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## Capper puts beef sustainability into context

By Katie Allen

In grocery stores across the United States, many favorite national and local brands of foods, particularly meats, might also bear labels that include “grass-fed,” “organic,” and “hormone-free.” With the varied products available, consumers undoubtedly have many food options to accommodate their preference and diet.

Jude Capper, Ph.D., who is an expert in beef sustainability, said she hopes consumers are aware of what the labels truly mean so they can make informed choices.

“I would hope that we buy any beef—whether it’s conventional, organic, local, grass-fed—whatever our choice is, it must be an informed choice,” Capper said. “It isn’t simply on the basis of, ‘Well, I think it must be better, because I feel like it is somehow.’ We have to base our choices on facts, and if we do, we are always making a good choice.”

Capper is an independent sustainability consultant who also has adjunct and affiliate positions at Washington State University and Montana State University. She was a featured speaker at Kansas State University on Nov. 19 and presented, “Is Your Hamburger Killing the Planet?” The presentation was part of the Upson Lecture Series hosted by the Food for Thought student organization at K-State.

### Sustainable beef

The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines sustainable as “able to be used without being completely used up or destroyed” and “involving methods that do not completely use up or destroy natural resources.”

In agriculture, turning



Jude Capper, Ph.D. spoke on sustainability in the beef industry at a recent Upson Lecture, hosted by the Food for Thought students organization.

forages and by-product feeds that we can’t eat into food, Capper said, is sustainability. Conventionally raised cattle might be treated with antibiotics when they are ill, fed genetically modified corn, or implanted to replace or supplement hormones to help them grow. Using these technologies to reduce water and land use helps make the conventional industry sustainable.

“The conventional industry has been sustainable and will continue to be sustainable, because we know now far better how to treat our cattle, how to feed them, how to breed them, how to calve them, than our parents and grandparents did,” Capper said. “Over the last 30 years, we’ve used 12 percent less water per pound of beef. We use

33 percent less land per pound of beef, and the carbon footprint per pound has come down by 16 percent. It’s a huge achievement on behalf of the industry.”

Capper said regardless of how farmers and ranchers raise beef, conventionally, organically or by another method, any beef production system can be sustainable given three things are in place: economic viability, environmental responsibility and social acceptability.

“It doesn’t matter if you have 20 cows, 200 cows or 2,000 cows, whether you have Angus, Hereford, Limousin or Belted Galloway, any system can be sustainable providing these three things are in place,” Capper said.

The most important of the three, she said, has always been economics. If a

business is economically viable, that business will remain in place for years. The other two factors—environmental responsibility and social acceptability—have always been important, but they have become more important with the advent of social media and consumers having more access to information.

Capper said to effectively reach consumers and provide truthful information, beef producers need to listen to consumers’ needs and not just educate them. There must be a two-way conversation.

### Making information easier to understand

Putting information into context for the consumer is key, Capper said. Most consumers care about air, land and water, but it is difficult to put those into context as

they relate to raising cattle.

For example, Capper found in her research that using growth-enhancing technologies, such as implants in feeder cattle, reduce beef’s environmental impact by 10.7 percent. This means more than 4.2 tons of feed, an acre of land and 22,722 gallons of water are saved per 800-lb. beef carcass because of the use of those technologies. The cattle get to their finished weight faster and, therefore, don’t require additional feed, water and use of the land compared to cattle that are not implanted.

“Most of us can’t picture an acre of land or 4.2 tons of feed, but what we almost all care about is feeding hungry kids,” Capper said. “By the year 2050, we’re going to have about 9.5 billion people on the planet. At the moment, one in seven kids don’t have enough food. So, if we can express the benefits of improved efficiency and improved productivity in terms of feeding more hungry kids every single day, that should resonate with the consumer.”

Giving cattle, specifically steers, hormone implants allow them to grow faster, but not any faster than would be allowed by their genes, Capper said. The hormones given to these cattle replace the hormones that are taken out when the bulls are castrated into steers.

“Hormones are often thought about to the consumer as a frightening thing,” Capper said. “All foods contain hormones, with the possible exceptions of salt and sugar. If it’s an apple, pork chop or cheeseburger, they all contain hormones. We have to put those into context for the consumer.”

### Looking ahead

If farmers and ranchers are working toward being more efficient, more productive, and using less land, water and fuel to produce a pound of beef for that consumer’s next hamburger, they are making the world a more environmentally better place for the future, Capper said. Social acceptability of agricultural technologies that improve the environment might be improved with more producer and consumer engagement.

“A picture tells a story of a thousand words, and video clips even more so,” Capper said. “We can reach so many people through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, all of these sites, but we’ve got to do it in an effective manner to get our message across to the consumer every day.”

Capper frequently updates her website (<http://bovidiva.com>) with research-based information about beef and dairy sustainability. A video with Capper’s full interview is available on the K-State Research and Extension YouTube page (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6sve0oEPYY&feature=youtu.be>).

Food for Thought works to bridge the gap between agriculture and consumers. More information about the student organization at K-State can be found on the organization’s blog ([blog.foodforthought.blogspot.com](http://blog.foodforthought.blogspot.com)), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ffgroup>) or Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/ffgroup>).

The Upson Lecture Series honors Dan Upson, who taught at K-State’s College of Veterinary Medicine for 35 years before retiring in 1994.

## K-State Agricultural Lender Survey: a second look at 2013 and future agricultural lending conditions

Agricultural lenders indicated that 2013 credit conditions held, but they look for future conditions to soften, according to the results of the September 2013 K-State Agricultural Lender Survey. Respondents expected loan interest rates to rise, non-performing loans to increase slightly from their current low level and farmland value gains to slow and then dip in the longer term.

Allen Featherstone, interim department head and professor of agricultural economics and program director of the Master in Agribusiness degree at Kansas State University, said this survey gives farmers an idea of what the current and future state of agricultural credit conditions. As with the survey conducted in the spring of 2013, the purpose of the fall K-State Agricultural Lender Survey is to not only answer questions about the evolution of agricultural credit conditions, but also to provide a broader overview of all agricultural lenders.

There were noticeable differences among the spring and fall survey responses, Featherstone said.

- Unlike the spring results, fall survey respondents expected interest rates to increase in the short term and long term for operating, real estate and intermediate loans.

- Non-performing loans during the past three months for the crop sectors of corn, soybeans and wheat experienced a decrease; however, non-performing loans are expected to increase in the long term for these sectors. One reason for the increase in non-performing loans in the long run is that currently many lending institutions have few, if any, non-performing loans.

- Responses to a new question for the fall survey indicated that land prices increased during the past three months. While this upward trend is expected to stay in the short term, respondents believe land prices will start decreasing in the longer term.

For more information about the outlook for agricultural credit conditions and commentary on areas of concern within agriculture, go to the K-State Agricultural Lender Survey.

This survey was developed by K-State’s Department of Agricultural Economics’ Brady Brewer, doctoral candidate; Brian Briggeman, associate professor and director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center; Allen Featherstone; and Christine Wilson, professor and assistant dean, Academic Programs, for the College of Agriculture.





## Different distribution system

By John Schlageck,  
Kansas Farm Bureau

The image of Mom with her nose buried in the front page, Dad reading the sports page and the kids chuckling their way through the comics harkens back to long ago days when news exposure in the home was a family affair. Sections of the daily paper were shared just like the space around the glow of the round radio dial and later the television set.

Young Americans were huge consumers of news just a few decades ago. Millions of baby boomers consumed their news in mass quantities.

During this time period, two out of three young adults watched the nightly news on CBS, NBC or ABC.

These three media giants ruled the airwaves, pitching cars, cigarettes, soft drinks and other consumer goods between news segments. Today cable and satellite television news commercials still pander to the same boomers, only now they're marketing prescription drugs.

Older Americans continue to schedule their late afternoons around a daily "appointment" with television news. Fewer and fewer young people behave that way and most don't set aside a specific time of the day to "get their news."

About one in six young adults and a like proportion of teens watch the news nightly. By contrast, more than two of every five older adults watch the national

news religiously and a slightly larger number follow local TV news.

Some studies say today's young Americans are less interested in news than their counterparts of a generation or two ago. Other contemporary analysis claims the digital revolution is bringing young people back to the news.

One thing is for certain, the notion that young people do not care about the news is dead wrong. What's happening is they rely on a different distribution system.

Young people today are still interested in news. They want to keep abreast of the environment, health, food, nutrition, sports and many of the same issues that have always driven people to seek information. They still crave a daily diet of hate, death and war.

However, they'd much rather read about it on their smart phone, iPad and computer — anything but the daily newspaper. Media use today has become a solitary affair.

Today, two out of three young adults largely ignore

this wood-based relic. Two out of every five pay almost no attention to national and local television news as well.

I'm not making this up. These figures come from a recent study on press, politics and public policy from one of the most revered institutions of higher learning located on the East Coast.

When it comes to newspapers today, only one in five older adults remains an avid newspaper reader. An avid reader is defined as one who reads every day and pays close attention to news stories while doing so. Only one in 12 young adults and a scant one in 20 teens rely on newspapers as a source of information in their daily lives.

Age differences shrink for Internet-based news, but do not disappear. Older adults are less likely than young adults and teens to access the Web; however, they make greater use of it as a news source.

Still, none of these three age groups use Internet-based news heavily. About one in seven older adults, one in eight young adults and one in 12 teenagers are

heavy users of the Internet for news.

Few Americans believe they must be plugged into each and every news source. Most are comfortable with the medium of their own choice. Older adults choose what's comfortable to them while younger news gatherers like to explore the latest avenues and sources of technology.

In 2013 younger Americans have opted for new ways of getting their news. They tap into entertainment programs, comedy, new media, acquaintances or an irregular mix of traditional media.

It is simply not true that the Internet and social media are responsible for the decline in news interests among young Americans. Many factors have contributed including a weakening of the home as a place where news habits are acquired.

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I admit it, I am a creature of habit. I like my life to have a routine, a schedule. That is why this fall has been so tough; it seems that I have spent the last three months trying to catch up to where I am normally on the calendar. However, after this week we should just about have all of the cows and calves where they go for the winter and my winter "routine" will start.

Normally, (okay, so I have come to realize there is no normal in my life) harvest is done somewhere around the middle of October. That gives us a couple of weeks to prepare ourselves to bring the cows home from summer pasture. You know the usual fixing of pens and putting fence up around corn and soybean fields. Then the last week of October or the first week of November we bring the cows home and sell calves on the first Friday in November.

This year, due to the unusual growing season, we did not finish harvest until the end of October. This delayed everything else about two weeks. Last week we sold the last of our calves about two weeks later than usual. I know we are in the same boat as everyone else, and believe me I am not complaining; it has been a good year and I have appreciated the change in the weather pattern. But, I am a creature of habit.

