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## Governor proclaims June as Kansas Dairy Month

Kansas is one of the fastest-growing dairy regions in the United States, and the Kansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to celebrate our hard-working dairy farmers during the month of June as the Governor has proclaimed it Kansas Dairy Month.

The Kansas dairy and milk production industry grew in 2015, with 143,000 dairy cows producing 3.1 billion pounds of milk valued at \$537 million, and behind those numbers are more than 300 family-run dairy farms. The growth of the dairy industry in Kansas means economic gains for local communities and the state, and more safe and nutritious dairy products for families in Kansas and across the region.

Kansas dairies are becoming more progressive, as dairy farmers are making investments to enhance the milk processing industry in the state, and adding new advanced technologies like robotic milking machines. In addition, a world-class milk powder production facility is currently being constructed



Members of the Kansas dairy industry joined with Gov. Sam Brownback for the signing of the proclamation declaring June Dairy Month in Kansas. Pictured from left: Jill Seiler, KDA and dairywoman; Dr. Mike Brouk, Kansas State University; Richard Felts, Kansas Farm Bureau; Stephanie Eckroat, Kansas Dairy; Aaron Pauly, dairyman; Lynda Foster, dairywoman; Gov. Sam Brownback; Steve Strickler, dairyman; Anita Rokey, dairywoman; Tucker Stewart, Kansas Livestock Association; Marley Sugar, Midwest Dairy Association; George Blush, KDA; Billy Brown, KDA.

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in the state.

"Kansas dairy farmers are an important part of the economic growth of the agriculture industry," said Jackie McClaskey, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture. "Their success is a reflection of their hard work and commitment to improving the industry through innovations in dairy farming and milk processing."

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's dairy program is committed to serving the dairy farmers in our state by supplying resources to help their farms and processing operations grow and thrive. The dairy inspection team helps them stay on the forefront of the dairy industry by providing information and education and by advocating for the dairy industry both locally and nationally.

Follow KDA on Facebook and Twitter to learn more about Kansas dairies and to celebrate Kansas Dairy Month this June. For more information about KDA's dairy program, go to [agriculture.ks.gov/dairy](http://agriculture.ks.gov/dairy) or [dairyinkansas.com](http://dairyinkansas.com).

## USDA to republish parts of GIPSA rule

Recently, USDA transmitted a list of rules it intends to publish in the spring of 2016 to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget. Included in that list were a final rule on Scope and Unfair Practices and a proposed rule on Undue Preference and Advantage in the livestock industry. Both of these rules were part of the broader 2010 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Ad-

ministration (GIPSA) rule that went well beyond what was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill and would have had a significant negative effect on the livestock industry.

Tens of thousands of comments were filed in opposition to the 2010 rule, and on several occasions, Congress included riders in USDA's annual funding bill in an effort to prevent the regulation from being finalized. However, no rider was included in FY 2016 appropriations bill, because USDA had told the industry and Members of Congress that they would not move forward with the rulemaking for cattle and pork; although, they did intend to work on a rule concerning issues within the poultry industry.

In his testimony before two congressional committees, NCBA President Tracy Bruner stated that, "Alternative marketing arrangements have been studied by USDA and independent groups, and the results show that these alternatives benefit producers and consumers alike. The proposed GIPSA marketing rule would have made

USDA the ultimate arbiter of how cattle are marketed and taken away our ability as cattle producers to market cattle the way we want. That is why bi-partisan appropriations language defunded any additional work on, or implementation of, the proposed GIPSA marketing rule. We do not need USDA dictating how we can or cannot market our cattle."

TCFA and NCBA are working with Congress to again defund the rulemaking. The FY 2017 House agriculture appropriations bill includes a rider to prevent USDA from moving forward with the GIPSA rule, but the Senate version, which passed out of committee, does not. It is not clear if the House and Senate will consider the FY 2017 agriculture appropriations bills or include it in an omnibus spending bill. The livestock industry will work to include the defunding language in whichever funding bill is ultimately passed.

The abstracts of the GIPSA rules resubmitted by USDA are available at <http://tinyurl.com/GIPSA1> and <http://tinyurl.com/GIPSA2>.

## Bill introduced to ease EPA oversight of fuel tanks on farms

U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) has introduced legislation (S. 2993) that would provide regulatory relief to agriculture producers by reducing the EPA's authority to regulate on-farm fuel storage. The bill, known as the Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship (FUELS) Act, would spare more farmers from requirements to maintain fuel spill prevention plans under the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) – a regulation originally designed for major oil refineries.

Currently SPCC regulations require agricultural operations to develop an SPCC plan if the facility has above ground oil storage greater than 1,320 gals. or a buried oil storage capacity greater than 42,000 gals., or if the facility stores, transfers, uses or consumes oil or oil products, such as diesel fuel, gasoline, lube oil, hydraulic oil, adjuvant oil, crop oil, vegetable oil or animal fat.

The FUELS Act would exempt farms with less than 10,000 gals. of fuel storage capacity. Farms with 10,001 to 42,000 gals. of storage with no history of spills would have to maintain a self-certified spill plan but would otherwise be exempt from the regulations. Additionally, all aggregate above ground storage tanks for animal feed ingredients, regardless of capacity are exempt under the FUELS Act.

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), the chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, joined Fischer as an original cosponsor of the legislation.

To view a copy of the bill, visit <http://tinyurl.com/EPA-5-27-16>.

## Just following directions...



These open range cattle, near Sundance, Wyoming, offered a photo op as they crossed the road, right by the cattle crossing sign.

Photo by Ken Sullivan



## Worry less

By John Schlageck,  
Kansas Farm Bureau

Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt." -Dr. Charles H. Mayo

Worry has been labeled the root of all evil. It has also been linked to farm accidents.

Worrying about finances, weather or personal problems while operating powerful farm equipment places farmers at risk. When a farmer loses his or her concentration on the task at hand, or makes hasty decisions in anger, accidents can happen.

Numerous professionals and friends can help people with stress. The key is to

seek help.

While it has been suggested over and over again, communication remains a key to reducing stress.

If you are concerned about finances, you may want to visit your banker. You may also want to talk to family members. Remember, you don't have to share exact figures, just some of your major concerns. The important thing is to keep communication lines open.

Another method to fight stress includes renewed involvement in church, school and community. This helps expand a person's sense of purpose and self-esteem.

Approaching tasks and challenges early with an "I can" and "I care" attitude

can also help alleviate stress. If a person tackles a problem bogged down with doubt, the results can be less than favorable. It is important to develop and keep a positive outlook.

Short breaks or vacations from farming and ranching can offer a fresh perspective and help producers ease stressful situations. Agricultural tours and field days can provide farmers with such opportunities.

Even if the break is for a couple hours, or better yet, a short weekend, this time away from the routine can often relieve some tension and clear the mind.

Participating in a farm or commodity organization may also provide relief from the day-to-day challenges facing farmers and ranchers. Serving on committees you believe in while cultivating relationships with like-minded people can also alleviate consternation.

Scheduling a yearly physical is also a good way to reduce stress. Going to a

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## Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Over the last few weeks, I've put quite a few miles on these old bones – and this time it was all for pleasure and not work, which is a little unusual. First my husband and I headed to Wyoming to the graduation of a great-niece. It was on his side of the family, and he wanted to keep it a surprise that we were coming, and surprised they were.

"Hey, if you mention a party, we're here," I said as we hugged everyone.

Then the next weekend we pointed the car in an easterly direction and went

to visit my sister and her family in Kentucky for Memorial Day weekend. Among our adventures was a trip to Owensboro, where I tasted mutton for the first time. We also walked across the Big Four Bridge in Louisville, which is an old railroad trestle that got converted to a walking bridge and spans the Ohio River. No wonder I was tired that night, I walked from Kentucky to Indiana.

After conquering the Big Four, our hot, sweaty little band walked back to Louisville Slugger Field where we watched the Louisville Bats, the farm team for the Cincinnati Reds, take on Toledo. The Bats won in the bottom of the ninth after trailing the whole game. It was quite exciting.

But it was the ceremony at the beginning of the game that made the day memorable. It was Military Appreciation Day at the game, and my brother-in-law is retired Army, which is why we went. Instead of one ceremonial first pitch, there were three. The first was by a current serviceman who had done tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. The second was by a veteran in his 80s and the third was by a 100-year-old Navy veteran who had been among those who stormed the beach at Normandy. As the announcer read his bio, it included the



I failed and broke a promise. Not long ago I told my friend Mary Beth that I would always write about her son-in-law for my Memorial Day column. SFC Forrest Robertson made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan; he died protecting each one of us. He is the only hero that I knew personally that made the greatest sacrifice and that is why I have vowed to never forget. Then Monday happened.

I could blame it on a busy schedule and losing track of the week ahead. While that might be true, it is a very poor excuse. We should not relegate the memories of our fallen heroes to just one day, the memory of their sacrifice should be remembered each and every day we live our lives with the freedom to live them the way we choose.

The moment that struck me the hardest was Monday morning. Tatum was playing softball in Wichita, it was the first tournament of the summer schedule. There are very few things in life that I enjoy more than watching Tatum play softball. The tournament was scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, leaving Monday for Memorial Day ceremonies.

Then came the rains and the tournament schedule changed. Now instead of playing on Saturday and Sunday, we were postponed until Sunday and Monday. Sunday was a long day with six games and we were back at it early Monday morning. The sun came up that morning and it was nearly perfect. I sat in my chair watching the girls warm up, thinking life does not get better than this.

Then it hit me. If I had been home like I had planned, we would be hustling around doing chores and getting ready to go into Wamego to the Memorial Day Ceremony. I know I was in the majority of people who viewed the Monday of Memorial Day weekend as just another bonus holiday. A Monday to spend at the lake relaxing or at the ball field.

Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with using the third day of the weekend to relax and enjoy life. Nothing wrong with it as long as we remember what the day is about. I don't think I really understood what Memorial Day was really all about until just a few years ago. Years blur together, but I remember Forrest's funeral service like it was yesterday. I said then and I will say it again; a soldier's funeral is some-

thing no one should ever have to go through and something we should all attend. It will change your life, it changed mine.

I also clearly remember the first Memorial Day ceremony I went to after Forrest was killed. I remember watching his family and thinking about all he had left behind to protect my family. I still get choked up thinking about his wife and daughters. He had so much to live for and yet he died defending my freedoms and protecting my family. Memorial Day suddenly had become much more than a three-day holiday to me. It was a special day to honor the bravest of all of our heroes.

Then fast-forward to 2016 and here I sat in my comfortable lawn chair watching a softball game. Did that make me a terrible person? I certainly hope not. Please don't misunderstand me either, if you were somewhere similar I am not chastising you. Instead I am merely putting the idea out that we all should take time out of our day and remember all of our veterans and especially those like SFC Forrest Robertson who made that ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day is not just about ball tournaments, weekends at the lake, family picnics or any other recreational activity. Those things are important and we should spend our time relaxing and enjoying the company of friends and family. We have that freedom because of heroes like SFC Robertson and that is something we should not forget.

In fact, remembering our heroes should not be something we do once a year. Each day we get out of bed and have the freedom to choose what we do, where we live, what we say and how we worship we should remember them. On Memorial Day that memory should be front and center and we should pause our day to focus on the true meaning of the day.

We ended the day coming home, unpacking and going into Wendy's that night to have a Frosty for Frosty. Wendy's had made the pledge to donate a portion of every Frosty sold on Memorial Day weekend in memory of SFC Forrest (Frosty) Robertson. I know it was a not much but in some small way I felt like I was remembering him. I promise that I will never forget the sacrifice made by those who gave it all.

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fact that after his first wife died, he met his second wife on the dance floor and wanted everyone to know that at 100 years old, he's still dancing.

He walked pretty spry out to the mound and gave it all he had to throw that pitch. There was a lump in my throat as he turned back to the crowd and gave a hearty wave.

I was already pretty emotional due to another ceremony I had watched earlier in the day. My own dad, a Navy veteran, threw the wreath into the river at the Chapman Memorial Day Service. My sister had arranged it and used her phone to video it and stream it live to Facebook so the rest of us could watch. From the river they went to the downtown Veteran's Memorial that my dad had been instrumental in having built. He sat there in his Legion uniform as another veteran gave a speech about remembering those who had served and never made it home.

## Insight – Worry Less

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family doctor and receiving a clean bill of health can work wonders for a person's peace of mind.

Eating healthy can help prevent illnesses and result in better decision-making. People always feel better about themselves when they exercise discipline and eat right.

