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Lower CRP cap has producers seeking options

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Landowners with CRP contracts expiring this fall are being forced to examine other options, as the chances of getting their acres re-enrolled in the conservation program are not particularly good. The 2014 farm bill capped CRP acreage at 24 million, down from the 32 million allowed in the previous farm bill. As of March 2016, there are 23.8 million acres currently enrolled, with 1.7 million acres set to expire in the coming months.

The Tuttle Creek WRAPS group held a pair of meetings in Marysville and Washington in mid-September to examine "Life After CRP." Representing the FSA, Brandon Wilson opened the presentation by discussing a couple of options for land coming out of the program. One would be to continue managing it as though it were still in CRP, with the hope that the acreage cap could increase in the next farm bill. "The way the framework and the law reads right now, we have every reason to believe — because they've done it this way in the past — that we will maintain that cropping history and maybe you can enroll it in future sign-ups down the road. All you have to do to your land is treat it like CRP," he explained. "You can hay it, graze it or you can leave it idle, but you do need to make sure the noxious weeds and trees are kept down on it. Cover that is deteriorated or degraded is not considered maintained as though it would be enrolled in CRP and is not eligible to re-enroll later on." He added that enrolling it as continuous CRP is another good option for non-competitive enrollment in CRP practices. "These practices focus on en-



A lower cap on the number of acres that can be enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program has producers with expiring contracts looking for options. In Marshall County 50 offers were made totaling 2043 acres and only three or four were accepted for a total of 28 acres taken into the program.

and rolling the most sensitive acreage on the farm, allowing a producer to farm the best and conserve the rest," he said.

If a producer does want to break the grass out into cropland, Wilson said that early land preparation is something that needs to be considered and should be discussed at the FSA office. Early land preparation could begin after July 15. A 25% payment reduction will be assessed on those acres and if the grass is destroyed through spraying or tillage, they will pro-rate the contract to reflect that.

Kansas State University assistant professor of economics and farm management Extension specialist Mykel Taylor spoke next, outlining what she admitted at the outset was not a pretty picture for producers. "We're not in a terribly great situation in terms of the farm economy," she acknowledged. "So your options are not very great." Between 2007 and 2013, producers enjoyed good prices. In 2014, they started seeing a pretty negative return to crops, but things were still holding strong on the livestock side. "But this was the first sign that things weren't going very well," she said. "What this story is telling us is we are losing money on our crop ground. Our costs are too high relative to the prices of corn, beans, wheat

and sorghum. That's not the best situation to be in when you've got a piece of ground that's coming out of CRP and you're trying to decide whether or not you're going to go back into cropping."

Taylor looked at the profitability of the different options producers have, the first being to lease the ground as pasture. According to the River Valley District Survey last year, the average rent for pasture was \$26 per acre, and Taylor said she doesn't foresee that going up. Depending on how the grass looks, it may or may not be at the maximum stocking rate and could need some management to get it to where they would like it to be. Because it's retired cropland, she assumed it is not fenced. So capital improvements would include fencing, at \$10,000 per mile for a five-strand fence, and approximately \$20,000 to build a pond, which she amortized over thirty years for the fence and 20 years for the pond. She also added spraying and burning costs of 56 cents per acre. This put her budgeted cost at just under \$20 per acre. Assuming it can support 7.5 acres for a cow/calf pair and looking at a 180-day grazing period on a 160-acre parcel, she believes if it can be rented for around \$25 an acre for it, that may be a reasonable long-term investment. CRP is

taxed as cropland, so there would also be a property tax savings, as the rate for pasture ground is lower.

Using the same grass production rate that would get the stocking rate of 7.5 acres for a pair, Taylor looked at the economics of haying it. "The thing about hay is that the price we're going to get for it year in and year out fluctuates quite a bit," she pointed out. She used \$45 per ton for native grass hay for her analysis, which admittedly could be on the lower end. "The nice thing about haying it is you don't have to worry about the fencing or the water source," she said. "I see haying it as a good option in the very short run if you don't want to make any big investments because you're not quite sure what you want to do with the ground." Taylor looked at two yield scenarios of 1.5 and 2.5 tons per acre and expenses for custom haying, machinery, non-machinery labor and interest costs added in. The 1.5 ton per acre yield resulted in a \$67 return and a \$10 per acre loss, while the 2.5 tons per acre yield had a \$112 return and made \$9 per acre. "If you can get a good price for your hay and you can get a good cutting off of it, then you can probably make a little bit of money," she said.

As for breaking the ground out for crops, Taylor

asked, "If it was good cropland, would you have put it into CRP?" The land could need terracing work, and initial yields could be lower since no soil amendments would have been done while it was in CRP. "With this kind of ground, you're probably going to want to get help from NRCS to manage the pasture or Extension to figure out the best cropping system for the least deductions on yield.

"With a 51 bushel wheat yield and 85-bushel milo, with wheat at \$3.60 and milo at \$2.50, that tells the story right there," Taylor said. "No matter what your costs are, you're probably not making money at \$3.60 wheat and \$2.50 sorghum." With total expenses at \$285 per acre for wheat and \$318 for sorghum, the ground loses about \$90 per acre with her budget. "This is a really poor time to think about breaking this ground out for cropping," she said. "That's just today. Every one of these decisions you're making has a long-term aspect to it. If you decide to break out this land for cropping the opportunity to re-enroll in CRP might go away and you're going to lose some of the conservation activities that you've done."

Taylor discussed non-ag options that could supplement other management practices, such as the Kan-

sas Department of Wildlife and Parks Walk-In Hunting Program that compensates landowners for allowing people to hunt their land. KDWP also assumes any liability risk so the producer doesn't have to. She said a 160-acre parcel offered from September through May could receive \$6.50 per acre. "Put that on top of haying or grazing it, and it's not a bad little cushion to add to it and it doesn't cost you anything," she said. Renting it out to hunters themselves could yield a higher return, especially if the landowner can document a history of big bucks coming off the land and if they offer any other services to the hunters.