I am sure that it will feel good to open the gate and usher the last cows out to stalks. To be honest I think they are as anxious to get back into the winter "routine" as I am. As much as I am a creature of habit, I am sure that my cows are even more so. One morning of being a little late with their hay will bring a bovine chorus and a welcoming committee at the pasture gate.

I know I am not the only farmer or rancher type tied to a routine. I know this because I am used to meeting the neighbor's tractor and hay processor in the road each morning. I meet the same people at the same place in the road. That is

why I laugh when I hear that Daylight Savings was put in place for farmers. I don't know of another group (except our livestock) that thinks Daylight Savings is a worse idea.

That is why it will feel so good to finally get to that winter routine this week. My family tells me that I have been out of sorts the past couple of weeks, I am sure that it is because my schedule was just not normal. Although this is where I must confess that with two teenagers and their schedules, I am just not sure what a "normal" schedule and a "normal" week is supposed to be anymore.

This routine will last about a month and then lambing season will start and I will have to settle into a new routine, then calving season begins and yet another routine will need to be established. I guess the change in our daily schedules is a good thing because it keeps our lives from getting so mundane. Knowing that we will change our routines every couple of months gives us something to look forward too.

Then the added challenge of not knowing what the weather will do or how it will affect our plans adds to the intrigue of our jobs. One thing I will say is that my job is ever changing and my work conditions are never the same. I wouldn't have it any other way. I must admit that there are days that a climate-controlled office seems pretty tempting, but I have been there and I can tell you that there are more days when the pull to be outdoors is much stronger.

As much as I am looking forward to getting on with the winter feeding routine, I am just as sure I will be ready to open the pasture gate up in the spring and start that routine also. There truly is a place for each season and I enjoy each one. Now, if you will excuse me, it's time to put my coveralls on, start the feed pickup and feed my creatures of habit.



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and Kansas Water Authority are doing. A Visioning Team has been established and is embarking on a one-year mission to seek input from water users, compile data, conduct research and chart a path forward.

It will not be easy. Some believe it's too late to save the Ogallala. There are differing ideas about how to better manage reservoirs and surface water.

We need to develop plans to ensure a reliable water supply for all Kansans, improve water quality, reduce our vulnerability to extreme events, like floods and drought, develop and maintain water infrastructure and improve recre-

ational opportunities available to our citizens.

We need your help and input in this process. Give us your feedback and ideas during town hall meetings and through other outreach events. Be a part of the solution.

If we are successful, future generations will look back on the work we do this year and say, that's the generation of Kansans who worked together to protect and conserve the state's water resources today and for the future.

To submit your own comment or get more information about the Governor's Call to Action 50-Year Vision visit [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org).

## Checkoff study results: animal ag demand for U.S. soybean meal grows

U.S. animal agriculture's consumption of U.S. soybean meal increased by 1 million tons, or the meal from 42 million bushels of soybeans, in the 2011/12 marketing year, according to a soy-checkoff-funded report. This is good news for soybean farmers since domestic animal agriculture uses about 97 percent of the U.S. soybean meal consumed in the United States.

Despite this welcomed increase, the report concluded that U.S. soybean farmers shouldn't let their support for the animal ag industry weaken. Animal ag farmers face pressures like rising feed costs and dwindling U.S.-consumer demand. Because animal ag continues to be U.S. soybean farmers' No. 1 customer, these pressures also threaten the profitability of all soybean farmers, the report said.

"The success of the U.S. soybean industry relies on the strength of the U.S. animal agriculture industry," says Mike Beard, a checkoff farmer-leader who grows soybeans and raises hogs on his farm in Frankfort, Ind. "The best way we can support our customers and ensure they remain competitive is with better-quality soybeans." The report, titled the National Animal Agriculture Economic Analysis, also outlined the economic benefits the poultry and livestock sectors provide at the state and national levels. In 2012, animal ag provided the following benefits to the national economy:

Support for 1.8 million jobs

\$346 billion in total economic output

A \$60 billion impact on household incomes

\$21 billion in income and property taxes paid

According to the study, U.S. poultry, livestock and fish farmers used more than 30 million tons of soybean meal in the time period measured, or the meal from more than 1.26 billion bushels of U.S. soybeans. Broilers and swine continue to be by far the two biggest soybean-meal consumers. The meal consumption per species breaks down as follows:

Broiler chickens: the meal from about 476 million bushels of U.S. soybeans

Hogs: the meal from about 410 million bushels

Laying hens: the meal from 84 million bushels

Turkeys: the meal from more than 75 million bushels

Other: the meal from about 217 million bushels

## CASE IH DEALER INVENTORY REDUCTION PUBLIC AUCTION

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Auction Location: 201 E. Miami St. — HIAWATHA, KS 66434

### TRACTORS

2011 Case IH MX290, 900hrs, serZBRD04823, CAH, 3pt, Dual PTO, 4SCV, MFWD, PS, Front Duals, 480/80R46 Rear Duals

2011 Case IH MX315, 610hrs, serZBRD04707, CAH, 3pt, Dual PTO, 4SCV, MFWD, PS, Front Duals, 480/80R50 Rear Duals

2010 Case IH Maxxum 115 w/Case IH LX750 Loader, 205hrs, serZ9BE11533, MFWD, CAH, Partial PS, Dual PTO, 3pt, 2SCV, 16.9X38 Tires

2010 Case IH MX245, 375hrs, serZARZ03828, CAH, PS, MFWD, 3pt, Dual PTO, 4SCV, 480/80R46 Duals

2009 Case IH MX 190, 796hrs, serZ9RH05186, CAH, 3pt, 18.4X46 Duals, 4 SCV, Dual PTO, PS, MFWD

2008 Case IH STX435, 1664hrs, serZ8F112481, Quad Trac, 1000 PTO, 4SCV, PS

2006 Case IH MX 215, 2587hrs, serZ6RZ02813, CAH, 3pt, 520/85R46 Duals, Dual PTO, PS, MFWD, 3SCV

2005 Case IH MX 230, 1638hrs, serJAZ136880, CAH, 3pt, 1000 PTO, 3SCV, MFWD, PS, 520/85R46 Duals

2005 Case IH MX285, 2489hrs, serJAZ134583, PS, CAH, 5SCV, Dual PTO, 3pt, Front Duals, 18.4x46 Rear Duals

2003 Case IH DX25, 581hrs, ser4000940, MFWD, Hydro, 540 PTO, 3pt

2002 Case IH MX100 w/Miller Loader, 6283hrs, serJJA0117325, MFWD, Grapple, PS, 3SCV, Dual PTO, 3pt, CAH

2000 Case IH MX240, 5428hrs, serJJA0097851, CAH, PS, MFWD, Front Duals, 3SCV, 1000 PTO, 480/80R46 Duals

1999 Case IH MX270, 6819hrs, serJJA0098520, CAH, 3pt, 1000 PTO, 4SCV, MFWD, PS, 18.4R46 Duals

1998 Case IH 8950, 4269hrs, serJJA0092343, PS, CAH, 3SCV, 1000 PTO, MFWD, New 18.4x46 Duals

1994 Case IH 5240 w/GB 660 Loader, 8115hrs, serJJF1035355, CAH, PS, 3SCV, Dual PTO, 18.4x34

1992 Case IH 5140 w/Case IH 510 Loader, 10000hrs, serJJF1016248, CAH, MFWD, 3SCV, 3pt, Grapple, Dual PTO

1990 Case IH 7140, 10,686hrs, serJJA0026133, PS, CAH, 3pt, 3SCV, Dual PTO, MFWD, 20.8x42 Duals

1982 Case 2090, 10,000hrs, ser3992371, CAH, 3SCV, Dual PTO, 18.4X42Tires

1982 Case 2390, 6488hrs, ser9905416, PS, CAH, 2SCV, 1000 PTO, 3pt, 18.4X38 Duals

1980 Case 2290 w/GB Loader, 5020hrs, ser9906341, PS, CAH, 2SCV, Dual PTO, 3pt, 18.4X38 Duals

1969 IH 656, 7581hrs, serUO41945, 3pt, 2SCV, 16.9x38

2010 NH T6020 w/KMW1660 Loader, 1868hrs, serZABF04518, MFWD, CAH, Power Quad, 3pt, 2SCV, Dual PTO, 18.4x34

2005 NH TG255, 1873hrs, serJAW136015, MFWD, CAH, 1000 PTO, 3pt, 4SCV, 480/80R46 Duals

2002 NH TV140 w/NH 84LB Loader, 388hrs, serRVS019237, Bi Directional, 7SCV, w/Flail Mowers

2003 Challenger MT865, 5420hrs, serAGCMT865T, 5SCV, PS, Rebuilt Engine and Trans

1979 JD 4640, 7662hrs, ser8641R, CAH, PS, 3pt, 1000 PTO, 2SCV, 20.8x38 Duals

1988 Versatile 936, 9529hrs, ser330917, CAH, 4SCV, 20.8x28 Duals

1984 JD 4450, 7236hrs, serH013035, CAH, QR, Dual PTO, 3SCV, 18.3x38 Duals

1980 JD 8640, 11,285hrs, ser5110R, QR, 1000 PTO, 3SCV, 18.4x38 Duals

1976 MF 1105, 6287hrs, ser58961, CAH, 540 PTO, 2SCV, 18.4x38

1969 MF 180, ser9175746, 3pt

**PLANTERS AND DRILLS**  
2009 Case IH 1250 16RN, serY9S007278, 9500 acres, Trash Wheels, Markers, CIH 600 Monitor, Row Clutches, Corn &



Bean Plates Pneumatic Down Pressure

2009 Case IH 1250 24RN, serY9S007551, 4800 acres, Liquid Fertilizer, CIH 600 Monitor, Corn, Bean & Milo Plates, Trash Wheels, Row Shut Offs

2000 Case IH 955 16RN, serJAG1010885, Liquid Fertilizer, 22" Spacing, Markers, Selecto Side Shut Off

Case IH 950 12Rn serJJC0028553, Liquid Fertilizer, Markers, Corn & Bean Drums

1991 Case IH 950 8RN, serJJC0027525, Liquid Fertilizer, Corn, Bean & Milo Drums

Case IH 900 6RN, serJJC0025686, liq. fert., Markers

Case IH 900 6RN serJJC0025594, NT, Trash Wheels, dry fertilizer, markers

IH 510 Drill, serC1111, Grass Seed IH 800 16RN serU00595, Corn and Bean Drums

IH 800, serUO14512, 12RN, Markers, Corn & Bean Drums IH 800 12RN, serU014750

2009 Kinze 3660 EV-31, ser660204, 3,375 acres, Pneumatic Down Pressure, Markers, Bulk Fill, Kinze Vision Monitor, Row Shut Offs, Bean Plates

2005 Kinze 3500 8/15R, ser902743, 6,600 acres, NT, KPMI Monitor, Liquid Fertilizer, Corn & Bean Meters, Keeton Seed Firmers