Remember, set realistic goals for yourself, family, land and livestock. Allow enough time for a restful night's sleep and make quality time for your family and yourself.

The amount of time spent

Serving veterans and remembering the fallen has always been very important to my dad, so to see him get to be part of this service, despite the many health challenges he's faced in the past five years, was a very emotional experience.

The speaker at the Chapman ceremony encouraged us to enjoy the day with its barbecues, ball games and other activities. He asked not that we spend the day in somber reflection or mourning, but only that we remember the sacrifices that paid for the freedoms we have today.

As they threw out those first pitches, I know those veterans, and all the others who took part in various ceremonies around the country, were doing exactly that – remembering their fellow servicemen: the ones who didn't make it home, who would never take part in ceremonies of remembrance or have the chance to, at 100 years old, still be dancing.

on tasks is not important if the end result is not productive. Most farmers and ranchers know when to let up physically, but they may not recognize how mental strain can take its toll.

Keep the communication lines open with your family and friends. You will be safer and healthier in the long run.

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## Ag foundation accepting applications for Teacher of the Year award – deadline is June 30

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) is accepting applications for the 2017 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year and Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture Regional Excellence in Teaching awards. The awards honor Kansas teachers who excel at incorporating agriculture into their everyday classroom curriculum. Applications are due June 30, 2016. All K-12 district certified Kansas teachers who currently engage in integrating agriculture into a non-vocational agriculture classroom setting are eligible for the award. Applications will be evaluated on creativity and utilization of agricultural information, interdisciplinary approach, advancement of educational standards and student impact.

The Teacher of the Year award winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Agriculture in the

Classroom (NAITC) convention, sponsored by *High Plains Journal* and AG am in Kansas. Regional award winners will receive their choice of a \$600 scholarship to attend the NAITC convention or a \$200 cash prize to use toward classroom supplies, sponsored by KFB Foundation for Agriculture. The 2017 NAITC conference will be held in Kansas City.

The Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award has been in place since 2008. The award honors the late Janet Sims, an educator for more than 30 years and a strong agriculture advocate. Sims served on the KFAC board of directors from 2005 until her passing in 2007.

Applications can be downloaded on the KFAC website at [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org) by clicking on Teachers and Teacher of the Year. Application deadline is June 30, 2016.

## An alternative take on ITC's mixed score for wheat under TPP

Recently, the International Trade Commission (ITC) released its highly anticipated report on the economic impacts expected to accrue from the adoption of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). For the entire agriculture and food sector, the report forecasts a \$7.2 billion increase in exports or a growth of about 2.6 percent by 2032 compared to the same time frame without TPP.

The report recognized that the U.S. wheat industry would see substantial gains in market access and subsequent exports to Vietnam where the United States currently competes at a tariff disadvantage to Australian suppliers. Specifically, the ITC notes that U.S. wheat and other grain exports to Vietnam would increase by a healthy 25.3 percent by 2032 under TPP. However, ITC also concludes that U.S. wheat exports to Japan would decline by 17 percent under TPP. Given our industry's 60 years of experience in the unique Japanese market, we respectfully believe that ITC got this one wrong.

There are two distinct markets for wheat in Japan: one for high quality food grade wheat and one for lower-quality, lower-priced livestock feed wheat. Japan has consistently imported about 60 percent of its annual milling wheat needs from the United States, with Canada and Australia making up the balance. Because access to Japan's milling wheat market would remain

equal among the three suppliers under TPP and because Japan requires different types of wheat for distinct uses, we see no reason why U.S. sales would decline.

Regarding the feed wheat market, ITC notes that Canada would see higher feed wheat sales under TPP because it is a "low-cost producer." If Canada has such an advantage over U.S. wheat producers, then why has U.S. wheat made up 45 percent of Japan's feed wheat imports on average since 2013 while only 20 percent has been imported from Canada? The relative cost of feed wheat compared to alternative feed grain has far more to do with Japan's feed import decisions than cost of production. As long as corn and other feed grain alternatives remain inexpensive Japan does not buy much feed wheat from any origin.

ITC's statement that Canada is positioned to out-compete the U.S. in either milling or feed wheat sales to Japan is out of touch with the reality of Japan's preferences for U.S. wheat. It also fails to recognize that Canada's competitive position with respect to the United States would be unchanged under TPP.

Modeling policy impacts to individual countries 16 years in the future is inherently difficult theoretical work. The reality is that TPP reduces barriers facing U.S. wheat farmers and keeps us

on a level playing field with two of our largest competitors. That is particularly important because Canada and Australia continue to seek tariff advantages by negotiating and signing free trade agreements in competitive markets at a much more rapid pace than the United States.

"The assumptions made in the ITC report are disappointing and misleading," said NAWG president Gordon Stoner. "U.S. wheat farmers stand to benefit from a lower MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries) markup and new market access in Japan and from being able to compete on a level playing field in Vietnam. Congress should act quickly to enable farmers to take full advantage of the potential economic opportunities at stake under TPP." What really sets TPP apart from past agreements is it creates a platform for future growth. Not only does it target one of the fastest growing regions in the world, but once enacted it becomes a forum for other countries to join. Countries in line to join TPP include

Indonesia, the world's second largest wheat importer, the Philippines and Thailand, also significant importers. Each country already signed FTA's with Australia. That is why U.S. wheat farmers remain convinced that we need swift consideration and approval of TPP.

"Every day that TPP implementation is delayed, our ability to compete on a level playing field in established and new markets erodes that much more. Wheat farmers need TPP, but so do our customers around the world," said USW chairman Brian O'Toole, a wheat farmer from Crystal, N.D.

Read the full ITC report online at <https://www.usitc.gov/publications/332/pub4607.pdf>. Additional information about how TPP will benefit wheat farmers is also online at [http://www.uswheat.org/newsRelease/doc/9B4AC6CC055E03CC85257F4F0056A111?Openand%20at%20http://www.uswheat.org/factsheets/doc/026BAE500967A7FE85257F2A006F0FDE/\\$File/TPP%20Fact%20Sheet%20Handout%20PDF.pdf?OpenElement#](http://www.uswheat.org/newsRelease/doc/9B4AC6CC055E03CC85257F4F0056A111?Openand%20at%20http://www.uswheat.org/factsheets/doc/026BAE500967A7FE85257F2A006F0FDE/$File/TPP%20Fact%20Sheet%20Handout%20PDF.pdf?OpenElement#).



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Winner Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center: "This cake is a summer favorite at our house."

**STRAWBERRY POKE CAKE**

1 box white cake mix  
 Water, vegetable oil and egg whites as called for on cake mix package directions  
 4-serving size package strawberry flavored gelatin  
 1 cup boiling water  
 1/2 cup cold water  
 3-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed  
 Fresh strawberries for garnish  
 Heat oven to 350 degrees. Make and bake cake as directed on package for a 9-by-13-inch pan. Cool completely (about 1 hour). Poke cake all over with fork. Stir gelatin and boiling water in small bowl until smooth; stir in cold water. Pour over cake. Run a knife around sides of pan to loosen cake. Refrigerate 2 hours. Frost with whipped topping. Garnish with berries. Store covered in refrigerator.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:  
**PEACH PECAN POUND CAKE**  
 4 cups flour  
 3 cups sugar  
 2 cups butter  
 1 cup whole buttermilk  
 6 large eggs  
 2 teaspoons vanilla  
 2 1/2 cups diced peeled fresh peaches, divided  
 1 cup chopped pecans  
 Preheat oven to 325 de-

grees. Lightly grease a 10-inch tube pan with shortening. In a large bowl, beat flour, sugar, butter, buttermilk, eggs and vanilla at low speed for 1 minute. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl. Increase speed to medium and beat for 2 minutes; stir in 2 1/2 cup peaches. Sprinkle pecans in bottom of prepared pan and pour batter into pan. Bake until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean, about 90 minutes. Let cool in pan on a wire rack for 20 minutes. Remove from pan and let cool completely on a wire rack.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**PECAN PIMIENTO CHEESE**

1/2 cup mayonnaise  
 2 ounces cream cheese  
 4-ounce jar diced pimientos, drained  
 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper  
 8-ounce package sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded  
 1/4 cup chopped pecans  
 In a bowl, stir together mayonnaise, cream cheese, pimientos and red pepper. Fold in Cheddar cheese and pecans until well combined. Cover and refrigerate.

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Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia: "Try this spicy Korean condiment with Asian style seafood or

meat."  
**KIM CHEE**  
 1/2 cup plus 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided use  
 1 clove garlic, finely minced  
 4 cups water  
 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh gingerroot  
 1 medium head cabbage, washed & shredded  
 2 teaspoons chopped green onion  
 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar  
 Combine 1/2 cup salt, 4 cups water. Soak shredded cabbage in salt water for one hour. Drain it and rinse thoroughly. Add red pepper flakes, garlic, ginger, green onions, 1/2 teaspoon salt and sugar. Chill for two days in a jar or other covered container. Makes 8 servings

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Kellee George, Lawrence, shares the following recipe

**SUMMER GRAB & SNACK**

4 cups white cheddar cheese crackers  
 4 cups mini pretzels  
 2 cups dried cherries  
 2 cups salted whole almonds  
 1 cup white chocolate morsels  
 In a large bowl, stir all ingredients together. Store in an air-tight container.

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**Choose Whole Grains**

By Nancy C. Nelson  
 Meadowlark District Agent  
 Family Life

As Walk Kansas comes to a close, we take a look this week at Whole Grains. Whole-grain foods are essential for good health.

They provide energy, help promote digestive health, and reduce the risk of developing a number of diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and some forms of cancer. Whole-grain foods are also more satisfying. They have great texture and taste, provide a feeling of fullness, and have staying power. You won't feel hungry as quickly.

While health benefits from whole grains are known, only 10 percent of Americans eat the recommended minimum of three servings a day.

Why? One reason is that it is hard to tell which foods are whole grain. Packages of grain products might say "multigrain," "100% wheat," "stone ground," and these sound healthy, but they are not whole grains. Check the ingredient list to be sure. The first item listed is the ingredient highest in quantity by weight. Look for the word "whole" in front of a grain, such as "whole wheat." If the list starts with "wheat flour,"

it is not a whole grain. Another reason Americans avoid whole grains is they have the perception that whole grains just don't taste good or they don't like the texture. With the variety of whole grain products available today, it is likely there are some that will satisfy your taste buds.

Common whole grains include brown rice, oatmeal, popcorn, whole wheat, and wild rice. Expand your whole-grain choices with quinoa, whole-grain barley, whole-grain corn or cornmeal, whole rye, and others.

One easy way to add whole grain is to replace half the flour in a recipe with whole-wheat flour. Give white whole-wheat flour a try. White wheat is lighter in color and has a sweeter, milder, and somewhat nutty flavor. It has the same nutritional benefits as traditional whole wheat. White whole-wheat flour is available in most grocery stores. Another way to lighten up a whole wheat product is to use whole-wheat pastry flour in any recipe that is not leavened by yeast, so this works well for many baked items such as quick breads and cookies.

Another way to ease into more whole grains is to mix whole-grain pasta and rice with the traditional variety.

If you have celiac disease, gluten intolerance, and/or wheat allergies, you can still enjoy whole grains. Gluten-free grains include quinoa, oats, rice, corn, buckwheat, sorghum, wild rice, amaranth, and millet.

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# Just Because It Seals Doesn't Mean It's Safe

By Barbara L. Ames  
Wildcat District Extension  
Family and Consumer  
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Home canning can be an excellent way to preserve garden produce and share it with family and friends, but it can be risky or even deadly if not done correctly and safely. If home canning is done the wrong way, the vegetables you worked so hard for could become contaminated by a germ that causes botulism, a serious illness that can affect your nerves, paralyze you, and even cause death. Just because the jar seals does not mean that the food is safe.

Follow these two tips to keep your canned vegetables safe and keep them from spoiling.

1. Use proper canning techniques.

Make sure your food preservation information is always current with up-to-date, scientifically tested guidelines. Don't use outdated publications or cookbooks, even if they were handed down to you from trusted family cooks.

You can find in-depth, step-by-step directions from the following sources:

- The National Center for Home Food Preservation
- USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning
- The state and county extension service of your state university. In Kansas that is K-State Research and Extension.

2. Use the right equipment for the kind of foods that you are canning. This is done based on the pH (acidity level) of the food.

