Weeds are not desirable. Bare soil is not desirable. Organic mulches aid in protecting our soil when plants can't. Manage your environment so that your soil and plants will flourish.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu

Extension market outlook sees downward price trend for crops

With good weather in 2013 crop production could increase, pushing prices down.

"I think corn and beans are going to ratchet lower," said University of Missouri Extension agricultural economist David Reinbott during the MU Spring Ag Marketing Conference.

"However, I would say between now and next July or August we're probably going to get some opportunities to sell some crop with some spikes in prices, and if it does, I would be all over selling it, selling it hard," he said.

The recent USDA crop report predicted 97.3 million acres of corn, down

from the 99 million acres Reinbott projected in January.

"With the wet April and maybe even May, plus the snow and wet conditions in the Dakotas and upper Midwest, we might even lose another million or two," Reinbott said.

USDA placed soybean acres at 77 million, which was below trade estimates, and 2 million less than Reinbott's January projection.

"We could see some switching around, though," Reinbott said. "Some of these corn acres that don't get planted will go to soybeans, so it may go back up. Also, some of these wheat acres, especially spring wheat acres, could also go to soybeans."

Ending stocks to use for corn are pretty tight, but Reinbott says the outlook is for a big crop that could push stocks up. Soybean

ending stocks are also very tight, leading to a sideways trading range on the futures.

Following last year's drought in South America, Brazil and Argentina have rebounded and are expecting large corn and soybean crops. Brazil is predicted to have a record corn crop, and both countries' export numbers are expected to be up.

There haven't been any major changes in wheat production, although feed use has dropped. World and U.S. ending stocks are down, but Reinbott says there is an ample amount of wheat compared to the last few years.

"We're still in that down-trending market," he said. "It's sort of like a broken record. I've said it for the corn market, the bean market and the wheat market. We're going to continue to trend lower."

Grass & Grain Weather Report

April 30, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 54

WEDNESDAY
Scat'd T-storms
High: 63 Low: 38

THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 57 Low: 35

FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 55 Low: 31

SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 58 Low: 32

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 61 Low: 39

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 41

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 79°, humidity of 60%. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1989. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 54°. The record low for tonight is 27° set in 1956.

Date	Hi/Lo	Normals	Precip
4/19	55/30	69/43	0.00"
4/20	59/29	69/44	0.00"
4/21	71/45	70/44	0.00"
4/22	58/37	70/44	0.20"
4/23	38/31	70/45	0.24"
4/24	58/24	71/45	0.00"
4/25	71/29	71/46	0.00"

Rainfall last week: 0.44"
Normal rainfall: 0.77"
Departure from normal: -0.33"
Average temp last week: 45.4°
Average normal last week: 57.2°
Departure from normal: -11.8°

Last Week's Almanac

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4/23	38/31	70/45	0.24"
4/24	58/24	71/45	0.00"
4/25	71/29	71/46	0.00"

Today's Local Outlook

Washington	78/50
Blue Rapids	79/51
Seneca	78/52
Clay Center	79/52
Manhattan	79/54
Ogden	80/54
Wamego	80/54
Junction City	80/54
Abilene	80/54
Council Grove	79/55

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Tuesday	6:27 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	12:42 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6:26 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	1:30 a.m.	12:08 p.m.
Thursday	6:25 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	2:11 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday	6:24 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	2:48 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Saturday	6:22 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	3:21 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
Sunday	6:21 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	3:52 a.m.	4:26 p.m.
Monday	6:20 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	4:23 a.m.	5:27 p.m.

Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Weather History

April 30, 1852 - A tornado, following the same tack as the famous "Tri-State Tornado" of 1925, struck the town of New Harmony, Indiana. Just sixteen persons were killed by the twister, due to the sparse settlement. The "Tri-State Tornado" on March 18, 1925 killed 695 persons.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/19	0	4/23	0
4/20	0	4/24	0
4/21	8	4/25	0
4/22	0		

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Sell Or Buy Cattle By Auction STARTING TIME 11:30 AM Tuesdays

We had a light run of cattle April 23 due to the snow. Steer and heifer calves sold higher on a light test. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to \$3.00 higher. Cows and bulls were steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES

1 bwf bull	225 @ 187.00
11 blk/red str	379 @ 176.00
3 blk/char bulls	338 @ 174.50
1 sim str	350 @ 171.50
2 blk/bwf str	465 @ 171.00
11 blk/red str	496 @ 170.50
1 blk bull	460 @ 170.00
1 char bull	520 @ 163.00
5 wf bulls	430 @ 161.50
4 wf bulls	341 @ 160.00
4 x-bred str	529 @ 146.00

HEIFER CALVES

2 blk/bwf hfrs	248 @ 150.00
1 bwf hfr	285 @ 143.00
6 blk hfrs	401 @ 140.50
1 blk hfr	310 @ 140.00
3 blk/bwf hfrs	385 @ 139.00
2 wf hfrs	263 @ 138.00
7 wf/bwf hfrs	394 @ 138.00
2 blk hfrs	395 @ 136.00
1 blk hfr	535 @ 135.00
1 blk hfr	515 @ 130.00

STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS

2 x-bred str	565 @ 143.50
5 blk/bwf str	757 @ 128.75
123 mix str	854 @ 128.75
54 blk/bwf str	978 @ 121.00
3 x-bred str	733 @ 120.00
2 bwf str	938 @ 106.50
5 bwf/blk str	973 @ 100.50

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

126 mix hfrs	685 @ 131.10
70 mix hfrs	774 @ 124.25
6 bwf/blk hfrs	805 @ 116.00
4 bwf hfrs	829 @ 113.00

COWS & HEIFERETTES

1 blk hfrt	745 @ 105.00
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BRED FEMALES & PAIRS

1 bwf cow/cf	@ 1350.00
1 wf cow	@ 1035.00
2 blk cows	@ 1010.00
1 x-bred cow	@ 1000.00
1 blk cow	@ 975.00
1 bwf hfr	@ 820.00
1 red cow	@ 600.00

BULLS

1 red bull	1935 @ 101.00
1 blk bull	2075 @ 96.25
1 blk bull	1760 @ 95.75

1 blk hfrt	1085 @ 92.50
1 blk hfrt	1320 @ 90.50
1 blk hfrt	1165 @ 90.00
1 char cow	1355 @ 80.00
1 wf cow	1135 @ 78.50
1 blk cow	1245 @ 77.50
1 blk cow	1335 @ 76.25
1 wf cow	1145 @ 75.75
1 bwf cow	1225 @ 75.00
1 blk cow	1415 @ 74.00
1 blk cow	1370 @ 73.50
1 red cow	1005 @ 73.00
1 sim cow	1250 @ 72.50
4 blk cows	1436 @ 72.25
2 bwf cows	1300 @ 71.50
2 blk cows	1378 @ 71.00
1 blk cow	1245 @ 70.50
1 blk cow	1345 @ 70.00
1 bwf cow	1720 @ 68.75
1 blk cow	1115 @ 68.00
1 wf cow	920 @ 65.25

1 blk cow	1205 @ 65.00
1 bwf cow	1250 @ 63.25
1 blk cow	1190 @ 62.75
1 blk cow	1330 @ 62.50
1 blk cow	1395 @ 60.00
1 bwf cow	1115 @ 57.50
1 bwf cow	900 @ 57.25

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