2004 Kinze 3600 16RN, ser618985, 10,000 acres, Markers, Corn & Bean Meters, Keeton Seed Firmers, Row Shut Off

JD 1790 16/31R, serC710427, Markers, Pneumatic Down Pressure

JD 1780 16RN, NT, Vacuum, serA01780L690241, Markers, Corn, Bean & Milo Meters

1996 JD 1760 12RN, NT, Liquid Fertilizer, Vacuum, serF665173, Markers

JD 1530 Drill, ser675204, NT, 15', Single Disc Openers, Markers JD 8350 Drill, 15', Single Disc Openers

### TILLAGE

2011 Case IH 330 Vertical Tillage, 25' serJFH0049084, Rolling Basket

2010 Case IH 330 Vertical Tillage, serJFH0049076, 31', Rolling Basket

2010 Case IH RMX370 Disk, serY8S010568, 34' 9" Spacing

1997 Case IH 4300 Field Cultivator, serJAG0623549, 44', 3 Bar Coil Tine Harrow

Case IH 4800 Field Cultivator, serJAG0055731, 24', 3 Bar Coil Tine Harrow

2010 Great Plains 2400 Turbo Till, ser3121NN, 24', Rolling Basket

Blu Jet 15 Shank Applicator, ser5820229, Raven 440 Controller

Krause 15 Shank Applicator, ser1109, Raven 440 Controller, Raven Cold Flo, 2 sec. Shut Off

JD 650 Disk, 27' 9" Spacing, ser385

### SKID STEERS

1999 Case 75XT, 2660hrs, serJAF0254857

2007 JD 320, 297hrs, ser143285, Cab

2000 NH LS180, 3277hrs, ser185103

1992 Gehl 3725, 1173hrs, ser6002

### HAY EQUIPMENT

2005 Case IH RBX562, 4455 Bales, Twine, Kicker Wheels, serHBJ039599

1998 Case IH 8830 Self Propelled Windrower, 1983hrs, serCFH0101141, 14', Sickle

1997 Case IH 8465, 8000 Bales, serCFH0122500, Twine

1992 Case IH 8465, serCFH0074241, Twine

1991 Case IH 8460A 7500 Bales, serCFH0057091, Twine

2006 NH BR780, 5000 Bales, ser62673, Twine

2001 Hesston 1340 Disc Conditioner, serHK83361, 13' Steel Rolls

1994 JD 535, Twine, serX974096

1996 Vermeer 605K, ser1002935, Twine

Vermeer R23 Twin Rake



Vermeer 1030 Disk Conditioner, serE421000212, 13', Steel Rolls

**COMBINES**  
2011 Case IH 7088, 1089/939hrs, serYAG004848, Field Tracker, AFX Rotor, Yield Monitor, Straw Chopper, 900/60R32

2011 Case IH 7088, 1069/905hrs, serYBG006772, PRWA, Field Tracker, Yield Monitor, Straw Chopper, 960R32

2010 Case IH 7120, 1055/742hrs, serYAG209761, Field Tracker, AFX Rotor, Straw Chopper, Yield Monitor, 520/85R42 Duals

2010 Case IH 8120, 854/628hrs, serYAG209088, Field Tracker, AFX Rotor, Straw Chopper, 620/70R42 Duals

2009 Case IH 7088, 1966/1569hrs, serY9G001505, Field Tracker, 900/65R32, Yield Monitor

2009 Case IH 7088, 1560/1102hrs, serY9G002086, Hilco Side Hill, Field Tracker, AFX Rotor, Yield Monitor, Straw Chopper, 520/85R42 Duals

2006 Case IH AFX8010, 1851/1210hrs, serHAJ106583, PRWA, Field Tracker, AFX Rotor, Yield Monitor, Straw Chopper, 20.8R42 Duals

2002 Case IH 2388, 3100/2290hrs, serJJC0270600, Chaff Spreader, 30.5x32

2001 Case IH 2388, 4388/3200hrs, serJJC0270245, Straw Chopper, Field Tracker, Yield Monitor, 480/80R42 Duals

2000 Case IH 2388, 3197/2492hrs, serJJC0268524, Field Tracker, Yield Monitor, 30.5x32

1999 Case IH 2388, 3278/2542hrs, serJJC0266938, Specialty Rotor, Field Tracker, 30.5x32

1997 Case IH 2166, 3489/2576hrs, serJJC0182026, Specialty Rotor, 30.5x32

1997 Case IH 2188, 4736/3349hrs, serJJC0192712, AFX Rotor, 24.5x32

1997 Case IH 2188, 4127/3209hrs, serJJC0196131, PRWA, Chaff Spreader, Yield Monitor, 30.5x32

1994 Case IH 1666, 3865hrs, serJJC0104584, PRWA, Specialty Rotor, Chaff Spreader, 30.5x32

1994 Case IH 1688, 4277hrs, serJJC0120964, 30.5x32

1992 Case IH 1680, 4669hrs, serJJC0117863, 30.5x32

1988 Case IH 1680, 4715hrs, serJJC0048866, 30.5x32

1988 Case IH 1680, 4721hrs, serJJC0044601, 30.5x32

Case IH 1660, 4271hrs, serJJC0027041, PRWA, Chaff Spreader, 30.5x32

1991 Case IH 1660, 4102hrs, serJJC0102400, 24.5x32

1979 IH 1460, 3150hrs, serU006939, PRWA, 24.5x32

2008 JD 9770STS, 3059/1972hrs, PRWA, serH09770S725242, CM, Yield Monitor, Straw Chopper, 800/70R38

2008 Lexion 570R, 1650/1073hrs, PRWA, Lateral Tilt, Yield Monitor, 960R32

2007 Gleaner R65, 1777/1219hrs, serHS62147, Lateral Tilt, Yield Monitor, 480/80R42 Duals

MF 8450, 3100hrs, ser193828-8, 24.5x32

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2010 Case IH 2020 Platform, 30', serYAZL52464

2009 Case IH 3408 Corn Head, serY9S019406

2007 Case IH 2020 Platform, 35', serCBJ021304

2005 Case IH 2208 Corn Head, serHAJ035616

Case IH 2208 Corn Head, serCBJ032766

2004 Case IH 1020 Platform, 30', serJJC0334082



2004 Case IH 1020 Platform, 30', serJJC0350269

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2003 Case IH 2206 Corn Head, serHAJ034273

2003 Case IH 2206 Corn Head, serHAJ034284

2003 Case IH 2208 Corn Head, serHAJ003703

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Drago 12RN Corn Head, ser27498

2011 JD 625F Platform, serVB074398

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2004 JD 893 Corn Head, serH00893X705883

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1999 JD 925 Platform, serF681646

1994 JD 925 Platform, serF652209

MF F9122 Platform, serE000119

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# 2013 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

Fred Engler, El Dorado: "This is an easy and good recipe for the holidays. Goes well with turkey or ham."

## SOUR CREAM CORNBREAD

2 cups yellow cornmeal  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
8 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 beaten eggs  
2 cups milk  
1/2 cup butter-flavored shortening  
1 cup sour cream  
1 3/4 cups frozen corn or a 15.5-ounce can of corn, drained

In a large bowl combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add the milk, eggs and shortening. Beat with wire whisk or electric mixer just until smooth; don't overbeat. Fold in the sour cream and corn. Pour the mixture into a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until an inserted toothpick comes out clean. Will serve 12 people.

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The next three are from Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia: **MICROWAVE**

## PEANUT BRITTLE

1 cup sugar  
1 cup corn syrup  
1 cup raw peanuts  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon baking soda

Mix sugar, corn syrup, peanuts and salt and cook 7 to 8 minutes on high; stir half way between time. Add butter and vanilla. Cook 1 1/2 minutes on high; add baking soda and stir. Pour onto greased baking sheet.

After candy cools, break into pieces.

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"Good and also easy to make."

## PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

2 cups white sugar  
2/3 cup milk  
1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup marshmallow creme  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook sugar and milk to soft ball stage. Add peanut butter, marshmallow creme and vanilla. Beat and pour into pan.

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## FIVE-POUND FUDGE

1/3 cup oleo  
4 1/2 cups sugar  
1 large can evaporated milk  
(2) 7-ounce or (1) 13-ounce jar marshmallow creme  
(2) 12-ounce packages chocolate chips

2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 1/2 to 2 cups pecans

Boil milk, sugar and oleo for 5 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread on buttered cookie sheet.

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## Mary Rogers, Topeka: PEPPERMINT BARK BROWNIES

20-ounce package fudge brownie mix  
12-ounce package white chocolate chips  
2 teaspoons butter  
3/4 cup candy canes, crushed

Prepare and bake brownie mix according to directions on package using a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. After baking set aside and cool completely in pan, about 2 hours. In saucepan over very low heat, melt chips and butter stirring constantly with a rubber spatula. Spread mixture

over brownies. Sprinkle with crushed canes. Let stand for 30 minutes for topping to get hard. Cut into squares.

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## Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CARROTS WITH BROWN SUGAR AND BACON

2 pounds carrots, peeled & cut in half lengthwise  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces, divided  
1/4 cup dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
3 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut carrots in half crosswise in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Combine carrots, salt, pepper, top with 1 tablespoon butter. Bake covered until almost tender about 25 minutes. Uncover and add remaining 1 tablespoon butter, brown sugar, lemon juice, stirring gently to combine. Bake until carrots are tender, about 15 minutes, basting with brown sugar mixture. Sprinkle with bacon and serve.

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Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis: "I took this to the American Legion meeting and it went over very well. I had 4 pieces left. Very good."

## PINEAPPLE SHEET CAKE

2 cups flour  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
2 eggs  
20-ounce can crushed pineapple  
1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix flour, sugar, baking soda, eggs and pineapple well and spread on ungreased sheet cake pan (17 1/4-by-11 1/2-by-1-inch). Sprinkle with brown sugar and nuts. Bake at 350 degrees until lightly browned or until cooked. Do not overbake. While cake is still hot pour over the following mixture:

1 stick oleo  
3/4 cup milk  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine oleo, milk and sugar; boil 2 minutes and then add vanilla. Pour over cake and serve warm.

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## Kellee Rogers, Lawrence: CRANBERRY NUT STREUSEL BARS

1 cup cranberry sauce  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 cup flour  
1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats  
2/3 cup brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 stick unsalted butter, cut into small pieces  
2/3 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch square baking pan. In microwaveable bowl, combine the cranberry sauce and sugar. Cook at high power for 1 minute. Stir, then heat in 30 second intervals until the sugar dissolves and the mixture is spreadable. In medium bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar and salt. Using your fingers rub the butter into the dry ingre-

dients until the streusel is crumbly. Stir in the walnuts. Firmly press 2 cups of the streusel into the baking pan. Spread the cranberry mixture over the crust. Sprinkle with the remaining streusel. Bake until the top is lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Let cool completely before cutting into squares.