**High Acid:**

The boiling water-bath method can be used for high-acid foods, such as fruits, jams, jellies and pickles; or for tomatoes with an added acid such as lemon juice or vinegar. With a boiling water bath, you use a large stockpot, rack and lid. It's simple, and you don't necessarily have to buy a specific water-bath canner. Make sure the stockpot is big enough to allow water to cover the tops of the jars by at least 1 to 2 inches.

**Low Acid:**

Always use a pressure canner when canning low-acid vegetables (like green beans, potatoes and corn), meat, fish and poultry. Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning low-acid vegetables,

meat, poultry, and seafood because adding pressure is the only way to bring the food up to the 240 degree temperature needed to safely preserve them. The boiling water method will only reach 212 degrees and will not protect against botulism.

If you plan to be pressure canning this summer with a dial gauge canner, now is a good time to make sure the dial gauge of your pressure canner is accurate. Most local Extension offices in Kansas have a pressure gauge tester available and can test dial gauges at no cost.

If you would like to update your food preservation skills, Wildcat District Extension is offering a Hands-On Canning Workshop on Friday, June 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 410 Peter Pan Road, Independence. Registration of \$15 is due by Monday, June 13 to cover the Ball Blue Book and other supplies.

Home canning can be an excellent way to preserve garden produce and share it with family and friends. If you plan to be canning this summer, make sure you know how to ensure that all of your jars are sealed AND safe.

For more information about this topic or other topics, contact the Wildcat Extension District offices at: Crawford County, 620-724-8233; Labette County, 620-784-5337; Montgomery County, 620-331-2690; Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFN EP), 620-232-1930. Wildcat District Extension is on the Web at <http://www.wildcat-district.ksu.edu>. Or, like our Facebook page at [facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district](http://facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district).

# Healthy Wedding "Widgets"

By Martha Murphy  
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Do you know someone who is getting married? Are you shopping for a wedding gift? Here are some inexpensive ideas that show you care with a creative touch!

Many newlyweds need some kitchen basics. Give the gift of health by buying items designed for healthful cooking. For example:

- A variety of spices and culinary herbs.
- A variety of kitchen utensils safe for use with non-stick pans.
- A glass baking dish or non-stick skillet. You might include a few of your favorite recipes using that item.

Set it up. Here are very practical ideas for gift sets:

- A food steamer basket, or a colander, filled with a few kitchen tools, such as a food thermometer, measuring cups and spoons, slotted spoons, a spatula, kitchen scissors, a meat baking rack, kabob skewers, chopsticks or a food scale. Many bargain stores have a "gadget aisle" where you can find kitchen necessities.

• Microwave-safe dishes with lids for cooking, serving and/or storing foods.

• A dish pan filled with a bottle brush, potholders, hand towels, and bottles of dish soap, hand soap and hand lotion.

A large salad bowl filled with the utensils used to make and serve a salad, such as a produce scrub brush, a cutting board, a paring knife, a vegetable peeler and salad tongs.

Hosting a party for the new couple? Consider asking each guest to bring a favorite family recipe and non-perishable pantry supplies for the newlyweds. For example, guests could give assorted baking ingredients; canned goods low in added sugars and salt, such as various beans, fish, meats, fruits, vegetables, sauces and soups; dried fruits and nuts; or whole grain pastas, cereals and rices.

In addition, consider your party menu. Serve your guests delicious and naturally colorful foods low in added sugars and sodium. From appetizers and salads to main dishes and desserts, feature fruits, vegetables, whole

grains, fish and low-fat dairy foods.

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**Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter Cereal Bars**

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- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

- 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk powder
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- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup crispy rice cereal
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- 2 tablespoons mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large bowl, mix ingredients, stirring after each addition, until all eleven ingredients are mixed in and are evenly moistened. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Press mixture firmly into the pan. Bake for 18 minutes. Let cool. Cut into eight bars. Store bars in a sealed container up to one week. Or, wrap and freeze bars.

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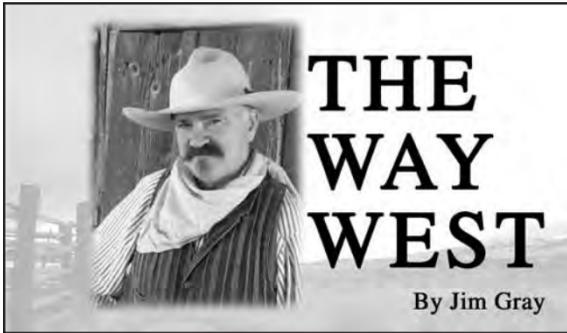
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## Chisholm Trail '17

The close of the American Civil War in 1865 opened a new era for the cattle industry. During the war both beef and pork had been the daily provision for soldiers on both sides of the fight. Though meat was often salted for preservation and easy distribution, the military preferred fresh meat for their fighting men. When available, live cattle and hogs were driven by

of the military campaigns. Soldiers themselves were, at times, detailed to herd the animals. Livestock was also transported by rail if the tracks had not been destroyed in the push and pull of warfare. When an army was on the move cattle were naturally more mobile than hogs. Beef on the hoof provided a daily fare that soldiers readily accepted.

Veterans returned home after the war with an ap-

petite for red meat, but Northern supplies had been depleted. It didn't take long to discover that Texans had more than enough beef on the hoof. If only they weren't so far away from northern markets. The country was waiting for someone to tie the two loose ends together. Most people think that Texans drove their cattle to the Kansas railheads because the railroad in Kansas was closer than the Illinois markets. But the story is more complicated than that. Actually, cattlemen didn't mind driving cattle long distances. It was much cheaper than shipping by rail. Prior to the Civil War, Texans drove their cattle all the way to Illinois. One herd made it to New York City. However south Texas cattle brought a disease unknown in the northern states. Called Spanish Fever, or more commonly Texas Cattle Fever, it was devastating to domestic herds, bringing

horrible death in the wake of the trail season. Stockmen and farmers set up blockades to stop the cattle from entering the state of Missouri. Many drovers learned to trail their cattle through Kansas, driving around Missouri. In that way markets in Kansas City and Iowa were easily reached, but by 1860 Kansans were also setting up blockades. Armed settlers forcibly turned trail herds back.

A young Illinois cattleman, intrigued by the stories of vast herds of wild cattle in Texas, began to look for an alternative. Joseph McCoy's investigations eventually led him to the new railroad that was being built across the Kansas plains. The railroad was the answer. McCoy hoped to establish a "cattle depot" expressly for the delivery of Texas cattle to Illinois without bringing the diseased herds into contact with the domestic herds between Kansas and Illinois. In mid-June, 1867, he had settled on the quiet little prairie town of Abilene, Kansas. The town consisted of a dozen log cabins and a few businesses surrounded by a prairie dog town. Two hundred fifty acres were purchased for a cattle yard. Word went out immediately that a cattle shipping depot was being established on the open range far from the

settled areas of eastern Kansas. The first drovers to point their herds toward Abilene knew only that the new railhead was somewhere to the north. Luckily, Jesse Chisholm regularly hauled supplies by wagon on a north-south line between Chisholm's Canadian River trading post in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) and a post at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers, present-day Wichita. Once the first herds had beaten down a trail that could be easily followed, the tide could not be stemmed. McCoy reported about thirty-five thousand head of cattle driven to Abilene that year. Eighteen to twenty thousand head were shipped by rail. Cattlemen sold their cattle and made their way home to tell of the pot of gold, not at the end of the rainbow, but at the end of the Great Texas Cattle Trail the world would come to know as the famous Chisholm Trail.

2017 will mark the 150th anniversary of those exciting days in 1867. To commemorate the anniversary a ceremony is being planned for April 1, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. That ceremony will mark the beginning of THE Texas Longhorn Cattle Drive/Chisholm Trail '17, a modern-day cattle drive you can follow on Facebook across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. I will be at the

head of four hundred Texas Longhorns winding their way over seven hundred miles to the end-of-trail at Abilene, July 1, 2017. Three months on the trail will find us walking those cattle through the streets of Abilene just as they did one hundred fifty years ago when the whole world had its eyes on Kansas and the adventure that could be found on The Way West.

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## Monsanto rejects Bayer's \$62 billion buyout offer

Monsanto has rejected the \$62 billion buyout bid from Bayer. The Monsanto board of directors unanimously voted against the offer, calling it "incomplete and financially inadequate." Monsanto said in a press release it is "open to continued and constructive conversations to assess whether a transaction in the best interest of Monsanto shareholders can be achieved." Bayer also released a statement saying, "Bayer announced today that it looks forward to engaging in constructive discussions with Monsanto regarding the proposed transaction." Monsanto's board of directors said there is no set timeline for when further discussions will take place.

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# AROUND KANSAS



Few events have shaped Kansas like the immigration of the Volga Germans, those war-weary Germans who had been lured to the land along the Volga River by Russia's Catherine the Great generations earlier. For a hundred years, the Volga Germans farmed and prospered, exempt from military service because Catherine had so valued their agricultural skills. When this exemption was revoked by Czar Alexander II, they looked to America.

According to the Kansas State Historical Society, the first group of settlers left for Topeka in 1875. Upon ar-

rival they were encouraged by the Kansas Pacific Railroad to settle on land owned by the railroad in Ellis and northern Rush counties.

Large settlements also emerged in Russell County and North Topeka. The movement of German-Russians into Kansas continued until the First World War.

Besides the wheat that the farmers brought with them, the Volga Germans left another indelible mark on the landscape of Kansas, and on the skyline of many small towns — the churches.

St. Fidelis in Victoria is the largest and most famous of the German Catholic

churches, and one of the eight wonders of Kansas. In 2014, the pope declared the church a minor basilica. It was William Jennings Bryan, visiting in 1912, who dubbed St. Fidelis "the Cathedral of the Plains."

But the church was the center of other German communities as well, and while not so large, they are just as beautiful as the Cathedral in Victoria. The communities of Catherine, Liebenthal, Leoville, Munjor, Schoen-Schoen—many towns around Hays are marked by the steeples of these beautiful churches.

As a descendant of one of those Volga Germans remarked, "These were very religious people. The church was the center of the community."

Each family was required to provide so many wagonfuls of stone, which was all cut by hand. Master craftsmen were responsible for the woodwork. Stained glass windows were often imported.

They resembled the churches that had been left behind, something of the homeland, something representing the hope that these new communities would truly be home, for them and generations to come. They farmed, raised kids, and went to church, and in the process, transformed the plains into the breadbasket of the world.

As a descendant said, "They trusted in God and hard work," and the evidence of that faith remains to anchor the communities.

Not only are the churches beautiful centers of the community, but their accompanying cemeteries are lovely as well. With the ornate iron crosses marking many of the graves, they are picturesque testaments to the sacred memory of loved ones.

Rodeo season is upon us, and in Kansas, the Roberts Family is synonymous with rodeo.

That rodeo tradition

began in the Roberts pasture near Strong City. That's where Emmett, his son Ken, and his son-in-law Eddie Boysen put on what they called the first Chase County Rodeo in 1938. It was dubbed the Flint Hills Rodeo the next year and is still going strong, the oldest consecutive rodeo in the state.

Emmett became a legend in his own time, promoting rodeo by being a contestant and contractor, producer, and director of the Flint Hills Rodeo board for 37 years. He was the father of three outstanding champions: Marge, Gerald, and Ken. The Roberts' other children, Cliff, Gloria and Howard worked in the background. Marge became the women's bronc riding champ in 1940. Ken was the world champion bull rider in 1943, '44, and '45. Gerald was the first Kansas cowboy to become All Around Champion cowboy of the

world in 1942 and again in 1948. He is the only cowboy in the world to win a championship as a member of the Turtle Association and again as a member of the RCA.

Gerald recalled that his dad used to buy young colts by the carload. "Ken, Marge and I used to break them while riding to school. I guess that is how we really learned to ride."

The awards and halls of fame accumulated by the Roberts Family could fill a corral. To honor this rodeo family who founded the rodeo in Strong City, a 6x20' mural was erected and dedicated on the Flint Hills Rodeo grounds in June of 1994.

Deb Goodrich is the co-host of *Around Kansas*, the Wednesday feature of *AGam*. Watch on your local station or online at [aroundkansas.com](http://aroundkansas.com) and contact deb at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

## U.S. bison sales hit \$340 million, growth limited by supply

The U.S. bison business has grown into a \$340 million category at the retail and food-service level, with continued growth primarily constrained by the limited supply of market-ready animals, according to information compiled by the National Bison Association.

The association's analysis was based on the results of the latest survey of commercial bison marketers, along with the release of its annual analysis on the Economic Size of the U.S. Bison business.

"The bison market is enjoying strong stability and profitability, with growth projected to continue as long as we can expand herds across the country," said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. "Our primary focus today is reaching out to producers to build the herds of bison across the country."

According to the association's annual Economic Size of the Bison Business model, sales of bison meat in retail stores and restaurants have grown by 22.3 percent over the past two years.

Further, the bison association's latest twice-yearly survey of commercial marketers found that 94 percent of those businesses could easily expand sales if additional product was available, with nearly half of the marketers projecting that they could sell at least 15 percent more bison meat at current prices. Every marketer responding to the association's survey reported heavy demand for bison trim (used to make burgers), and 69 percent reported that orders for pet food ingredients is exceeding their available supply.

"The growing popularity

of bison meat is providing a strong, stable foundation for our business," Carter said. "Bison today is perhaps the strongest growth area in American agriculture, a growth area that is bringing back our national mammal to more of its historic rangelands and pastures." The National Bison Association has developed new educational materials, and is conducting a series of workshops to encourage new entrants into the bison ranching and marketing business. Information on those resources is available at [www.bisoncentral.com](http://www.bisoncentral.com).

The bison association

has regularly surveyed major commercial marketers since 2011 twice annually to gauge the issues that are impacting the bison business in the marketplace. The participants in the survey represent more than 85 percent of the bison meat sold in the United States.

The association's assessment of the economic size of the bison business is based on a model using U.S. Department of Agriculture data, along with information provided by the major marketers.

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# First-timers embrace the challenge of distance riding

The third annual Exploring Sand Hills one- and two-day competitive trail ride event, sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), was held April 23rd & 24th at Sand Hills State Park in Hutchinson. The ride started each day with the National Anthem while Alan Bouska, retired U.S. Army, proudly held the flag.

Sixty-eight competitors attended from seven different states ranging from South Dakota to Alabama. NATRC is a non-profit organization that provides distance competitive trail rides for all types of riders of all equine breeds. For over 55 years, it has been educating and informing horse enthusiasts on how to care for and manage horses ridden over long distances. Competitive

trail riding is truly a family sport. It is open to anyone ten years of age and older.

This year's ride had 18 first-time competitors. One who deserves special recognition for extra effort in trying something new is Michelle Plumer. She heard about NATRC at the Kansas Equifest where she entered and won a drawing for a free ride entry. She drove over 190 miles in a rented truck to join a group of people in which she did not know a single person. The amazing thing about Michelle is that she is also deaf.

Says ride manager Liz Klamm, a local Hutchinson resident, "I can't imagine the courage and strength it would take to ride a horse and not be able to hear. Some of Michelle's comments after the ride includ-



Alan Bouska, retired U.S. Army veteran, holds the American flag while the National Anthem was sung, a ritual that began each day of the Exploring Sand Hills Trail Ride.

ed how sweet the people with NATRC were and how they communicated with gestures. She told me other horse disciplines had not treated her that nicely."

Michelle explained through an interpreter, "My first experience was amazing! I did fill out a form for the drawing for a free entry. I found out that I won the

drawing. I was thrilled! I feel that God gave me the opportunity to gain more horse experience. So I decided to save a lot of money to rent a truck and arrange everything. My parents were surprised that I entered the competition.

"I was very nervous upon arriving; but NATRC gave me a warm welcome. They



Michelle Plumer overcame numerous obstacles to participate in the event, and ended up winning first place in the novice division.

were friendly and nice to me. I did make some mistakes but took all their advice. The horsemanship and vet judges were very understanding. Both willingly gave me their full effort for communicating.

"On the first day, I started the competition but my horse got hurt. I had to call the day off (pulled from the ride). I knew this was the right decision.

"Liz was very nice. She let me ride her awesome mare, Risky Snickers, on the second one-day ride. I rode

with my coach, Rhonda Levinson, and a couple from Junction City, Noreen Altwegg and Alan Bouska. They were so awesome because they gave me good advice about horse care on the trail and proper riding form. I was shocked when, at awards, I won first place in my novice division.

"Overall my experience was great! For sure I will come back next year with better tack. And thanks to my wonderful aunt, Nancy, for interpreting for me."

## USDA seeks feedback from growers about 2016 crops, stocks, inventories, values

During the next several weeks, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agri-

cultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its major mid-year survey, the June Agricultural Survey. The agency will survey nearly 5,700 operators across Kansas to determine crop production and supplies levels in 2016.

"Due to the widespread and significant impact of their results, the June Agricultural Survey is one of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts," explained Dean

Groskurth, director of the NASS Northern Plains Regional Field Office. "When growers respond to these June Surveys, they provide essential information that helps us determine the prospective production and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2016 crop year. Everyone who relies on agriculture for their livelihoods is interested in the results."

NASS gathers the data for the June Agriculture

Survey online, by mail, phone and in-person interview. Also, agency representatives visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch on that land. Growers provide information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released June 30, 2016. Survey data contribute to NASS's monthly and annual Crop Production reports, as well as the annual Small Grains Summary and USDA's monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

"NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Groskurth. "We recognize this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them in advance for their cooperation," added Groskurth.

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# Kansas grain elevators bracing for big winter wheat harvest

(AP) - Grain elevators are bracing for a bountiful winter wheat crop in Kansas at a time many facilities are already brimming with last year's crops due to lackluster global exports and low commodity prices.

The Kansas Grain and Feed Association, the trade group for the state's elevators, noted the industry has built "a whole bunch" of new grain storage space in recent years. Plus, a tremendous amount of grain from last year's crops has been moving out on unit trains, long ones that carry the same commodity to a single destination.

"Everybody is confident they are going to be able to handle wheat harvest," said Tom Tunnell, the group's executive director. "It's just what happens next, where are we going to go with the fall crops? That is the real consternation out there."

Some of the storage issues stem from the fact that farmers and grain elevators haven't sold much of last year's crops given the low prices and weak export demand. In Kansas, stored wheat stocks were up 40 percent in March from a year ago, 53 percent for sorghum and 21 percent for corn, according to the National

Agricultural Statistics Service.

The Kansas wheat harvest typically gears up in June, and growers have some 8.2 million acres of it to cut this year. While that number is down by 500,000 acres from a year ago, timely rains have raised expectations of a larger crop.

The U.S. Agriculture Department earlier this month estimated the crop to come in at 353 million bushels with yields of 43 bushels per acre. But that's lower than the industry's own recent forecast from farmers and other agriculture leaders who went on the annual

three-day hard wheat tour of the state, which projected 387.4 million bushels with an average yield of 48.6 bushels an acre.

Tunnell believes those wheat forecasts are still too low given the recent rains in the state, and expects as much as 400 million bushels with average yields possibly as high as 50 bushels an acre.

To make room for it all, elevator managers have been scrambling to move last year's crops out.

The Pawnee County Co-op elevators have added 2 million bushels of storage in the past two years, bringing

its capacity at its three elevator locations to 8.2 million bushels of storage, its grain merchandiser, Kim Barnes, said. But the company still had to put 1.3 million bushels of milo on the ground during the fall harvest, most of which was shipped out this past February and March.

"Our biggest hurdle will be this upcoming fall harvest and how we will get the space necessary to handle the fall crop," Barnes said.

Some of the older crops

in the tall upright silos that dot the Kansas landscape are going into nontraditional storage such as bunkers, storage facilities that often are as long as two football fields with short concrete walls and tarps covering the grain.

"Big crop, lots of new storage, moving grain out - that all equals the capacity to handle the wheat crop," Tunnell said. "But it leaves the big question of fall harvest."

# Livestock groups testify on the state of the livestock industry

The U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee and the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture recently held hearings regarding the state of the livestock industry. Both hearings addressed the assertion by USDA secretary Tom Vilsack that he would reinstate the proposed Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) marketing rule that resulted from language included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

Tracy Bruner, NCBA president, testified before both committees, stressing

that over-regulation poses the greatest threat to the profitability of cattle producers. "We see many more opportunities in the cattle industry than challenges," Bruner said in the Senate hearing. "The challenges we do face are the result of regulation, specifically rampant over-regulation from this administration. We need the Senate to focus on defunding the EPA's WOTUS final rule and pass the TPP which would give us the best access ever negotiated into the Japanese market."

Alongside Bruner, four other major U.S. livestock groups addressed the Sen-

ate Agriculture Committee in which they pushed an agenda calling for approval of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and defunding the EPA's waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) final rule and national GMO labeling standard.

Many of the remarks in the Senate Committee hearing were similar to what was said before the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee hearing on the market outlook for the livestock, dairy and poultry sectors. Agriculture Committee chairman Mike Conaway's (R-Texas) statement stressed the importance of

limiting unnecessary regulatory burdens on U.S. farmers and ranchers.

"With the growing stress in farm country, the last thing our producers need are costly new regulations. Nonsensical EPA regulations like those addressing WOTUS or impending USDA rules interfering with the efficiency of livestock markets will have a disastrous effect on markets that are already in a weak state. As the Committee has explored the broader impacts and sweeping consequences this economic downturn is having on rural America, we must work together to provide our farmers and ranchers with the necessary tools to compete in the global marketplace," said Conaway.

# Soy growers welcome agreement with Cuban agribusiness group

With a recent signing ceremony the U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC) and Cuba's Grupo Empresarial Agrícola (GEA) formalized an agreement between the two nation's farm and food industries to re-establish the Cuban marketplace for U.S. food and agricultural products. As part of the agreement, both USACC and GEA will meet regularly to ensure that the relationship between both industries is mutually productive and beneficial. All this week, American Soybean Association (ASA) vice president and Roseville, Ill., farmer Ron Moore is in Havana with USACC to interact with Cuban farmers.

"Our Cuban partners represent a great deal of promise for the American soybean industry," said Moore. "The agreement that USACC is signing on to this morning is something that will help to ensure both American producers and Cuban buyers have what they need as our relationship continues to grow together."

ASA supports policy to

normalize relations with Cuba, including the full removal of the embargo.

"So much has changed since the era in which the Cuban embargo was put in place," said Moore. "Since 1961, our countries have evolved, our industries have expanded, and our economies have matured. Cubans have an increasing opportunity to develop their economy, and Americans have an equally promising opportunity to help meet

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## USDA launches 2016 Ag Resource Management Survey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is beginning to collect data from more than 100,000 farmers and ranchers, for its annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The survey looks at all aspects of U.S. agricultural production, including farm financial well-being, chemical usage, and various farm characteristics. In 2016, the survey will take a closer look at corn production, and both organic and conventional milk production in the United States.

ARMS is a joint effort of NASS and USDA's Economic Research Service. The information the agencies obtain through the survey in-

fluences national and state policy-making decisions. In addition, ARMS data are used to calculate the farm sector portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The survey also collects detailed information on production practices, costs, and returns for 13 principal commodities on a rotating basis. The last time ARMS focused on corn and dairy was in 2010.

"The 2014 Farm Bill introduced important changes in agricultural policy, by expanding the range of crop insurance options while eliminating several commodity support programs," said Barbara Rater, director of NASS Census and Survey Division. "Data from the 2016 ARMS will be

used to assess the crop insurance choices made by farmers, helping policymakers better understand the impact of crop insurance offerings on farm production decisions and financial outcomes."

NASS is already working with producers on the first phase of this survey. The survey is conducted in three phases from May 2016 through April 2017. The current, first, phase screens participants to make sure they accurately represent the entire U.S. farm sector. During the second phase, NASS will collect information on production practices and chemical use for specific commodities. In the final phase, NASS will survey producers on cost of

production, farm income, and production expenditures.

"We strongly encourage every producer contacted for ARMS to participate, as their response represents not just their own farm, but many other similar operations across the country," added Rater. "To make responding as convenient as possible, the survey can be completed online at <http://agcounts.usda.gov> and NASS representatives are available by phone. Producers can also complete and mail the paper form."

For more information about the 2016 Agricultural Resource Management Survey visit <http://1.usa.gov/1PHpMj9>.

## KDA photo contest accepting entries

From sunrise to sundown, from the heat of the summer to the cold of the winter, Kansas farmers and ranchers know there is great beauty in agriculture. Photographers are encouraged to capture that beauty and share it with others through the Kansas Department of Agriculture's annual photo contest. KDA will begin accepting photos June 1, 2016.