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Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia:

## SUMMER SAUSAGE

2 pounds hamburger  
1 cup water  
2 tablespoons Tender-Quick salt  
2 teaspoons black pepper  
1 teaspoon garlic salt  
1 teaspoon onion salt  
1 teaspoon liquid smoke

Mix all ingredients. Refrigerate overnight. Next morning knead it and make into 3 loaves. Wrap in aluminum foil with bright side in. Prick each roll with toothpick several times. Bake on oven rack over broiler pan with water in it. Bake 1 1/2 hours in a 250-degree oven. Cool. Drain off liquid on each roll before storing. Will keep in refrigerator for 3 weeks. Can also be frozen.

NOTE: Deer hamburger is very good used this way.

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## Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CHUTNEY TOPPED BRIE

8 ounces Brie cheese  
1/4 cup cranberry or apricot chutney  
2 tablespoons sliced almonds

Trim and discard rind from top of Brie round, leaving a 1/4 inch border. Place Brie in an ungreased oven-proof casserole dish and top with chutney. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 10 minutes or until cheese appears to be melted; watch closely to ensure cheese doesn't seep out of the dish. Toast nuts in a small nonstick skillet over medium low heat, stirring often for 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle nuts over Brie. Serve warm with assorted crackers.

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Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis: "Good on turkey or pork."

## CRANBERRY JALAPENO RELISH

1 cup water  
1 bag frozen or fresh cranberries  
1 cup Splenda  
2 fresh jalapenos, seeded & finely chopped  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro  
1/2 teaspoon cumin  
3 green onions, finely sliced  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Boil water and cranberries together for 10 minutes on low heat. Do not stir. Remove from heat and stir in Splenda. Set aside to cool. After cooled, add jalapenos, cilantro, cumin, onions and lime juice. Refrigerate. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

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## Seven Helpful Tips To Focus On Your Health And Still Enjoy Holidays

Want to enjoy the holidays and the food and still stay healthy? Planning ahead is important, especially if you have diabetes.

The seven tips below can help guide you through your next holiday event:

Focus on friends and family instead of food. Remember, the holidays are a time to slow down and catch up with your loved ones. Play games, volunteer, or spend time outdoors enjoying the weather together.

It's a party, but don't overdo it. Eat slowly, and really enjoy the foods that you may only have once a year. If the meal will be served near your usual meal time, try to eat the same amount of carbohydrate that you normally would for a meal. If you plan to have a portion of dessert, cut back on another carbohydrate food during the main course. Make sure your portions are reasonable and resist going back for second helpings.

Eat before you eat. Don't skip meals or snacks earlier in the day to "save" calories and

carbs for the large holiday feast later on. If you skip meals, it will be harder to keep your blood glucose in control. Also, if you arrive somewhere hungry, you will be more likely to overeat.

Bring what you like. Don't spend time worrying about what will be served. Offer to bring your favorite diabetes-friendly dish. If you count carbs, check your recipe's nutrition facts so you know how big a serving is and how many carbs it has.

Drink in moderation. If you drink alcohol, remember to eat something beforehand to prevent low blood glucose levels later. Whether it's a glass of red wine or a beer, holiday drinks can add a significant amount of calories to your holiday intake. Keep it to no more than 1 drink for women and 2 drinks for men.

Stay active. One reason that we have problems managing diabetes and weight during the holidays is our lack of physical activity. Sure, the holidays are busy, but plan time into each day for exercise and don't break

your routine. Make the holidays an active time!

Off from work or school? Use this extra time to do some physical activity.

Train for and participate in a local holiday run or walk (like a turkey trot or Independence Day run).

Start a game of pick-up football or play other games in the yard.

Go for a walk with your loved ones after eating a holiday dinner.

Offer to help clean up after a meal instead of sitting in front of leftover food. This will help you avoid snacking on it and get you moving around!

If you overindulge, get back on track. If you eat more carbs or food than you planned for, don't think you have failed. Stop eating for the night and focus on spending the rest of your time with the people around you. Include extra exercise, monitor your blood glucose levels, and get back on track with your usual eating habits the next day.

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## A little Winter Whine

By Lou Ann Thomas

Ever since leaving the teaching profession I have grown less and less fond of winter. And, yes, the only reason I liked it then was that sometimes the ice and snow meant a Snow Day. If you think only the kids get excited about Snow Days, let me assure you the teachers are usually as happy to have an unexpected day at home as the students are.

But since then I look forward to winter with an increasing dread. I'm not a fan of having to bundle up just to walk to the mailbox. Nor do I enjoy trying to navigate on slippery surfaces, whether on foot on in a vehicle. Although I do enjoy the first good snow and the way it makes

everything look fresh and sparkly, but I'm quickly over it and there's not much more good I can say about winter.

However, I do enjoy the rituals involved in preparing for the season. I like gathering and stacking firewood near my basement door where it will be handy to grab and stoke the fires that will keep me toasty all winter. I like carefully putting away my shorts and t-shirts and pulling out the new season's jeans and sweaters. And I enjoy trading in my sandals for more substantial footwear. It's like rediscovering old friends I hadn't seen for months.

This is also when my appetite shifts to heartier

foods. Instead of the salads and cold sandwiches that I live on during the warmer months, I stock my larder with chili fixings, soups and start scanning cookbooks for one pot meals that can simmer all day filling the house with the aroma of goodness and warmth.

Despite not being a big fan of winter, I do love the change of seasons. When I lived in California I missed having four distinct seasons. Every day there was so similar that I had to look at the calendar to remember what season through which I was passing. Here, in the middle of the rectangular states, all I have to do is look outside and I know exactly what time of year it is.

I do love the variety of weather we have here, and I can work up a good list of complaints about the stifling heat of summers, as well as the freezing cold of winters.

Which, more than anything, probably just goes to show how difficult I am to please.

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**Materials you will need:**  
3" STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Ball  
16 Recycled red & green milk bottle caps  
Holiday scrapbook papers of choice  
Ribbon: red double-sided satin, 1/8" x 1/4 yd.; holiday taffeta, 1/2" x 1/3 yd.  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Wooden skewer  
Small round paintbrush  
Scissors

Circle craft punch, 1" or 1-1/4", or compass  
Low-temp glue gun & glue sticks  
Thick, white craft glue  
Wash and dry all bottle caps. Use glue gun to glue two bottle caps to opposite sides of foam ball, rim up or down as desired. Glue remaining bottle caps to ball, evenly spaced around first two. Fill in empty areas with remaining bottle caps as needed.

Punch circles from scrapbook papers to decorate caps; use 1" punch for inside cap and 1 1/4" punch for top of cap. Note: If craft punches are unavailable, use compass and pencil to draw circles on back of paper; cut out with scissors. Use white glue to adhere circles to caps.

Knot ends of 1/8" wide ribbon. Place dot of glue on knot and use skewer to push knot into top of ornament. Tie remaining ribbon into bow; glue to base of hanging loop.

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Red & Green Acrylic Paint  
Paint Brush  
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Ribbon or Dowel

Start out by painting both sides of 4 of the clothespins green. Set them aside to dry. Next, paint both sides of the remaining 8 clothespins red. Set these aside to dry.

Glue together the 4 green clothespins at the tops. Let the glue dry. Glue together the 8 red clothespins in same manner. Let the glue dry.

Center the petals (red clothespins) you glued together on top of the leaves (green clothespins) and glue. Put a generous amount of glue on one side of the pom-pom and set it inside the center hole of the petals.

To add some extra detail, glue gold or yellow beads onto the pom-pom.

This fun poinsettia can be hung up as an ornament by attaching a ribbon to it or it can be glued to a dowel and used as a plant poke.

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Cotton Balls  
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Green Chenille Stem  
Craft Glue or Hot Glue Gun  
and Glue Sticks  
Paint Brush  
Scissors

Paint small rectangles onto the film container or pill bottle so they look like bricks. You can also just paint the film container or pill bottle a solid color. Let the paint dry completely.

Cut an 8- to 10-inch piece from the thin ribbon. Fold it in half to form the hanger for the ornament. Glue both ends onto the top, inside edge of the film container or pill bottle.

Glue the cotton balls around the top edge of the film container. Glue the green pom-pom so it is half-in and half-out of the film container. This will be the Grinch's bottom stuck in the chimney.

Cut two 3-inch pieces from the green chenille stem. Glue them to the green

pom-pom to look like the Grinch's legs. Bend the bottom part of the leg down to form the feet.

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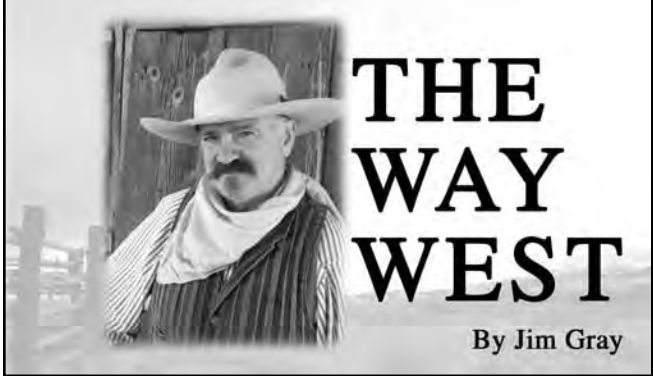


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I am going to rob that train!

Some folks say that the James-Younger Gang gave rise to the art of robbing trains. Their first train robbery was near Adair, Iowa, in 1873. They weren't the first. The Reno Gang drew that honor in 1866 and got themselves hung for the distinction.

The James-Younger Gang cut its teeth on robbing banks, but evidently taking money out of banks had grown tiresome. Jesse James saw himself as Robin Hood. In a letter to the Kansas City Times Jesse reasoned that he and the gang were not thieves, but "bold robbers" who "rob the rich and give to the poor." Many in Missouri agreed that the real thieves were the railroad tycoons and the politicians that supported them.

After a second train robbery at Gad's Hill, Missouri, the Pinkerton Detective Agency was hired to hunt down the James-Younger Gang and put a stop to their outlaw ways. It was Allan

Pinkerton and his detectives that doggedly tracked and captured the Reno Gang in 1868. But these weren't the Reno boys. In March of 1874, a Pinkerton detective who tried to infiltrate the gang was found shot to death along a well-traveled Missouri road. Not having learned their lesson, two Pinkerton agents and a sheriff's deputy got too close to Jim and John Younger. In a wild shootout the Youngers killed one Pinkerton and the deputy. But the Pinkertons also drew blood. John Younger fell from his horse, mortally wounded from a shot to the neck.