This year, KDA is adding new categories to promote different aspects of Kansas agriculture. Farmers and ranchers work year-round to produce food, fiber and energy. Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall categories will showcase agriculture during all times of the year. Water, a major component of Kansas agriculture, will also have its own category in the photo contest. Irrigation systems, ponds, rivers and other water sources create beauty in our Kansas infrastructure. In addition, there will be a separate Youth division, for young photographers age 19 and under.

KDA serves to advocate for the agriculture industry, the state's largest industry. Photos capturing the moments of bliss, struggle and joy in Kansas agriculture will be used to promote the state's largest economic driver. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners in each of the six categories: Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall and Water as well as the Youth division.

Guidelines for the contest can be found at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/news-events/2014-kansas-agriculture-photo-contest](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/news-events/2014-kansas-agriculture-photo-contest). After submission, the Kansas Department of Agriculture is granted permission to use any photograph for publications, social media, websites, displays, etc. without payment or other consideration from the photographer.

Follow KDA on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram for more details on the contest, including deadlines, divisions and prizes. For more information, contact KDA Director of Communications Heather Lansdowne at [Heather.Lansdowne@kda.ks.gov](mailto:Heather.Lansdowne@kda.ks.gov) or 785-564-6706.



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# U.S. farm equipment exports decline, but at slower pace

Exports of U.S.-made agricultural equipment for first quarter 2016 dropped 8 percent overall compared to first quarter 2015, for a total \$1.7 billion shipped to global markets.

Europe and Central America each recorded double-digit gains, with double-digit declines from the other world regions, led by Africa and South America, according to the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), citing U.S. Department of Commerce data it uses in global market reports for members.

AEM is the North American-based international business group represent-

ing the off-road equipment manufacturing industry.

**Exports by World Region**  
First quarter 2016 U.S. agricultural equipment exports by major world regions compared to first quarter 2015:

Europe gained 21 percent, for a total \$495 million

Canada dropped 20 percent, for a total \$468 million

Central America gained 11 percent, for a total \$304 million

Asia fell 21 percent, for a total \$141 million

South America dropped 30 percent, for a total \$132 million  
Australia/Oceania fell 27 percent for a total \$88 million

Africa decreased 32 percent, for a total \$46 million  
**AEM Market Analysis Overview**

AEM's Benjamin Duyck, director of market intelligence, provides some insights:

While U.S. ag equipment exports to the world continue to decline, this quarter's year-over-year decline of 8 percent was lower than last quarter's 16.7-percent decline and 2015 third-quarter decline of 29 percent. Declines continued to be expected as global market drivers responsible for the ag downturn, such as low commodity prices and the larger global malaise, re-

mained in place. Aside from specific industry-related issues, international trade overall is slowing down. On a macro-economic scale, the Baltic Dry Index, which tracks the price of moving major raw materials by sea, fell to an all-time low in March. A strong U.S. dollar also continues to hamper our nation's global competitiveness.

According to the results of the recent Agri-evolution Business Barometer, the global recovery for our industry is not expected to be in sight for at least six months. While the sector seems to have stabilized, it is at a low level. While the

survey indicated that East Asia and Africa are leading the future expectations, our recent data shows that for the United States, Central America remains an important market. While in the Barometer survey, there was also a reduction in optimism coming from Europe, U.S. exports did increase. Exports of harvesting equipment, and in particular combines, as well as exports of tractors and parts drove the growth in exports to Germany. Export growth in new tractors was the main driver for trade with France.

#### Exports by Top Ten Countries

The top countries buying the most U.S.-made agricul-

tural machinery during first quarter 2015 (by dollar volume) were:

Canada - \$468 million, down 20 percent

Mexico - \$276 million, up 14 percent

Australia - \$79 million, down 27 percent

Germany - \$73 million, up 11 percent

France - \$63 million, up 37 percent

Brazil - \$50 million, down 19 percent

Ukraine - \$49 million, up 161 percent

China - \$49 million, down 36 percent

Russia - \$39 million, up 48 percent

United Kingdom - \$37 million, down 13 percent

# Pork Checkoff announces 2016 pork industry scholarship recipients

The Pork Checkoff has awarded 22 scholarships to college students around the United States as part of its strategy to develop the pork industry's future leaders. Successful applicants were selected from a pool of 35 applicants based on scholastic merit, leadership activities, involvement in the pork production industry and future plans for a career in pork production.

"The 2016 scholarship winners will positively impact the swine industry in the future," said the National Pork Board president Derek Sleezer, a pork producer from Cherokee, Iowa. "We have an ongoing obligation to producers to help develop the next generation of pork producers. The goal is to ensure a sustainable source of leaders who will be ready to produce safe, wholesome food in a socially responsible way."

The 22 student recipients hail from ten states and 15 universities and represent five different majors in swine-related fields. The 2016 Pork Industry Scholarship recipients are:

Taylor Homann, Pipestone, Minnesota - University of Minnesota

Kyle Anderson, Abilene, Kansas - Kansas State University

Ashton Yoder, Welda, Kansas - Kansas State University

Kristin Hansen, Elk Horn, Iowa - Iowa State University

Marissa Lorenz, New Paris, Indiana - Purdue University

Rachel Stika, Ames, Iowa - Iowa State University

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This year's top candidates were Taylor Homann and Kyle Anderson, who will receive \$5,000 and \$3,500 scholarships respectively. Homann, a senior at the University of Minnesota, is majoring in animal science. She plans to continue her academic career by pursuing a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in the fall. Anderson, a junior at Kansas State University, has worked at the university's feed mill and would like to pursue a career as a mill manager after graduation. The remaining award recipients will receive \$2,000 each.

"The next generation of industry leaders will face new challenges, so we definitely need a skilled workforce and strong leadership," Sleezer said. "We are excited that this group of young people look at pork not just as a food choice, but also as a career path. On behalf of the Pork Checkoff, the National Pork Board and the pork industry, I con-

gratulate this year's Pork Industry Scholarship recipients and look forward to welcoming them into our industry in the future."

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## REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

# AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 — 10:00 AM

905 Lilac Lane — WAMEGO, KANSAS

**REAL ESTATE:** 3 bedroom ranch, 2 bath, 2500 sq ft, unfinished walk-out basement, 2-car garage, walk-out deck off master bedroom. Parks nearby, Built in 1975.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale closing to occur on or before Aug 1 2016. Property sells As Is Where Is, day of auction takes precedence over previous printed materials.

Bookshelves, office chairs, baskets, sofa, console stereo with record player, China hutch, dining table and chairs, cassette tapes, vinyl records, chair and ottoman, side tables, lamps, ornate decanter and glasses, cut glass, stemware, Oriental fruit bowl, frosted glass candlestick holders, etched glass, green fruit bowl, hardback books, dressers, star western books, magazine racks, vintage furniture, 1950s Westinghouse refrigerator, oil cans with advertising, Peach baskets, porcelain pans, tins, wooden spoons, vintage Sports magazines, Louis L'Amour Books, clamps, wood planes, vintage cooking utensils green and red handled, yard sticks, vintage powder tray and grooming set, flour sifters, muffin tins, metal boxes, Oriental dolls and figurines, China set, metal trunks, vintage tools, files, hammers, pliers, pry bars, silver and silver-plated flatware, fishing poles, tackle box, fishing lures, metal minnow buckets, canteens, lawn mowers, axes, floor lamp, folding side tables, teapot, cookie jar, metal ice bucket, lawn chairs, leaf blower, ammo boxes, coolers, lawn tools, McCulloch chainsaw, **MUCH MORE.**

**Auctioneers Note:** Ron was a retired postal Carrier in Wamego. Doreen traveled and collected many things. Both were members of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Lots of vintage items. Come enjoy the day with us.

**SELLERS: DOREEN SMITH & The Late RON SMITH**

**TERMS:** Cash or Good Check. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over previous printed material. Auction company and seller not responsible for accidents.



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## AUCTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 — 10:00 AM

Wischnopp Auction Facility, 930 Laing St., OSAGE CITY, KS

JD 2010 gas tractor, WFE, 3 pt.; AC C tractor w/Sunmaster 60 belly mower; selection fishing items & steel traps; Ryobi 10" table top saw; NAPA 85-910 battery charger; Milwaukee sawzall; Precision garden seeder; assortment of sockets, clamps, fans, power tools, etc.; tractors & sporting and tools sell first. 30+ tobacco jars & **MUCH MORE!**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 18 — 10:00 AM

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**DAY #3**

20'x28' Car port with sides to be moved; Craftsman T2200 riding mower/tractor; 40' Semi storage trailer; Gazebo; Martin houses; Schwinn 100th Anniversary clock; Atala bicycles lighted clock.

#### HUMMEL FIGURINES & PLATES

ESU Pennants; ESU mugs; ESU autographed football, basketball & baseballs; ESU wreath; Hop-a-long Cassidy mugs, posters & pictures; Crayon tins & crayons; William Allen White items; Oak Teacher's desk; old school desk; green couch; wingback chair; stand with 15 file drawers; bicycle table; Display cases (floor & counter top); Easel; granite bucket, dipper & pan; desk; Oak stand; wash stand; brass music stand; school desks; 9 blue & metal chairs; Maple step table; 2-drawer low boy chest; Oak dropleaf dinette table; bookshelves; chairs; stools; recliners; 3-tiered & other stands; school desks; 6 chairs; Maple framed couch, chairs & footstool; metal bed; various bookcases; valet; bookcases; 2-door cabinet; Cubby hole bin

cabinets; school bench; stand with 2 drawers; metal desk; office chair; 2 2-drawer file cabinets; typing stands; Underwood manual typewriters; lead pencil stool; 2-1950's school desk; blonde bookcase with World books; bookshelves; newer Crosley table top record player; slot machine; set of 4 'Outhouse' pictures; 7 lunch boxes; Christmas & Emporia, Ks post cards; Michelob signs from Emporia, Kansas Tavern; wall map; globe; school bell; lamps; tables; valet; household items & box lots; small silver Christmas tree; 2 weedeaters; aluminum extension ladder; lawn chairs; lawn spreader; wheelbarrow; many garden tools; folding saw horses; sprayer; extension cords.

#### COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE, VINTAGE, NEWER BIKES (FORMERLY MR. K'S BIKE MUSEUM)

Donald Duck bicycle; Hop-a-long Cassidy; Hop-a-long Cassidy stand up card board cut-out; Selene Sport by Tecno Art (Italy); 4-seat bicycle with canopy; Schwinn MP21 Alum Pro; Avalon Girl's tricycle (circa

1891); Schwinn Deluxe Hollywood bike; Gitane bike; Sprite 27; Schwinn suburban; Paramount series R-30; Legnana man's; Diamond Back cross country; 6 various Ladies Schwinn bikes; 2 Men's Schwinn bikes; Schwinn 3-wheel bike; Schwinn child's bike; Ted Williams Free Spirit bike; Fair Lady; Schwinn Starlet ladies bike; Side Walker; Schwinn Speedster; Sears men's 10spd; Roadmaster; Schwinn Racer-man's; Schwinn 'Typhoon'; Schwinn 'Quality Schwinn Collegiate'; Murray trike; chain driven pedal tractor; Western Flyer Fire Chief pedal car; Pony Express pony & cart pedal toy; Donkey & cart pedal toy; old tin spoke wheel wagon; tricycles; Schwinn Sting Ray jacket-new; unicycle; Cushman motorcycle pedal car scooter; Radio Flyer wagon with side boards; 3 side-walk scooters; wooden sled; Case IH 7130 pedal tractor; Firestone Cruiser red wagon; bicycle & tricycle planters & decorator items.

**NOTE: This is the 3rd of 5 Auctions for John & Carolyn with many items of the same type to be sold. Many collections & like items. Pictures on website show items being sold throughout this Auction & upcoming Auctions. This is a partial list.**

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## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

FRIDAY, JULY 1 — 6:30 PM

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APPROXIMATELY 245 ACRES MCPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

**TRACT 1:** A tract of land located in 34-17S-4W McPherson County Kansas. Approximately 167.5 more or less. There is approximately 114 Acres of tillable farmland and approximately 53 Acres in timber & river. A part of this tract has been irrigated in the past. This tract is located approximately 6 miles SW of Lindsborg on Sioux Road.

**TRACT II:** 21-17S-4W. Approximately 80 Acres. There is approximately 24 Acres of tillable farmland and approximately 56 Acres of grass on this property. The grass has been baled the last several years. There is a pond and windmill on

the property. Highway 4 runs along North end of property. Located approximately 4 miles West of Lindsborg, Kansas on Highway 4.

**TERMS:** Successful Buyer on each tract to pay 10% down day of Auction with balance due on or before August 5, 2016. Cost of Title Insurance to be divided equally between Buyer and Seller. Taxes prorated to closing. Possession subject to tenant's rights. **STATEMENTS MADE DAY OF AUCTION TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OTHER INFORMATION. Contact Vern Gannon Broker/Auctioneer 785-770-0066 or Gannon Real Estate and Auctions 785-539-2316.**

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# Steps to managing the sugarcane aphid in grain sorghum

The sugarcane aphid, first discovered in grain sorghum late in the 2013 growing season, is capable of causing substantial damage to the crop if left unmanaged. However, with timely management, its effects can be minimized.

To protect sorghum from potential early season infestations, Brent Bean, Sorghum Checkoff agronomist, advises growers to consider planting seeds treated with an insecticide seed treatment.

"Any of the commonly used insecticide treatments such as Poncho, Cruiser and Gaucho are effective and should give up to 40 days of sugarcane aphid control," Bean said. "In addition, there are several commercial hybrids available that have some degree of tolerance to the sugarcane aphid that growers may want to consider."

Once sorghum has emerged, it is recommended

to scout sorghum fields at least once a week for signs of the aphid. Once aphids are found, fields should be scouted two to three times a week. Sugarcane aphids excrete honeydew, a sticky, shiny substance on the lower leaves, which is often the first sign of a sugarcane aphid infestation.

Loss of plant sap, caused by the sugarcane aphids feeding on sorghum leaves, takes away nutrients from the plant that would otherwise be utilized for plant health and grain yield. Sugarcane aphid feeding, along with black sooty mold and other secondary diseases, eventually cause the leaves to turn yellow and die. The result is often uneven or lack of head emergence, poor grain set, and possibly an increase in lodging. A yield loss of up to 100 percent is possible if high aphid infestation levels occur prior to heading and are left untreated.

Depending on the growing region and the growth stage, growers are encouraged to treat for aphids as soon as the action threshold is reached. A general guideline is to apply an insecticide when 25 percent of the plants have been infested with 50 aphids per leaf, but there are specific threshold levels suggested for different growing stages and geographical regions, so local experts should be consulted.

For example, in the Texas High Plains, growers are advised to take action when 20 percent of the plants are infested with localized areas of heavy honeydew and established aphid colonies at the pre-boot and boot stages. At the heading, soft dough and dough stages, the advised threshold is when 30 percent of plants are infested with heavy honeydew and aphid colonies. When the grain black layer growth stage is reached, it is sug-

gested to spray when honeydew presence is heavy and there are established aphid colonies in the head. At this point, treat only to prevent harvest problems.

However, regardless of the threshold level used, it is critical that insecticide application occurs as soon as possible to avoid a severe loss. Applications targeting lower infestation levels are likely to be more effective and prevent an escalating population of aphids that will be much more difficult to control.

Two products proved to be very effective during the 2015 growing season—Sivanto Prime by Bayer CropScience and Transform WG by Dow AgroSciences. Sivanto Prime is available for use in 2016 under a federal 2EE label. Transform was recently approved for use in 2016 under a Section 18 label in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Okla-

homa, Tennessee and Texas.

One of the benefits of both Transform and Sivanto prime is they are not harmful to beneficial insects, which is important for the control of sugarcane aphids. Care should be taken in adding other insecticides to the mix that could be harmful to beneficial insects. Additionally, movement of Sivanto prime and Transform in the plant is minimal, making coverage essential for adequate control.

If sugarcane aphid presence is significant in the sorghum head or on the upper leaves, harvesting can be impeded due to honeydew. Many producers have opted to spray an insecticide to eliminate the risk of harvest issues. In Texas, both Sivanto and Transform have a pre-harvest interval of 14 days. If desired, both insecticides can be mixed with pre-harvest desiccants.

"It is extremely important to have multiple prod-

ucts available to treat the sugarcane aphid," Bean said. "By rotating chemistries, we can avoid insecticide resistance and maintain control of the pest."

For those sorghum growers who experienced the sugarcane aphid for the first time in 2015, and maybe had to spray two to three times, it may be easy to get discouraged. However, Bean said growers everywhere should be encouraged by the experiences of those in South Texas and in Louisiana who have had the most experience with this pest and continue to successfully grow grain sorghum.

"This is a strong indication that growers are learning to effectively and economically manage the sugarcane aphid," Bean said. "As with all other crop pest crises, the sugarcane aphid will be effectively dealt with by using sound integrated pest management practices."

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## AUCTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18 — 9:30 AM**  
(sale over by Noon, please be on time)

**CHAPMAN, KANSAS**

**AUCTION LOCATION:** From the 4 way stop in downtown Chapman, go south 4 miles to 2200 Ave. then east 1/4 mile



**CLASSIC CARS**

- 1995 Corvette convertible, teal/black, red interior, 350 auto, 90.5K
- 1956 Thunderbird 292 cu. in. V8, Colonial white & dusk rose 2 tone, auto on floor, good interior, good glass
- 1962 yellow Thunderbird, 390 cu. in., factory air, 91K showing, (paint fair)
- 1972 Chevy Cheyenne 2x4, rebuilt 350, auto, factory air, good body
- 1954 Ford Skyliner, restoration started, 292 2 door, rebuilt engine, have most of the parts to complete
- 1954 Ford sedan, 4 door, was running, auto 3 speed
- 1954 Ford convertible, no motor, parts car (rough)
- 1957 Chevy, 2 door sedan, restoration started. 327 V8. Most of the parts to complete
- Post war International pickup body
- 1935/1936 Chrysler body, others

**MODERN VEHICLES**

- 2014 Camaro SS/RS, 23k miles, 6.2 L, 400 HP, auto, full bumper to bumper, transferable warranty
- 2012 Chevy 2500HD, Z71, 4x4, Duramax 6.6 HD, Allison transmission, crew cab, 4 door, 51K miles, running boards



- JD Gator, 825i dual overhead cam, hydraulic bed, heater/full enclosed glass cab, camo color, like new

**FARM EQUIPMENT**

- 1995 JD diesel 855, 3 cylinder, hydro, 682 hrs, roll bar, ser. LV0855E202664, w/70A loader; 2013 H&H gooseneck trailer, tandem axle with duals, 30 ft, with dovetail ramps, like new; JD side hay rack; JD 4x16 semi mount plow; JD 1240 4 row planter; JD FB drill 6'x8"; Krause 12' tandem disk; 6' 3 pt blade; Farmstar 3 pt, post auger, PTO; 3 pt furrow plow; BMB Brute 6' 3 pt mower; 3 pt 5' mower; gas barrels; combine bin on wheels; 4 wheel running gears, 2 w/hoist; early '60s GMC V6 2T grain truck w/hoist, needs work.

**COLLECTIBLES**

- Many steel wheels; 1 trailer of farm related collectables, post drill, water cans, 2 man saws, Victor traps, many old tools.

**SKID STEER EQUIPMENT**

- Kansas Klipper tree shear, good condition; JD grapple bucket, hardly used; Shaver hydraulic post driver, up to 8' high.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Approximately 12 poultry transport cages (hold 15 pheasants each); heated dog bowls; miscellaneous wire animal cages; 2G galvanized poultry waterers; 20-200 lb. plastic feeders.



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# USDA unveils new improvement to streamline crop reporting

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that farmers and ranchers filing crop acreage reports with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and participating insurance providers approved by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) now can provide the common information from their acreage reports at one office and the information will be electronically shared with the other loca-

tion. This new process is part of the USDA Acreage Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI). This interagency collaboration also includes participating private crop insurance agents and insurance companies, all working to streamline the information collected from farmers and ranchers who participate in USDA programs.

"If you file your report at

one location, the data that's important to both FSA and RMA will be securely and electronically shared with the other location," said FSA administrator Val Dolcini. "This will avoid redundant and duplicative reporting, and we expect this to save farmers and ranchers time."

"Accuracy in crop reporting is a key component for crop insurance, because an error in this information can affect premiums or claims. This is going to greatly improve efficiencies and reduce mistakes," said RMA administrator Brandon Willis.

Since 2009, USDA has been working to streamline the crop reporting process for agricultural producers, who have expressed concerns with providing the same basic common information for multiple locations. In 2013, USDA consolidated the deadlines to 15 dates for submitting these reports, down from the previous 54 dates at RMA and 17 dates for FSA. USDA representatives believe farmers and ranchers will experience a notable improvement in the coming weeks as

they approach the peak season for crop reporting later this summer.

More than 93 percent of all annual reported acres to FSA and RMA now are eligible for the common data reporting, and USDA is exploring adding more crops. Producers must still visit both locations to validate and sign acreage reports, complete maps or provide program-specific information. The common data from the first-filed acreage report will now be available to pre-populate and accelerate completion of the second report. Plans are under way at USDA to continue building upon the framework with additional efficiencies at a future date.

Dolcini also reminded farmers and ranchers that they can now access their FSA farm information from the convenience of their home computer. "You can see your field boundaries, images of your farm, conservation status, operator and owner information and much more," said Dolcini.

The new customer self-service portal, known as FSAFarm+, gives farmers and ranchers online access to securely view, print or export their personal farm data. To enroll in the online service, producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for details. To find a local FSA office in your area, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

**AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 11 — 10:30 AM**  
309 SE Enderton St. — MELVERN, KANSAS  
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**REAL ESTATE: Selling at 10:30 - Fixer upper 2BR, 1BA, 1 1/2 story bungalow on 175x275 ft. lot with 32x24 ft. detached garage. Miller & Midyett Real Estate.**  
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4 kerosene lamps; 4 vintage mens hats; antique trunk; 7 heavy wool blankets or ponchos, NIP; 5 Daisy pump cork guns; 5 Feltman pneumatic machine guns; 2 vintage table lamps; Detecto 118 hanging scale; Honda & Craftsman riding mowers; Stihl F-5 trimmer; good selection of tools, sockets, bits, clamps, saws, fishing, etc.; Wells Cargo 16x8 enclosed trailer set up for carnival shooting gallery w/Kellogg air compressor Shop-built 21x7-8 enclosed trailer set up as carnival game trailer.  
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**AUCTION**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 12 — 12:00 NOON**  
**612 KROSS CIRCLE, ROSSVILLE, KANSAS**

Antique Oak secretary bookcase; small Oak dropfront desk; Tiger Oak chest-of-drawers/chiffonier; oak wash stand with towel bar; Queen bed with memory foam mattress, dresser with mirror, armoire & night stand; modern china hutch; nice couch & ottoman; loveseat; 2 nice flex back chairs & ottoman; Queen bed, dresser & chest; Amish fireplace heater; near new wicker patio furniture (loveseat, 2 chairs, coffee table); glass top iron patio table & 2 chairs; refrigerator; chest deep freezer; older wringer washer; computer desk; recliner; 2 wood framed chairs; end table with drawer; small antique wood burning stove; portable bar & stools; metal desk; small dropleaf table; nice wooden dropleaf kitchen cart; round top end table with drawer; antique school desk; rocker; office chair; 4-drawer file cabinet; neat retro recliner/rocker lounge; 2-door wardrobe cabinet; Singer sewing machine; hall table; card table set; metal bed; white shelf; white desk. Exercise bike; exercise bench; exercise balls; barn board garden bench; park bench; work tables/benches; Craftsman zero turn radius lawn mower; Craftsman 16" chain saw; 2-wheel lawn trailer; weed eater with brush blade; lawn dethatcher; lawn blowers; step ladders; car buffer; hand sprayers; garden hose; tool chest; car bicycle rack; wood work benches; car parts; car towing attachments; snow shovels; brooms; shop & lawn items; bicycles; tricycle; stroller; children's toys; wooden toy box; child's drum set; small pool table; games; stuffed animals; Champion spring rocking horse; portable TV; artificial & live plants; TV trays; footstool; TV stand; folding chairs; metal utility cabinet. Glassware; dishes; comforters; bedding; crockpots; kitchen appliances; baskets; heater; books; sound bar speakers in box; ironing board & iron; nice lamps; fireplace tools; variety of pictures; mirrors; area rugs; footstool; Holiday decorations; Christmas tree; tater bin; pet carriers; ski boots; cooler; miscellaneous household & garage items.

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# Beef Cattle Institute provides online resource for upcoming Veterinary Feed Directive changes

Striving to provide the most up-to-date information on upcoming changes in regulations related to the Veterinary Feed Directive, the Beef Cattle Institute (BCI) at Kansas State University is

offering a new online resource – for free.