The loss of John Younger was a demoralizing blow to the James-Younger Gang. They laid low for eight months while Allan Pinkerton stewed over the loss of his agents, but the outlaws were nowhere to be found. They finally made their move at 3:30 in the afternoon on the eighth day of December, 1874. Two horse-

men pulled up in front of the grocery run by John Purtee at Muncie, Kansas, twelve miles west of Kansas City. Purtee was the postmaster for the town of Muncie, and like so many small town postmasters, performed his postal duties alongside his grocery business.

The horsemen dismounted, walked into the store and immediately inquired as to the arrival time of the next train. Purtee answered, "...twenty minutes." Then he was asked if that was the train that carried the express, to which he replied that it was. That was all the stranger wanted to hear. In a flash Purtee was staring at a cocked revolver. "Consider yourself my prisoner - I am going to rob that train."

In a very short while eight or ten men of the railroad section crew entered the door. Close behind three more outlaws stepped through the door with guns drawn. Before entering the building the crew had been forced to put a pair of rails across the track. As the train approached, Mr. Purtee was told to flag the train. Unaware of the danger the engineer dutifully pulled the train to a stop. Suddenly the quiet of the afternoon was interrupted with a pistol shot fired into the air. The engineer was ordered to step down from his perch and uncouple the rest of the

rail cars behind the express car. The engine and express car then pulled about 400 yards up the track.

The express car was divided into a mail room and the more secure express room. Unaware of the robbery, Frank D. Webster, the Wells Fargo express messenger, heard a voice call from the mail room. But when he looked through the window into the mail room he was greeted by the muzzle of a pistol shoved into his face. When ordered to "open up," Webster did not hesitate. Two outlaws followed him to the safe, one holding a pistol to his head while the other carried a Henry rifle. Webster opened the safe and handed out the contents to the outlaws, later valued at \$30,000. The entire robbery took only twenty minutes time. Jesse James was immediately suspected, although, at the time, no one knew for sure who the men were.

Two days later Bud McDaniel, a known associate of the James-Younger Gang, was arrested with some of the known loot from the train robbery. He was taken to the county jail at Leavenworth, but no one else from the gang could be found. The trail again grew cold. The Kansas robbery only whetted Allan Pinkerton's appetite for a revenge he would never satisfy against

Jesse James. The more the lawman stalked the man who robbed banks and trains, the more his legend grew on The Way West.

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# USDA announces funding availability for value-added producer grants

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced the availability of nearly \$10.5 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities designed to give them a competitive business edge.

"U.S. agriculture is connected to one in 12 American jobs, and value-added products from home-grown sources are one important way that agriculture generates economic growth," Vilsack said. "Supporting producers and businesses to create value-added products strengthens rural economies, helps fuel innovation, and strengthens marketing opportunities for producers – especially at the local and regional level."

The funding is being made available through the Value-Added Producer Grant program. Grants are available to help agricultural producers create new products, expand marketing

opportunities, support further processing of existing products or goods, or to develop specialty and niche products. They may be used for working capital and planning activities. The maximum working capital grant is \$200,000; the maximum planning grant is \$75,000.

Eligible applicants include independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and agricultural producer groups. Funding priority is given to socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers or ranchers, and to small- to medium-size family farms, or farmer/rancher cooperatives.

The Value-Added Producer Grant program is one of many USDA programs that support the development of strong local and regional food systems as part of the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative. Launched in 2009, the initiative strengthens ties be-

tween agricultural producers and their local communities, helping meet growing consumer demand and creating opportunities for small business development. Initiatives like this create new income opportunities for farmers, generate wealth that will stay in rural communities, and increase access to healthy, local foods in underserved communities. All of these actions boost local economies.

Rural Development is encouraging applications from tribal organizations as well as applications that support regional food hubs. Applications supporting value-added activities related to bio-based products are also encouraged.

Since 2009, the Obama administration has provided agricultural producers with almost \$80 million in Value Added Producer Grant assistance that has supported more than 600 innovative, value-added projects.

In Fiscal year 2012, for

example, the Mississippi Delta Southern Rural Black Women in Agriculture Association received a \$44,000 working capital grant to provide a variety of services in the Delta region. The cooperative delivered oven-bakeable sweet potato fries to local Head Start programs and schools; cut, washed and bagged greens for local restaurants; and delivered sustainably grown and heirloom sweet potatoes to local and specialty grocers regionally and nationwide. The sweet potatoes are processed at the vegetable facility at Alcorn State University, in Lorman, Miss.

The project is supplying emerging markets with locally grown produce to enhance production, marketing and distribution infrastructure among women and minority landowners in persistently poor rural communities.

Additional examples of how VAPGs assist local and

regional food producers are available on the USDA Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass, which is searchable by zip code and key word.

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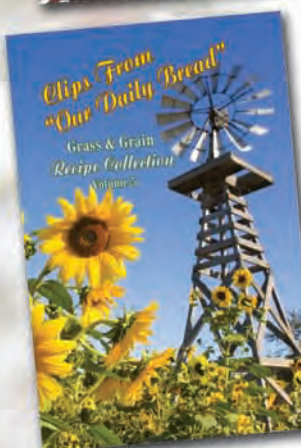
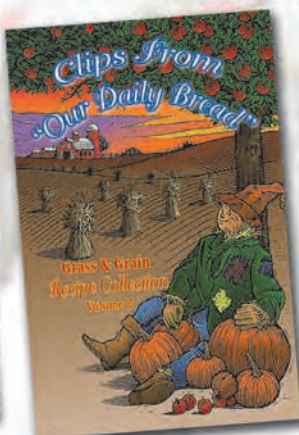
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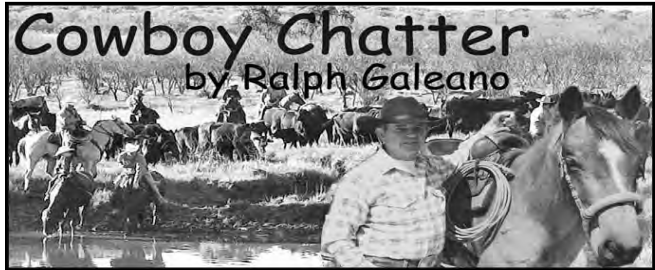
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## Little Things

Sometimes it's the little things that keep you out of trouble. Trouble can come from a lot of different places but the worst kind comes when you least expect it. Complacency, I'd say, has got me in a bind more times than I care to remember. Horseback is no different than flying an airplane or negotiating one of them Interstate highways. You better pay attention 'cause there's only one person looking out for you and he's the one sitting in the saddle. You can get hurt just as bad or be just as dead from a horse wreck as you can from a plane crash or seventy mile-an-hour pile-up on them super highways. So to me, keeping track of what's going on when I'm saddling, putting a halter on or just riding in the pasture is just as important as that airplane pilot checking to make sure he's got enough stuff in the fuel tank to get to the next landing strip.

There's not too many of us that haven't loosened the cinch while there's a break in the work to give our horses a breather. I'll bet most of us, at one time or another had to mount in a hurry and race after a runaway or just plain ride away, forgetting to tighten the cinch. Some have gotten away with it and some

haven't. Sorting bulls. Now that's a bad time to make that mistake. My neighbor forgot and paid for it with broken ribs and a busted pelvis. His saddle slipped when the action got too wild for a loose cinch to hold it in place. He ended up underneath a thousand-pound horse trying to jump sideways away from a gutsy, two-thousand-pound bull.

How about those fancy chaps we see on riders in the show rings? Cutters, ropers and even pleasure riders, they all wear them. Most of them chaps have a stout strap and fancy buckle on the front that holds them on. The strap is stamped with pretty designs and the buckle is bright and shiny. It may be nice to look at but it can also be deadly. Fresh from a spring branding, I thought back over the chaps the working cowboys all wore. To a man, every pair of chaps were secured in front with a thin piece of rawhide tied hard and fast to each side of their leggings. Veterans of the trade, they wanted no part of a chance encounter of that front strap hooking over the saddle horn and trapping them on a bucking horse or a horse that has fallen and is rolling down a side hill. Better for that thin string to break and be

thrown clear than to be hung up by a thick strap that somehow managed to slip over the horn and wouldn't break while you were gyrating, to and fro, trying to ride a bronc or bail off a coming wreck. Horses go down in the arena just as they do in the mountains and that thin rawhide string could maybe someday save your bacon.

World champion roper, Jack Hennig, teaches in his video, *Ace in the Hole*, to always keep your elbow and forearm between your face and your horse's neck whenever you're bridling or haltering your horse. You have to reach up to the poll to grasp the bridle or halter to secure them anyway and if you place your elbow against the neck while your hand secures the halter you can protect yourself from being hit in the face.

If your horse throws his head in your direction your elbow will act as a shield and take the blow, pushing you away from his head. Leading horses is another accident waiting to happen. Whether pack horses or saddle horses, I've been tangled up, pulled around and twisted sideways by horses I've been leading. Even the good ones that never give any trouble are liable to spook, fall, or bite the horse you're riding. Surely, you've been riding along, leading another horse and not paying too much attention when a horse you're leading slips up and aggravates the horse ahead of you and draws an angry squeal and

kick. Either you or your horse can take the brunt of the kick while the transgressor gets away unscathed by jerking sideways or hustling out of harm's way. Keep them separated and you might save yourself a broken leg or injury to your saddle horse. Bad things usually happen with no warning. If you're leading a horse by his bridle reins, make sure the reins are open-ended. If the reins are tied at one end or closed like roping reins then you're asking for trouble. When a horse jerks away, rears or goes around you, no telling what you'll have to do to get him back under control. If it gets really wild you could end up with closed reins twisted around your wrist or a boot or spur somehow tangled inside closed reins jerking you out of the saddle and dragging you off with a runaway. It's easier to head off trouble before it happens and take that knot out of the reins or un-snap one end of roping reins before leading a horse on the trail.

Tying horses to the rail or post with your reins is always bad news. We all know better but sometimes we just have to tie them with the reins. Tie 'em high so they can't get a foot over the reins and get themselves tangled. If they do, they'll go on the fight to free themselves and could damage their mouth on the steel bit and most likely break your reins. Whether tied high or low they'll still test your reins if they get in a disagreement with a neighbor tied

nearby, hear a loud noise or even somebody walking up while they're snoozing and catching them by surprise. Horses don't care if your reins are new or old, they'll break them anyway. It always seems like it's the new ones that are broken. The little rawhide string that connects the leather loop that goes through the bit to the reins can be a life-saver. Its purpose is to break, freeing the reins from the bit and releasing the animal when undue strain is put on those tied bridle reins. You might have to catch your loose horse but at least you saved him some injury and for sure your reins by using that little safety valve of a string holding your reins together.