The BCI partnered with animal health experts Mike Apley of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Brian

Lubbers of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, to create an online informational module that answers frequently asked questions regarding the Veterinary Feed Directive

(VFD) issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Changes to the regulations as a result of the directive are scheduled to take place Jan. 1, 2017. According to Lubbers, K-State has

been heavily involved with face-to-face meetings regarding the VFD, but the online modules will give producers and veterinarians an opportunity to gain foundational knowledge on their own time.

“The biggest thing for producers and veterinarians is really the planning,” he said. “We don’t want people to get to January 1 and

be surprised by what they can and cannot do. I encourage producers to start the discussion with their veterinarians on what is impacted, how it may change, as well as the process.”

The free informational modules for beef producers and veterinarians can be found at [www.beefcattleinstitute.org](http://www.beefcattleinstitute.org).

# NPPC says ‘GIPSA’ rule, TPP could have effect on producers

Although the U.S. pork industry is in good economic shape, pork producers’ future fortunes can be affected – for good or for ill – by opportunities and challenges with which they are presented, the National Pork Producers Council told members of the House Committee on Agriculture’s livestock subcommittee, which was continuing a series of hearings on the rural economy.

A challenge of particular concern to the pork industry is proposed rules from the U.S. Department of Agriculture related to the buying and selling of livestock, said NPPC board member David Herring, a pork producer from North Carolina who testified before the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

USDA is reproposing parts of the so-called GIPSA (Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration) Rule, which first was proposed in 2010 to implement provisions included in the 2008 Farm Bill. The regulations, however, went well beyond the Farm Bill provisions and would have had a significant negative effect on the livestock industry, according to analyses. A November 2010 Informa Economics study of the rule found it would have cost the pork industry more than \$330 million annually.

Tens of thousands of comments, including 16,000 from pork producers, were filed in opposition to the rule, and Congress several times included riders in USDA’s annual funding bill to prevent it from finalizing

the regulation. But no rider was included in USDA’s fiscal 2016 bill.

“We have grave concerns (the reproposed GIPSA Rule) will mirror the 2010 proposal,” Herring told the livestock panel. “If it does, the livestock industry will be fundamentally and negatively changed.”

Another potential challenge, said Herring, is an outbreak in the United States of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), which, if it occurred, would immediately stop U.S. meat exports. He called on Congress to appropriate funds to set up an FMD vaccine bank to deal with an outbreak.

Herring also reiterated NPPC’s support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, telling the subcommittee the benefits of TPP will ex-

ceed all past free trade agreements and represents a great opportunity for U.S. pork producers and for the entire U.S. economy.

The TPP, negotiations on which were initiated in late 2008 and concluded last October, is a regional trade deal that includes the United States, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam, which account for nearly 40 percent of global GDP. The countries combined have more than 800 million consumers.

“Because other Asia-Pacific trade agreements are being negotiated without the U.S.,” Herring testified, “the United States can’t afford either economically or geopolitically to walk away from the fastest-growing region in the world. Congress must pass the TPP, and it must do so soon.”

# Kansas cattle operation sells for \$8,343,000 in Schrader auction

TLW Land & Cattle, a 9,480-acre west Kansas cattle operation, sold to a single buyer for \$8,343,000 recently, with Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company conducting the event.

“It was a great outcome, and most importantly, the sellers were pleased,” said R.D. Schrader, president of the auction company.

“We offered the ranch in five tracts, but from the beginning, it was clear that most of the interest was in the operation as a whole, reflecting the fully integrated nature of the operation. Bidding on individual tracts and combinations faded as the larger bidders took over. Given the success of this auction, I wouldn’t be surprised if other landowners

who plan transitions in the next few years consider this as a favorable market into which to sell. We’ve enjoyed a lot of success in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and surrounding areas, and we’ll continue to put a lot of focus on the region,” he

said.

Located in Finney and Haskell counties just southwest of Garden City, the ranch has a 950-head yard and a carrying capacity of up to 20,000 head. It covers more than 14 square miles.

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# AUCTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 14 — 5:00 PM

12965 CARNAHAN ROAD, OLSBURG, KANSAS

(3 MILES NORTHEAST OF TUTTLE CREEK DAM ON HWY 13 TO CARNAHAN ROAD THEN NORTHWEST APPROXIMATELY 6 1/2 MILES)

‘H’ Farmall tractor; WD Allis tractor; 1977 Chevy Custom Deluxe 10, 4WD pickup; 1984 Mercury Topaz LS 4-door car; Powermate 5000 portable generator; windmill tower; 3pt rotary mower; Antique box wagon on steel; fuel tank & stand; manure spreader; 2 & 4-wheel trailers; several old implements; scrap iron; iron implement wheels; miscellaneous tools; primitives & collectables.

Oak secretary bookcase; Oak ice box; Very unique primitive Oak kitchen cabinet with built-in spice rack and pull out flour bin; very nice Oak wardrobe with fancy crown; Oak high back bed and matching dresser with mirror; Oak washstand with towel bar; Columbian crank floor model phonograph; large 4-drawer Empire chest;

Oak upright piano; 4-drawer dresser with mirror 2 library tables (painted); single spoon carved bed; 3-drawer antique chest; Walnut marble top washstand; 4-drawer dresser with beveled mirror; Walnut dropleaf table; Tiger Oak washstand with towel bar; humpback trunk; glass foot piano stool; Oak pattern back rocker; wood bed; Oak sewing rocker; school desk; Walnut bed; 2 wood rockers; cedar chest; Oak bookshelf; stands; 4-drawer Tiger Oak dresser with mirror; bamboo stand; divan; stick and ball shelf; child’s chair; Oak high chair; 16 various wood chairs; Mission style footstool; Captain’s chair; Oak bookshelf; Oak dropleaf table; Oak bookshelf; metal bed; hat/coat tree; primitive wood boxes; incubator; kerosene cookstove; cream

separator; Encman Matthues wood burning cook stove; 30” electric range; smaller stainless refrigerator; stereoscope & cards; old golf clubs; nice antique picture frames; clothes rack; antique sweeper; ballot boxes; wood boys tool chest; Army cot; linen; mantel clock; old books; graniteware; silverware; dishes; plates; glassware; coffee & teapots; tin bread box; apple peeler; old tins; scales; crocks; Tennent Shoes advertising match holder; glass flue cover; old radio & fan; kerosene heater; wooden ladder; kerosene & Coleman lamps; glass basket; antique sweeper; Remington manual typewriter; Ruby Red pitcher & vase; nice old pictures; fans; kitchen utensils; Pyrex; miscellaneous items & lots of treasures!

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## TRUCK BEDS

10’ Leland Winch Bed for 1 Ton w/Elect. Winch, Electric Rolling Tail Board, LW Base (off of 1985 Ford); 10’ Winch Bed for 2 Ton Truck, Tulsa w/Roller Tail Gates; 9’x8’ New Western Hauler Bed for 2 Ton Truck; Fifth Wheel Hitch for PU.

## OIL FIELD TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

2’x8’ Laydown Water Knock Out; (3) Sets of Rod Racks; (3) Sets of Tubing Racks; Tank Skid; 16’ Diameter, Fiberglass Tank, Open Top, 5 Side; Natural Gas Meter Run; Round 10’x4.5’ Steel Tank; Quincy Gas Compressor on Skid; 24’x5’ Separator; 20 Barrel Portable Pit; Cement Mixing Tub; Misc. Poly Pipe; Misc. PVC Pipe; (2) Gas Motors, (208) Pump Jack Motors, Parts Only; 40 Barrel Truck Tank Mounted on 12.5 Ft. Bed/ Hyd Hoist; Poly

Pipe Trailer, Spool Trailer; 500 Gal Poly Tank; 6’x4’ Steel Tank on Skid; (2) Small Poly Tanks in Crates; 4.5 Packers, 5.5 Packers; Well Heads (All Sizes); Stuffing Boxes, Polish Rods; Sand Line Baler, Pipe Vises; Lots of Misc. Size Nipples & Fittings; Electric Motors, 3 Phase & Single; Central Poly Fuser w/1”, 1.5”, 2”, 3” & 4” Dies, Good!; 3” Wilden Pump; Tabering Swab Jaws Oil Saver; Tubing Collars; Swab Cups, All Sizes; Wash Head; Rod Boxes, All Sizes; 2 Sets of Power Tongs Backups; 002 Aluminum Electric Wire; 4.5” Caven 55 Ton Air Spider, (2) Caven 55 Ton, 2 3/8, & 2 7/8 Air Spiders; Pump Parts, New Caps, Rings; Set of 5/8 Rod Elevators; Set of 3/4, 7/8 Rod Elevators; Set of 1” Obanon Pipe Elevators; Set of 3/4” & 7/8” Rod Wrenches; Set of 5/8” Rod Wrenches; Set of 1” Rod Wrenches; 2 Sets of 2 3/8” Double Latch Elevators, Oil Country, 65 Ton; 2 Sets of 2 7/8” Double Latch Elevators, Oil Country, 65 Ton; (2) Oil Country Open Face Tongs; (3) 5.5 Centralizers, (3) 2” Centralizers; Rod Tongs.

## FEED MIXER TRUCK

1999 International 4900 6 X4 DT466E, Auto, 59,133 Miles, 14431 Hrs., w/Knight 3060 Mixing Bed on Truck, Tandem Axle, Twin Screw, New Motor 2015, Rebuilt Transmission 2014 – Solid Cab, Good!

## SEMI

2000 Sterling Day Cab, Twin Screw, 10 Speed, 470,547 Miles.

## SHOP TOOLS

4 Rolling Tool boxes; Manual Threaders, Pipe Wrenches, Misc. Hand Tools; Misc. Electric Boxes & Supplies; Lots of New Gates Belts (A, B, C); Toledo 999 Power Threader; Sets of Wrenches; Sets of Sockets; Screw Drivers; Tap & Dies; Air Tools; Lots of Other Good Hand Tools

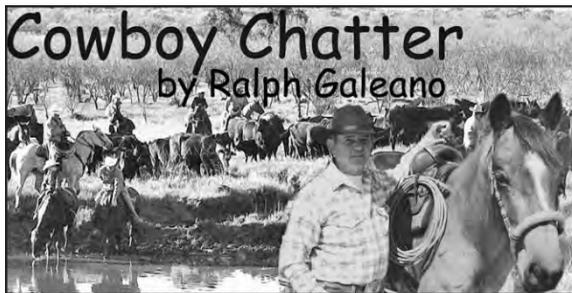
## WELDERS & SUPPLIES

Lincoln 200 Welder, 4 Cycle Engine w/Trailer & Leads – Very Nice!; Miller CP 252 TS w/22 Amp Wire Feeder; 3 Phase Wire Welder; Misc. Welding Rod & Small Tools; Industrial Chop Saw, Floor Mount.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Old Feed Bunks; Grill Guard; Headache Racks; Misc. Hyd. Hoses; (4) 16’ Diameter Galv. Grain Bins; Skid Loader Forks; Tractor Front Hay Forks; Rear Tractor Fork for Hay; (2) 100 Gallon Portable Fuel Tanks; 3 Pt. Spreader Bucket; Misc. Truck & Trailer Tires & Wheels; Truck Tool Boxes.





# Cowboy Chatter

by Ralph Galeano

## Both Barrels

The black colt was a mess the first time I saw him. The emaciated horse had a bad case of mange, you could count every rib he owned and I don't think he ever felt the scrape of a farrier's rasp.

I bought him anyway. In fact, my partner and I each bought a neglected yearling that spring day. We could have them both for \$300, the owner said. I didn't need a flea-bitten yearling, but he was standing in a junk pile between two worn-out tractors trying to find a sliver of grass no one else had discovered; I decided he needed a better life.

One hundred fifty dollars for a yearling wasn't that much even in those days. I thought that maybe after he was de-loused and some meat put on his bones, he wouldn't be too bad-looking. Forrest and I anteed up three hundred bucks and hauled them home. We put the scroungy colts in a small corral where they wouldn't infect other horses and went about trying to fatten them up. We named the black one Pepper and the bay horse Cocoa. Three or four months later, with some decent grub, their bugs gone and summer's green grass starting to hide their ribs, we had two nice-looking colts. We flipped a coin to see who got first choice. Forrest won the toss and chose the bay colt. That left me with the black. I thought Forrest chose the best one.