At the end of the day we load our horses and want to get on home. In a hurry, we might forget a few things that could keep us out of trouble. When your

horse steps in the trailer, stay safe and stand on the side of the opening when you hook up the butt bar or chain. Those critters have been known to come scrambling back out in a hurry for some reason or the other or no reason at all. If you're standing directly behind him hooking up a chain when he decides it's too hot or too cold or too stinky in the trailer for his comfort and comes barreling out backwards you are definitely going home with tracks on your belly.

I can get the odds a little more in my favor for a safe ride if I pay more attention to little things. The ground seems to get harder the older I get and keeping my ears open to learn more little things seems like a good way to get along better with horses.

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# Milling executives get schooled

**By Dalton Henry**  
It may come as a surprise that the participants at the Buhler-KSU Executive Milling Course at the International Grains Program (IGP) last week are not millers. But, that is exactly the point. The week-long course, underway currently, is designed to provide members of milling operations, who may not be millers themselves, a basic understanding of the milling process.

“Five executives from three countries are in Manhattan for a crash course in milling operations led by instructors from K-State and Buhler’s school in Switzerland,” explained Mark Fowler, IGP associate director at K-State. “This successful partnership helps improve their businesses by exposing them to the full range of operations within the milling process.”

The five-day course is specifically targeted to everyone from mill owners and general managers to grain purchasers, human resources staff, researchers and sales team members. Participants in the five-day course spend time both in the classroom and the Hal Ross Flour Mill learning firsthand about factors influencing

each step of the milling process. Class size is limited to five to 10 participants to further ensure that everyone receives quality hands-on instruction.

“This isn’t just an informational session. Participants will spend at least two days worth of time actually in the mill, in a hands-on environment that facilitates better learning,” said Tobias Nanny, head of Buhler’s Grain Processing Training Center. “Participants are able to take home information, ideas and knowledge that they can put to use, once they’re back in their own operations.”

Nanny knows what works when it comes to grain science education. He is a miller by trade, and is now part of a six-member team at Buhler focused on providing training and education to millers, reaching 400 to 500 hundred millers a year through various courses.

Participants are not the only beneficiaries for these courses; there is something in it for Kansas wheat producers as well, according to Aaron Harries, director of marketing at Kansas Wheat.

“Programs like the Buhler-IGP Executive

Milling Course bring key mill customers from around the world to Kansas and give us a great opportunity to build and strengthen relationships with those customers of U.S. wheat,” he said. “Exposure to the K-State Grain Science campus reinforces to our customers how strong our commitment is to research and development of quality products.”

In 2012, IGP trained 855 participants from 42 countries in 47 courses that covered grain buying, food safety, feed production, flour milling and dozens of other areas. Nanny said he believes IGP’s success is in large part to the expertise and facilities that comprise K-State’s Grain Science Complex.

“IGP is really a world-leading research and education center, not just for wheat, but for numerous other grains,” Nanny stated, also mentioning Buhler was a major benefactor, along with other milling supply companies, of the Hal Ross flour mill. “A facility like the Hal Ross flour mill and the ability to hold courses such as this one, combined with the faculty expertise and research focus of K-State, makes a great combination.”

# University’s newly endowed chair in wheat research awarded to its namesake

Bikram Gill, university distinguished professor of plant pathology and director of the Wheat Genetics Research Center at Kansas State University, has been awarded the endowed chair established in his honor.

The Bikram S. Gill Chair in Wheat Genetics was established through gifts from private industries, friends and colleagues. Gill’s career and life’s work has been worldwide wheat genetic improvement and distributing its genetic value to the world.

“Bikram Gill is the world’s foremost expert on wheat genetics and genomics,” said John Floros, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension. “He has had an impact on modern wheat production, not only as a crop in the United States, but as a staple source of cereal-based calories for the entire planet. Through his leadership, the contributions of the Wheat Genetic Resource Center has likely impacted every key wheat-breeding program in the U.S. and worldwide. He has done so much to help the world.”

“I am deeply moved. This is a great honor,” Gill said. “I have spent 33 years building up the Wheat Genetic Resource Center and this endowment will ensure that legacy. This is a step forward in the continued development of wheat genetics. I’m very thankful for this gift.”

Gill will hold this chair for the next five years during his phased retirement. After that, it will be used to recruit his successor.

“This endowed chair will help us attract and retain the brightest minds and the world’s foremost experts in wheat genetics to Kansas State University,” Floros said. “Research performed under the chair will address challenges facing one of the most important crops in the world, elevate the visibility and reputation of the Wheat Genetics Resource Center worldwide, and make our plant sciences program one of the best. It will help us with educating the next generation of wheat scientists, improving agriculture in Kansas, and feeding people everywhere.”

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# Farm bill takes aim at state animal welfare laws

(AP) – The future of state laws that regulate everything from the size of a hen's cage to the safe consumption of Gulf oysters may be at stake as farm bill negotiators work to resolve a long-simmering fight between agriculture and animal welfare interests.

The House Agriculture Committee added language to its version of the farm bill earlier this year that says a state cannot impose certain production standards on agricultural products sold in interstate commerce. The provision, authored by Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, is aimed at a California law that will require all eggs sold in the state to come from hens that inhabit cages in which they can spread their wings — a major burden for egg producers in Iowa and other states who don't use large cages and still want to sell eggs to the lucrative California market. The law goes into effect in 2015.

"Bottom line of it is no state should be allowed to regulate production in other states," King said at a meeting of House-Senate negotiators last month.

But opponents say that depending on how the language is interpreted, the provision could lead to challenges of dozens of other state laws — including some aimed at food safety, fire safety and basic consumer protections.

Concern over King's language has the potential to threaten the entire farm bill, which congressional leaders are hoping to finish by the end of the year.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said she has

"great concern" about King's language, which is not in the Senate version of the farm bill. Led by the Humane Society of the United States, a wide range of groups including the National Association of State Legislatures, the National Fraternal Order of Police and the Consumer Federation of America are all lobbying against the measure.

King's language cites the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, which prohibits discrimination against interstate commerce. He says California's law does just that — imposes its own standards on how producers in Iowa and elsewhere do their business.

Concern about other laws that could be affected is just a ploy by animal rights activists — or, as he calls them, the "vegan lobby" — to discredit his provision, King said.

King said he believes the provision is written narrowly enough so that the other laws would not be affected.

As written, the provision would allow states to regulate their own businesses but would prevent states from imposing "a standard or condition on the production or manufacture of any agricultural product sold" if the product is manufactured out of state and those standards go beyond federal law and the law of the state in which it is produced.

Still, some groups worry the language is not specific enough and could apply broadly:

- Fire safety groups say the language potentially could apply to fire-safe cigarettes that have a reduced propensity to burn when left unattended. Be-

cause tobacco is an agricultural product, they worry that state laws requiring sale of these fire-safe cigarettes could be affected if challenged in court.

- Food safety groups say they are concerned that King's amendment could threaten laws like California's statute requiring that oysters from the Gulf of Mexico be pasteurized, a measure that has helped reduce food-borne illnesses in that state.

- Law enforcement groups say they worry that the language could allow for fewer standards on puppy mills. "Animals will be at greater risk of mistreatment," the National Fraternal Order of Police wrote in a letter to King.

- The attorneys general of Arkansas and Mississippi have written letters to Capitol Hill opposing the amendment. "Due to the provision's vagueness and overly broad language, it is unclear exactly what

impact the King amendment could have on our state's ability to enforce its own laws and to protect Arkansas businesses and consumers," wrote Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, a Democrat.

- The National Conference of State Legislatures says the language would "pre-empt" state agricultural laws designed to protect the safety and well-being of farmland, waterways, forests and people.

The genesis of the amendment is a longtime fight between agriculture and the Humane Society, which has pushed states to pass animal welfare laws. In addition to egg farmers, other animal producers — particularly hog producers, many of whom use confinement crates for sows — are trying to fend off efforts by the Humane Society and other animal rights groups. King's home state of Iowa is the top pork-producing state, and some farmers worry they could lose their opera-

tions if forced to make the expensive crate changes those groups have sought.

The Humane Society is aggressively lobbying against the King amendment. Wayne Pacelle, the group's president, calls the amendment "an enterprise-level threat to the animal welfare movement."

When writing legislation, "You need to judge the worst-case scenarios to judge the worthiness of a proposal," Pacelle says of the possible impact on other laws.

Though powerful agriculture groups have lined up in support, as have House Agriculture Committee leaders, the amendment has bipartisan opposition — notably from some Republicans who believe it attacks states' rights.

"Just trying to attack

the Humane Society I think is very shortsighted," said Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif. "You don't throw out the Constitution because you want to attack one certain group."

King argues he is fighting for the right of states like Iowa to produce eggs and other products as they see fit, and to be able to sell them in a free market. He says the examples of affected laws are overblown, and would not apply because those laws don't dictate specifically how an agricultural product is to be produced.

Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law, said he's not so sure, adding that the law could be "subject to multiple interpretations."

"It says it's based on the Commerce Clause but I don't think that's the end of the story," he said.

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## Alfalfa study may help growers determine returns as water resources dwindle

In a perfect world, alfalfa might be considered the perfect crop. It's packed with nutrients, is highly digestible, can use precipitation efficiently because it roots deeply into western Kansas soils, and produces high economic returns. But the semi-arid climate of southwest Kansas coupled with a depleting Ogallala Aquifer, is not a perfect world for alfalfa because it needs more water than other annual crops.

To help farmers evaluate the potential economic returns of growing alfalfa in that region even as the water supply is diminishing, Kansas State University researchers conducted a five-year study to better understand how alfalfa would fare with a limited water supply.

"Alfalfa creates the most economic return by far, compared with other crops for irrigators when water supplies are adequate for full irrigation," said recently retired K-State Research and Extension water resources engineer Norman Klocke, who cited consistent demand from the dairy and beef cattle industries, in particular. "As water resources in this region decline, the question is whether or not alfalfa production is possible with limited irrigation — especially

when the crop is stressed because of a lack of water during part or all of the growing season."

Klocke along with researchers Randall Currie and John Holman designed a field study conducted at the Southwest Research and Extension Center in Garden City. The experiment was intended to reflect the declining ability of the aquifer to supply water for irrigation and also to reflect the constraints of water rights and irrigation management.

What they found was that yield response to the same amount of irrigation was highest during 2007 when the maximum yield was 9 tons per acre and lowest in 2011 when the maximum yield was 4.5 tons per acre. These maximum yields came from 24 inches of irrigation applied in all years.

Dryland yields were 4.5 tons per acre in 2007 and zero yield in 2011. The drought in 2011 certainly impacted yield, but precipitation filled the soil profile in 2006 and alfalfa benefited from this extra water in 2007 because its roots extended to a depth of at least eight feet. After that, precipitation could not fully replenish the soil.

Klocke also compared alfalfa yield results from

2007-2011 with results from a study conducted at Garden City from 1921 through 1930. Like Klocke and the team, F.A. Wagner, a professor and early scientist with Kansas State, was also looking for the response of irrigation to different amounts of water. Back then irrigation was applied to the surface before irrigation pumps were available.

"The results from both experiments were similar, which tells us that conversion of atmospheric energy to plant dry matter through photosynthesis has not changed in alfalfa over all those years," Klocke said.

Results of the study have been published in Transactions of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. More information is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/kmyvaze>.

"The bottom line is that alfalfa produces good economic returns when it has

plenty of water, but yields fall off over years when stored soil water is depleted due to less than optimum water from irrigation," Klocke said. "Using yield results from this experiment, producers can make comparisons of the profitability of alfalfa and other irrigated crops."

K-State's Crop Water Allocator, which can be accessed at [www.mobileirrigationlab.com](http://www.mobileirrigationlab.com), also helps producers evaluate economic returns, not only from alfalfa but also corn, wheat, sorghum, soybeans, and sunflowers getting zero to 24 inches of irrigation.

"Results show alternatives through crop selection and irrigation management to compensate for less irrigation, but water is still essential for crop production and unfortunately less water means smaller yields," Klocke said.

## Do cows need protein supplements on corn stalks?

By Jody G. Holthaus,  
Meadowlark Extension District Agent

Two factors influence whether or not there is benefit to feeding cows a protein supplement when grazing cornstalks. Consider the following when determining whether or not the feeding of a protein supplement is needed.

The first factor is the quality and quantity of forage available. The amount of corn, leaves and husks will vary with growing and harvest conditions. With some of our newer hybrids, there just isn't as much to graze.

Cattle will select the grain and best quality forage first when initially turned into a field. As cattle continue to graze, their diet quality will decrease. Once cattle have eaten the available husks and leaves and begin eating more of the stalk, diet quality will go down significantly.

Weathering will deteriorate forage quality. Cool, dry weather conditions in the fall and winter will maintain quality for a longer period of time; while wet, warm, muddy conditions will result in a faster deterioration of leaves and husk.

The second factor is cow body condition score at the initiation of grazing. Recent research at the University of Nebraska indicates that mature, spring calving cows in a body condition score 5 or better do not need supplemental protein or energy when grazing targets removal of half of the leaves and husk based on corn yield.

Plan to supplement cows with salt and mineral. Bred two-year-old heifers in their third trimester as well as lactating cows will have higher nutrient requirements. These will need both protein and energy supplementation to meet their nutrient requirements. Spring calving cows in a body condition score less than 5 would likely benefit from protein supplementation. We know that cows in body condition score 4 or less, at calving, will likely have trouble getting bred.

## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 — 1:00 PM

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**TRACT 2:** This parcel contains 62 acres m/l of land located on Trego Road on the West Side of Greeley, Kansas. Located on this tract are two houses and barns. The main house estimated to be constructed in the mid 1800's and contains 2,660 square feet of living space with 3 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. This house was recently remodeled. The second house estimated to be constructed in the early 1900's contains 920 square feet of living space. This house will need to be remodeled. Additionally there are two main barns one older peg construction barn with cupola and another open storage shed. There is another older barn and loafing sheds. This tract at present is all in grass with pipe and barbed wire fencing with large majestic oak trees. There are 8 acres of CRP grass with an expired contract. The 2012 taxes were \$2,672.66.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Les is a native of Anderson County and a very well respected cattleman and rodeo champion. If you have been looking for farmland in eastern Kansas with additional opportunities this property is ready for your ownership and offers many continued or exceptional new opportunities. We look forward to having you at the auction and we appreciate you being there.

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# Workshop to help crop and range managers weather extreme and extended drought

Southern Plains farmers and ranchers can register now for a one-day workshop Jan. 9 in Garden City to discuss planning for long-term and extreme drought in their operations. The workshop will be at the 4-H building on the county fairgrounds. Registration and coffee begin at 8 a.m. It is a joint effort by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Finney County Extension-KSU, and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). "This workshop brings together a dynamic group of producers and specialists who have experienced the recent drought of the Southern Plains and have ideas for how to weather such droughts in the future," said Chad McNutt with the NOAA-NIDIS Program Office. "Crop farmers and ranchers will come away with new information and resources to help them plan and adapt."

The workshop will feature morning sessions on climate forecasts and the long-term outlook for drought. Separate afternoon tracks will target the specific needs of ranchers and irrigated-crop producers who are dealing with long-term choices associated with declining aquifer levels. Speakers will include range, climate and irrigation specialists such as Joel Brown, New Mexico USDA-NRCS rangeland ecologist; Gary McManus, associate state climatologist with the Oklahoma Climatological Survey; Klaus Wolter, research associate with NOAA's Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) in Boulder, Colo.; and Freddie Lamm, irrigation engineer at the Northwest Research Extension Center in Colby. The workshop will also feature ranch and crop producers with real-world experience planning for and adapting to low-water situations, from

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Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico and other states. Additional speakers are being confirmed and will be announced online at <http://drought.unl.edu/ranchplan>. The workshop is open to the public and the only charge is an at-the-door \$10 fee for a brisket or pulled pork lunch. Space is limited and participants are asked to pre-register by Jan. 3 at <http://go.unl.edu/68tg>. For more information or to pre-register, please contact the National Drought Mitigation Center at [ranchplan@unl.edu](mailto:ranchplan@unl.edu) or (402) 472-6776.

## Moser Ranch hosts successful 22nd bull sale

The timing was right. With harvest winding down, the shop was set up for the final act in its dual role as a place for community fellowship and cattle business. November 9, 2013, was the day for the Moser Ranch 22nd annual bull sale. At this stage of the cattle cycle, optimism was in the air on a day so sunny and mild it could have been outdoors. And it stayed golden through the sale and family celebration that followed. After 250 friends, neighbors and customers joined the Mosers for a tasty brisket luncheon, everyone paused on the Veterans Day weekend to reflect as they honored our country, Uncle Sylvester Skoch and all who have served. Family introductions noted the family's northern roots and a recovery fund for ranchers hit by "Atlas," the October blizzard in South Dakota. Then it was on to the business at hand, the video presentation of their 103 Simmental, Angus and SimAngus bulls to bidders present and via the Internet. Selling choice of the first two lots in the sale got the afternoon off to a brisk start, and the momentum

held throughout the sale. Repeat Kansas customer Todd Surdez bid \$5500 to earn the right to choose between Lots 1 and 2, full ET brothers sired by Sharper Image and out of Moser's MSR 5801R of 1004L Moon donor. Surdez selected Lot 1; Moser Ranch will keep Lot 2 as a herd sire. High selling lots included: \$8250- ¾ SM x ¼ AR Bull, Lot 55, a red son of Lchmn. Bright Light 122L, sold to repeat customer Teter Farms, West Virginia. Also at \$8250-Purebred Simmental Bull, Lot 56, a red son of RFS Red Iron T20, sold to repeat customer Susan Estes, Oklahoma. \$8000-Purebred Simmental Bull, Lot 47, a homozygous black and polled son of Lchmn. Bright Light 122L, sold to repeat customers Dave & Sharri Hageman, Kansas. \$7500- ½ SM x ½ AN Bull, Lot 17, a homozygous black and polled son of GW Premium Beef 021TS, sold to new customer Eric Nienke, Kansas. \$7000-Purebred Simmental Bull, Lot 57, another red son of RFS Red Iron T20, sold to repeat customer Wegman Farms. \$7000- ½ SM x ½ AN Bull, Lot 16, another homozygous black and polled son

of GW Premium Beef 021TS, sold to repeat customers Dave & Sharri Hageman. High Selling Angus Bull-\$5500-Lot 72, sired by Conneally Right Answer, sold to repeat customer Steve Suther, Kansas. Sale averages were as follows: 22 Purebred Red & Black Simmental Bulls-\$4955, 69 SimAngus Bulls-\$4431, nine Angus Bulls-\$4028. 100 total lots averaged \$4510. The auctioneer was Dan Harris, Holton. The sale was managed by the Moser family. Bulls sold into the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Virginia, West Virginia, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Missouri. 84% of the buyers were repeat customers. The price range for bulls was \$8250 down to \$2500. Volume buyers were Sue Eden, Susan and Ben Estes, Okla. - 6 head; Tom and Pam Coleman, Mo. - 5 head. Bob, Barry & Jessa Jones, Bill Schoonover, Ayers Ranch, Dave & Sharri Hageman and Frank Farms, all from Kansas and all repeat customers, each took home three head. 14 other buyers (13 of them repeat customers) picked up two bulls each. Owen Brothers Cattle Company, Bois D'Arc, Mo., was a guest consignor.

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**MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 16 — 6:30 PM**  
**AUCTION LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 316 2nd Street DOWNTOWN OLSBURG, KANSAS**  
**160 ACRES m/I OF WESTERN POTTAWATOMIE CO., KS PASTURELAND**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** From Olsburg, KS go 3 miles East on Hwy. 16 to Galilee Rd., then 2 ½ miles South to Bigelow Rd., then ½ mile West in the Northwest corner OR from the Jct. of Hwy. 13 and Hwy. 24 North of Manhattan, go 12 miles North and East on Hwy. 13 to Bigelow Rd., then 2 ½ miles West. This property is located in the Northwest corner of a right angle curve in the road.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 8 East, Pottawatomie County, KS. This property consists of 160 acres, M/L, of Native grass pastureland with some wooded wildlife habitat areas along the South, West and North boundaries. This pasture has good grazing and hunting potential. Electric service and rural water across the road.

**For more info or viewing, please call John E. Cline, 785-889-4775**

**TERMS & POSSESSION:** The sellers require 10% down day of sale with the balance to be due Jan. 23, 2014. Possession to be upon closing. Buyers and Sellers to equally split the title insurance and closing costs of the Pottawatomie County Abstract Co. The sellers to pay 2013 taxes in full. Statements made sale day take precedence over printed material. Cline Realty & Auction, LLC represents the sellers' interests.

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**TRACT #2:** W/2 SW/4 of 4-14-2E, less Highway 15 and 3.64 acres containing improvements. 69 acres tillable (all in wheat). Predominately Irwin and Crete, Class II & III soils. 2012 taxes were \$589.29 based on 72.12 taxable acres.

**TRACT #3:** N/2 NW/4 of 9-14-2E. 53.54 acres tillable (all in wheat), balance fenced grass with small pond. Predominately Irwin Class II and III soil. 2012 taxes were \$416.82 based on 77.50 taxable acres.

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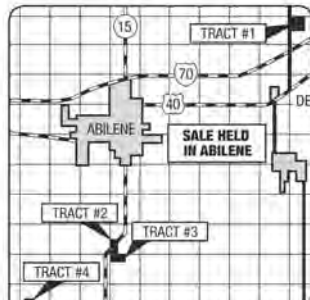
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# Auction Sales Scheduled

December 3 — Riley County acreage, old stone home at Randolph for Mike & Sandra Kearns Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

December 3 — Marion County land at Tampa for Dennis C. Petterson. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

December 3 — Combine, tractors, trucks, farm equipment, trailers, shop items & more near Ulysses for Dew Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

December 3 — Dickinson County creekbottom farmland at Abilene for children of Nancy Gingrich Schaulis. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

December 4 — Manufacturing plant closing at Kansas City, Missouri. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auctions.