I watched them pretty close through the summer and could see the bay was dominant and often bullied his pasture mate for no reason. The black was obliging and would move out of the way or even run off when he saw the bay pin his ears back. At least those bite and kick scars won't show on his black hide, I thought, as the bay's aggressive behavior increased over the summer. Winter rolled around and Forrest took his colt home. Pepper didn't seem to mind losing the bully and even seemed a bit more playful and tolerant of my presence. I used those long cold months to get a few things done on the ground with the

aged to snub the end around the pole just as he hit the fence. The rope came tight and cart wheeled him through the fence. He hit the ground hard in the middle of the broken boards.

He lay there while I held my breath and the end of the rope. I was relieved when he struggled up and looked straight at me. It seemed like an eternity passed while we stared at each other. I watched the colt's sides heave and wondered what he was thinking. I was thinking: I wish Forrest had chosen the black instead of the bay.

All that changed when the colt walked towards me dragging the rope. He stopped two feet away and waited for me to make the next move. I reached out and placed my hand on his nose. He never blinked. We were friends. Things progressed fast from that point on. Soon, he was waiting for me at the gate. I began to admire the little black colt. He showed more spunk than he had when the bay colt was

came and he was two years old. His ground work was pretty fair so I decided to climb in the saddle he'd been packing around since we started working on his ground manners.

I stepped in the saddle and waited. And waited some more. He didn't budge. I bumped him with my heels and he ran away. The problem was that he ran away backwards as fast as he could go right into the woods. We got tangled up in the brush and trees. It was no fun figuring out how to climb down without him going into panic mode and stomping me in the brush. I managed to get off and lead him back in the open.

I tried it again and the same thing happened. Finally, he found another gear and we walked nervous circles until my bumps and pulls on the reins reminded him of something he learned with me on the ground.

The black colt was a tough little booger but he also had a personality I came to respect. When he was a three-year-old, I realized, I had a pretty decent using horse and he was paying dividends on my initial investment.

That fall, I decided to use him on a trip into the mountains to help cut a trail down a steep alder slope into a valley below. Forrest, I and

another friend left early one crisp morning with three saddle horses and three pack horses. We reached the overgrown slope and began clearing a trail with a chainsaw. Two men worked on the ground and one rider held the string of restless horses. Holding the horses wasn't much fun. They kept trying to find a better position to keep their balance on the steep slope. They were constantly shifting and shuffling here and there causing the rider holding them to constantly work to keep the string from tangling their lead ropes.

My time holding the horses turned into a frustrating

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black colt. I ran him into a small trap and roped him from the ground. He fought like a wildcat when the rope came tight and then ran off. I couldn't hold him and had to turn the rope loose. I followed him into a corner and managed to pick up the end of the rope. Same thing happened again; he fought hard and pulled free. I decided to try one more time before getting a saddle horse to snub him down.

I roped him just as he ran past a power pole in the trap. He was headed wide open for the fence. I man-

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 15000 Wallace Rd — OSWEGO, KANSAS  
**TRACT 1: 80 ACRES** located 1/4 miles West of 15000 & Wallace Road, Oswego, KS. W/2 NE/4, 6-33-21. 76 Acres in Cultivation (Wheat). Seller Reserves Wheat. Buyer Receives 40% Of Bean Crop.  
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 1953 Oliver 88 tractor restored, hyd, fender extensions; Oliver 88 wide front tractor, hyd, fender extensions; Oliver 88 narrow front tractor; Oliver 77 tractor restored hyd; assortment Oliver parts; Oliver 88 side panels; complete sheet metal for 880 Oliver; Oliver belt pulley; A or B Allis block; 1964 Ford F100 pickup, runs good, 4 speed, new brakes & exhaust, redone 351 Cleveland engine; 1927 Ford Model T 4 door sedan, good condition, new tires, engine free; Gibson 300 tractor 2

cy Wisconsin engine, front & back lift; IHC Cub Cadet's 800 & 1250 good condition; model 70 Cub Cadet; Vaughan model L Portland Or. 1 man log saw w/engine; rear tiller; Craftsman 5 hp tiller; Rockwell jig saw.

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Kansas; Mossberg 410 bolt shotgun; 410 single shot; FIE model E27 pistol 22; RG23 revolver 22; 20's oak buffet; mahogany fern stand; oak rocker; 3 pc. modern bedroom set; linens; Sun Records 1956 Johnny Cash record; 150 years baseball book; metal Oliver tractor signs; lanterns; assortment jewelry; ladies & mens wrist watches; assortment glass; tractor calendars; 1020 IHC book; Hemming books; cook books; Standard oil 55 gal barrel; Ford pedal tractor; pr. car head lights; metal corn sheller; large assortment of other collectables.

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 1971 Chevrolet Impala convertible, 400 engine, automatic, air, electric windows, antenna, leather interior, 94,866 miles, very good condition, 40 year owner; 1972 Plymouth Duster 2 door w/hard vinyl top, auto, slant 6 engine, under dash air, 22,100 actual miles red & black; very good; 1929 Ford model A 2 door sedan restored, trunk, luggage rack, emerald green, good condition; Ford model A pickup to be restored, mostly complete w/bed & 4 cy Ford engine; Model A frame & rear end; Allis C tractor snap coupler 3 pt. runs; 3 pt. 5' blade; 3 pt. mower; road drag.

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 "Sandy" 1 cent coin operated horse; double 1 cent peanut machine; oak 6' showcase (from Everett Hardware in Concordia); oak drop front desk w/mirror; oak double drawer step back cupboard; oak step back 4 door cabinet; 2 oak 2 door cabinets; 48" round oak table; oak chairs; parlor rocker & chair; oak upholstered rocker; walnut high back bed; oak 3 drawer chest w/marble top; oak parlor table; oak night stand; jade floor lamp; 20's couch & chair; drop leaf gate leg table; Singer treadle sewing machine; 5 drawer chest; 12 drawer pine cabinet; meat block; oak base cabinet; 1 drawer table; 3 flat top trunks; chiffrobe; floor safe; sewing machine base table; ice cream chairs; Bestyet, Goodyear, Bougarts Fine Foods signs; linens; several quilts; 2 gal Red Wing crock; 20 gal crock; 12 gal elephant ear crock cracked; assortment of radio's; Budweiser clock; brass lantern; typewriter; paper roller; assortment of salesman give a ways; 1967-88 Coke Super Bowl pins; Waterford ornaments; assortment of collectable glass; blue butter crock; blue pitcher; 2 Les Kouba pictures (In Shelter & Leavin Shelter); assortment pictures inc.: Easter Morning lady; calendars inc.: (1953 Belleville Police, 1936 Venning Drug, others); Campbells pork & bean thermometer; assortment of advertising posters; pictures; candy scales; Vogue picture record; mantel clocks; carriage clocks; McCormick Deering 1 1/2 hp. Hit miss engine; Schwinn Collegiate girls bike; boys bike; GE Turgar 6 volt charger; Packard hub caps; Johnson boat motor; bee smoker; piano roils; records; Grapette bottles; other pop bottles; dutch oven; buckets; gas & oil cans inc.: Mutual Auto; well pump; pedal grinder; wooden ladders; nail

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tote; tin seat; cast iron water; muffin pan; Tonka trucks; BB gun; baby buggy; screen doors; coaster wagon; tins; boxes; globe; ice tongs; wash tubs; golf clubs; cherry pitter; brass blade fans; battery jar; Eclipse croquet box; ice cream freezer; cheese boxes; milk bottles; duck decoys; trombone; buggy wrenches; hay hooks; large assortment of other collectables.

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## Cowboy Chatter

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chore. Forrest's bay horse became irritated standing in line on the slope while the work on the trail progressed. His manners were bad and he began picking on his old pasture mate with nips and bites causing Pepper unnecessary frustration. The black horse couldn't escape the nuisance on the slope. I held them in place but knew my horse was being abused and something bad might happen.

Pepper started moving under me and I wondered what he was doing. He carefully moved around until his hindquarters were perpendicular to the offender. He wiggled around a bit and when he figured everything was just right, he exploded. He blasted the bay horse with a ferocious kick of both

hind legs that knocked Cocoa sideways and sent him tumbling down the slope-scattering Forrest and the other man as they scrambled to get out of his way. I stayed in the saddle and grinned from ear to ear. That \$150 colt had taken enough abuse from the bay and extracted a powerful revenge with both barrels, so forceful that he never had to worry about being picked on again.

The bay horse learned his lesson and kept his distance from Pepper for the rest of that trip and for years to come. I was tickled with my \$150 horse and thankful that Forrest had chosen the bay colt when we tossed that fateful coin.

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## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

### Public Signs

Public signs and announcements are often unclear. Hidden meanings lurk beneath even the simplest directive. I'd like to propose that some government agency be assigned the task of rewriting them. For instance:

An announcement heard frequently in major airports SHOULD say: "Your attention please. The solicitation of funds by religious groups, Moonies, animal rights fa-

natics, perverts, sickies and other weirdos is not sponsored by the management of this airport or the airlines."

See... say what you mean.

"This parking space is reserved for handicapped persons. If you are parked here and can walk away from your car without the aid of a cane ...it may be the last time."

"CAUTION: The Surgeon General has determined that smoking will cause your

lungs to look like Alpo, make your clothes and hair stink, take ten years off your life and make kissing you as pleasant as licking an ash-tray."

"Beware of Dog. We are sick and tired of uninvited guests and couldn't find a sign that said 'Beware of Armed Sniper in the Lilac Bush.'"

"Parking for customers only: Violators will be crushed and melted."

"EPA est. 25 mpg city, 30 mpg hwy. These are estimates and your mileage may vary because the EPA, like most government agencies, is incapable of making a decision and since THEY ran the test they're probably not reliable anyway."

"Not Responsible for Hats and Coats: there's no accounting for the bad taste some of our customers have

in clothes."

"No Shoes, No Shirt, No Money, No Service."

"For Sale: Good cow dog: \$1,000. Will consider trade for two \$500 cats or a high school graduate with no intention of going to vet school."

"HOME COOKING: Today's Special: leftovers microwaved to perfection just like you get at home."

"No Hunting or Trespassing: Violators will be shot, ground into chorizo and fed to the feral hogs."

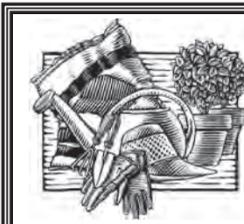
"EASY-MONEY PAWN SHOP! We lend cash on anything of value! All we require is proper identification and a member of your family as collateral."

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## Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

### Pests That Are of Little Worry

There are pests every year in our landscape. Some will reduce plant health. Others are simply interesting and don't affect the

health of the plant. These that don't cause health issues often look menacing. No treatment is necessary.

Pin oak vein pocket gall

tops the list of alarm. There are a lot of pin oak trees around. This allows for a buildup of insects. The curling and twisting of the

leaves is caused by the maggots of a midge fly. These very small insects lay eggs as leaves begin to expand and flatten in the spring. The maggots that hatch from these eggs move to the veins and start feeding. Gall tissue then forms and provides a protective covering for the maggots. By mid-spring, development is complete and the now mature larva drops to the ground and pupate.

The Elm Pocket Gall is produced by small mites. Green to reddish elongated galls are produced on the upper surface of elm leaves. Gall growth is perpendicular to the surface of the elm leaf. Several generations of these mites are completed during the summer.

Sycamore anthracnose is the most prevalent of the anthracnose diseases in Kansas. The most conspicuous symptom of the disease in early spring is death of twigs and new shoots. Small black fruiting structures of the fungus break through the dead bark of blighted, one-year-old shoots. Repeated killing of young twigs results in abnormal branching and gives the tree a ragged appearance. After bud break, sycamores show a scorching and wilting of new shoots and leaves. Later, fully expanded leaves develop elongated tan to brown lesions parallel with the midrib and veins. Infected leaves scorch and shed. In exceptionally cool, wet springs, sycamore trees leaf out and then can defoliate heavily. Other species can also be infected by anthracnose with maple and ash being more commonly attacked in Kansas than elm or oak.

Treatments are not needed for these and some other pests that appear year after year. Contact the Extension office if you have concerns about any of your plants. The K-State Research and Extension website has information on the most common pest situations in Kansas. It is at <http://www.hfr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/plant-pest-problems.html>

You can find out more information on gardening by going to Riley County's K-State Research and Extension website at [www.riley.ksu.edu/](http://www.riley.ksu.edu/) And you may contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension by calling 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: [geyeston@ksu.edu](mailto:geyeston@ksu.edu)



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