December 4 — Machinery, trucks, etc. at Leoti for Hager Ranch. Auctioneers: Sheridan Realty & Auction Co.

December 4 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

December 5 — Tractors, row crop tractors, combines, corn heads, planters, flex heads, sprayers, tillage equip., skid loader, lawn & garden, utility vehicles at Owatonna, Minnesota and online at (www.gehlinglive.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

December 5 — Farmland at Salina for Joel, Mark, Eric & Brian Sumearll. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

December 6 — Marion County grass land & rural home at Peabody for Thelma L. Warkentine Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

December 7 — Furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles, household & guns at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Real Estate.

December 7 — Tractors, combine, heads, trucks, stock trailer, livestock equipment & farm machinery at Lyndon for Paul & Dollie Brecheisen. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions, Elston Auctions.

December 7 — Tools at Silver Lake for Ray's Auto Service. Auctioneers: Kellner Realty & Auction Service.

December 7 — Antique furniture, glassware & primitives at Wellington. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

December 7 — Tractors, tillage equipment, equipment, hay equipment & misc., OTR trailers, farm trucks & trailers, lawn mower & 4-wheeler at Raymore, Missouri for Steve & Kelly Yocum. Auctioneers: Cantrell Auctions.

December 7 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, shop equipment & farm related items near Newton for Kenneth Dyck Estate (Leona Dyck, seller). Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

December 7 — River improved bottom farm, farm dispersal & trained Quarter Horses at Eureka for Hurley & Linda Breech. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

December 10 — Morris County pasture land at White City for Fred M. Worrell & Wilda R. Worrell. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

December 10 — 2 tracts of land in Sumner County at Caldwell. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 10 — Restaurant equipment & fixtures at Kansas City, MO for Nickols Fixtures. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

December 11 — Warehouse & office equipment at Salina for School Specialty Supply. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

December 11 — Tractors, planters, drills, tillage, skid steers, hay equipment, combines, corn heads & platforms, grain handling equipment, sprayers, cutters & misc. at Hiawatha for inventory reduction Bruna Implement Company. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

December 11 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

December 12 — Tractors, combines, corn heads, planters, graining handling & misc. equipment for absolute complete inventory liquidation at West Bend, Iowa for West Bend International. Auctioneers: Gehling Auction, Inc.

December 12 — Woodson County acreage (near Yates Center) at Yates Center. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 14 — Guns, ammo, reloading tools & components at Douglass for Allan Harshman Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

December 14 — Tractors, combines, trailers, farm equipment near Medicine Lodge for Gene Bell Estate/Bar Bell Ranch. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate, LLC.

December 14 — Farmland real estate NE of Bern for the heirs of Kay Harter. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 15 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

December 16 — Western Pottawatomie County pastureland at Olsburg for Carl Pache Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 16 — Skid Steer, tractors, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment near WaKeeney for Bryan Brunswig. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

December 17 — Clay County land at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

December 17 — Morris County real estate at Council Grove for Darrell V. & Beverly A. Leeds. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 17 — Farm equipment of all kinds at Greensburg & online (www.agauctions.com). Auctioneers: AgAuctions, LLC.

December 18 — Anderson County farmland with center pivots, pens, feedbunks at Greeley for Les McGhee (Bryan Enterprises). Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates, Webb Realty Auctions & Appraisals.

December 18 — Coffey County acreage land at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Results Realty, LLC.

December 19 — Dickinson County cropland & grassland at Abilene for William F. Gragg Trust, Judy Gossage & Mark Gragg, co-trustee. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

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

January 9 — Clay County & Dickinson County farmland at Clay Center for ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

WEATHER DATE: January 14 (for January 9) — ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP real estate auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

February 10 — Real estate, cropland at Concordia for Heirs of Shirley Laman. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 20 — Clay County & Washington County farmland at Clay Center for ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

February 22 — Herefords & Quarter Horses at Cottonwood Falls for TS Ranch.

WEATHER DATE: February 25 (for February 20) — ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP real estate auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

February 25 — Mill Creek Ranch "Brand that Works" production sale, Hereford & Angus bulls & female at Manhattan.

March 1 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous at Green for Bruce Dodds. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

March 1 — Annual bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

March 24 — Production sale at Dwight for Oleen Brothers.

## Investor's \$250,000 raises hopes for troubled farm

(AP) — As he led a tour at his 106-acre family dairy farm during a recent fall festival, Tim Iwig was cautiously optimistic about the future of his business just east of Topeka.

Iwig, who is striving to bring his farm out of bankruptcy by finding additional funding streams, said an investor — a woman from the Topeka area — recently came forward with \$250,000.

That financial commitment is helping Iwig breathe a little easier.

But monetary challenges remain, and Iwig said he needs another individual or "a group of investors" to step forward with an additional quarter-million dollars to get the business in position to branch out with additional retail outlets, which he said is the key to the farm's long-term viability.

"We plan to open three more stores," Iwig said. "We're looking at west Topeka, west Lawrence, Overland Park and Manhattan."

Some of the new dairy stores could incorporate such features as locally grown produce and meat, as well as drive-through lanes for customer convenience.

The multigeneration Iwig family farm has been raising cows since 1910. In 2005, it branched out into processing and bottling milk and selling it at local retail stores.

Iwig said his farm's milk products are worth the extra costs, as they are produced in small batches with a low-heat pasteurization process. The result, he said, is tastier milk products. Iwig's dairy sells the milk in reusable milk bottles, which also contribute to the taste.

For several years, Iwig's milk products were offered at larger grocery stores, such as Dillon's. However, Iwig's products now are sold exclusively at three small outlets run by the business.

A store in Lawrence was closed after customers complained it was out of the way and had poor parking access.

In 2010, the dairy, which has about 65 milk cows at present, sold more than \$200,000 worth of shares to help repay past debt. The cash infusion helped alleviate financial woes.

Then came the drought of 2011 and 2012, which doubled and tripled the cost of cattle feed as corn and hay prices went through the roof.

The added feed costs were a dagger to Iwig's farm at a time when it least could afford it. Iwig on Saturday lamented that grain farmers were eligible for federal crop assistance related to the past two years of drought, yet dairy farmers like himself weren't eligible for the funding.

In November 2012, the farm filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy reorganization in an effort to avoid liquidation.

The dairy listed \$696,053 in assets and \$1,177,573 in liabilities at the time of the filing, with \$677,222 of the liabilities going to Kaw Valley Bank for a loan that purchased equipment and 120 cows of various types.

Thanks to near-normal precipitation in 2013, corn and hay prices have gone back down, easing for the moment Iwig's concerns over high grain prices.

But the need for financial help continues.

In September, the dairy announced plans to raise \$650,000 in 45 days through online donations to pay off debt as the business worked to exit bankruptcy.

Donation options ranging from \$5 to \$10,000 at Indiegogo.com are marked to save increments of square feet on the 108-acre farm. Donors also can get naming rights to new calves.

As of Saturday, \$5,850 had been donated through the Indiegogo.com website.

Pledges were to be used to pay creditors and proceed with the planned expansion of new stores.

Paul and Annie Stevens, of Lawrence, were among visitors at Saturday's fall festival. The couple frequently purchases milk at the Iwig store in North Lawrence.

Annie Stevens told Iwig that she wanted to help "spread the word" about the dairy and encourage others to purchase products from Iwig.

"It's the heart and soul of what the Midwest is all about," she said. "Small family farms that produce milk that doesn't have to travel across state lines."

She said there is a noticeable difference in the way Iwig milk tastes.

"I'd much rather have this milk," she said. "It tastes so much better."

Besides a tour of the bottling plant, the free fall festival included a bonfire, horse-drawn wagons rides, a chain saw wood carver, pony rides, milking demonstrations, bluegrass music and food items made fresh on a grill.



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## The Washington Redskins

The Washington (D.C.) Redskins have raised the ire of part of the collective descendants of East Asian migrants who crossed the Bering Strait thousands of years ago. In my conversations with some descendants (formerly called Indians, Native Americans, Indigenous, First Nations, American Indians) there is a broad degree of "offend- edness" between individuals and tribes.

It is not for me to be insensitive to those who want to pick their own racial description as listed on the census form. Some of the race consider the term Redskin as offensive as the N-word is received among the formerly called Negro, Colored, African American, Brother, Homey or Black. The N-word is now acceptable only in rap music or Hollywood movies.

And, I suspect the R-word is accepted if used intra- racially. The biggest issue seems to be how a race wants to be known to other races. It can get complicated. By this reasoning Indian reservation basketball teams can adopt team names or mascots like the Arrows, Apaches, Aztecs, Braves, Chiefs, Comanch-

es, Mohawks, Red Raiders, Redmen, Reds, Savages, Seminoles, Sioux, Thunderbirds, Tribe or Warriors, but non-Indian schools or teams may not. If laws like this were approved to prohibit the use of "Indian" nicknames, they would pass from our vocabulary.

What will happen to teams whose place name is American Indian? Should they be erased from our collective language? How many states and towns and river names are of native Indian origin? Answer: more than you can count! The United States would lose the history and influence of the people who "discovered" the continents.

In a survey by *Sports Illustrated* of American Indians in 2002, 83% responded that the country should not stop using Indian nicknames, mascots or symbols. However, obviously some nicknames are more offensive than others. But it would be a tragedy for Americans to forget our native heritage, regardless of race.

Should there be a distinction between a DNA connection (race) and a cultural description like Cowboy or Handicapped or

Left-Handed or Cat Lover? Do they have the right to be offended? I have always resented the political and media mob referring to their political enemies as cowboys in a derogatory manner when they don't fall into the status quo. How long will disgruntled cowboys put up with the Dallas football team? Or the use of our name to steal our glamour and integrity...the Cowboy Museum, cowboy boots, the University of Wyoming football team? Should non-real cowboys be allowed to write cowboy poetry?

Actually, the time will come when these issues will be moot. The vast majority of dogs in the U.S. are mongrels. The world is working itself through this phase of self-identity and will be for centuries to come, until our global population becomes so crossbred that a Rainbow coalition will become the norm. 500 years from now we will look like the crew on Star Trek!

But as civilization progresses, what we as a species (homo sapiens) have in common, will take precedence over what separates us. For now, the offended white, black, Latino, Polynesian and native Americans will fight it out with the un-offended white, black, latino, Asian, polynesian and native Americans about renaming the Washington (D.C.) football team.

Then I'm going after Dallas!

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