Another option would be sell the land, in which case Taylor says the expired CRP contract offers a slight advantage. Research into Kansas land sales has shown that any land that has a CRP contract on it is worth more when that contract is just expiring than when it's got any years left on it, because a potential buyer couldn't do anything with the land in CRP without paying a penalty to get it out of the program. A 12-16% discount was typically seen if a piece of ground had a CRP contract on it.

If a producer is considering selling land, Taylor advises they not wait too long, as land values are softening and will likely continue to do so. Between 2015 and 2016 the value of cropland dropped 7% and values were down 2% between 2014 and 2015.

"We had about a ten-year run up in land values that looks a lot like the run up we had in the late '70s right up to the early '80s," she stated. "The rate of increase in land value was between 15-20% each year when normally we see between three and five percent growth. So we are on the backside of what's going to be a pretty decent drop-off in land values because we don't have the profitability in the crops or livestock to support those land values holding steady." She went on to say they are predicting a 30-50% drop in land values over the next three years. Capital gains taxes are a consideration when selling land, and will prevent some producers from selling their ground. "But if you don't like your other options, that is another one," Taylor said. "This is the state of the market. I would suggest you think about this and don't wait too long."



Open doors

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Without a doubt, livestock producers take care of their livestock. They continue to upgrade facilities, use the best animal feed and doctor their cattle, swine and sheep when the need arises.

Today, consumers are one, two, three and four generations removed from the farm and ranch where such animals are raised and cared for. If stockmen are able to continue to care for their animals and preserve their freedom to operate and maintain successful animal agriculture, they must understand how consumers think and feel. Get inside their heads, if you will.

Consumers consider farmers responsible for the humane treatment of farm animals. In recent consumer surveys, people rated animal well-being higher

than the care and well-being of workers in the food system.

It is not science or ability that drives trust. Instead, it is whether consumers believe agriculture shares their ethics and values things like loving our families, caring for the environment or being a proud American.

We all know our industry is strong in science. Always has been.

Plenty of evidence demonstrates we're doing the right thing, but we rely too much on that language. We need to re-engage the public on a value's basis.

Americans know very little about where their food comes from today. What they believe that what we are doing is consistent with their values and ethics.

We applaud those industrious farmers and ranchers

who invite non-farm people to their farms or share what's happening via social media. When people are able to put a face to an industry and ask any question they might have — doors, minds and hearts open.

Too often we close the door and expect them to trust us. That is not today's reality.

Livestock production or animal agriculture in the most affluent country in the world is faced with special challenges and opportunities. Among those challenges is that Americans spend such a small percentage of their income on food that they can demand food where they want it, when they want it and in the proportion they want it.

Many food stores and food retailers have announced implementation of third-party verification measures to ensure the animals from which food products are derived were treated humanely. In the near future, customers will demand third-party verification and if it doesn't exist, the store providing the food is not going to be credible with the public.

Agriculture can win this battle for the hearts and

minds of consumers. Farmers and ranchers must remember whom they are trying to influence. Customers and consumers need to hear from livestock producers.

It is not productive for the agriculture community to attack activist groups. Instead, agriculture must re-take its rightful position as the people in charge of ensuring the humane treatment of animals.

Agriculture must inform people we share their concerns and we work hard every day to make sure our animals are treated fairly and humanely. Follow that by sharing with them how we meet our obligations to the humane treatment of the animals on our farms.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Kansas Land Trust dedicates conservation easements October 14

The Kansas Land Trust (KLT)—a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Kansas lands of ecological, agricultural, scenic, and recreational significance—will dedicate several conservation easements on October 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in Reading.

The Evans Easements, located near Melvern Lake in Osage and Lyon Counties, permanently protects 860 acres of native tallgrass prairie. These easements protect important habitat for greater prairie chickens.

Over the past two years the Kansas Land Trust collaborated with National Fish and Wildlife Founda-

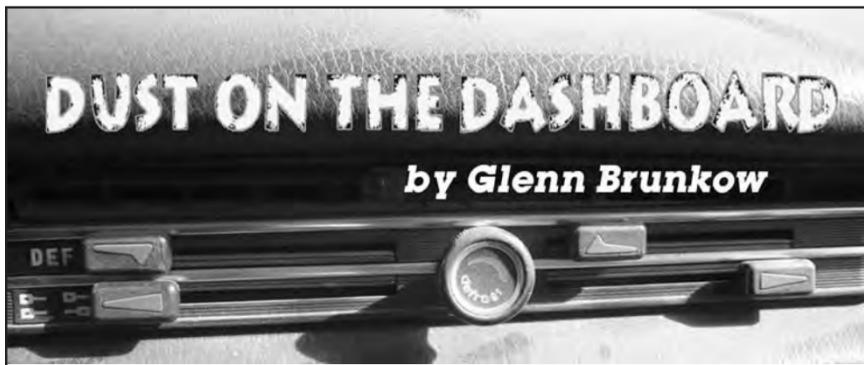
tion to conserve over 16,000 acres through a Native Environment Conservation Plan (NECP) with financial support from Tradewind Energy and Enel Green Power North America, owner and operator of the Caney Wind Project.

Additional matching support for over half of these conserved acres was provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). The 2014 Farm Bill replaced FRPP with the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

Free and open to the public, this event commences at 10:00 a.m. at the Reading Community Building in Reading. Speakers will provide information about conservation easements followed by a visit to a conserved prairie meadow to learn about prairie plant identification, prairie restoration, management practices to enhance wildlife habitat, and cost-share opportunities. Light refreshments will be available.

Directions: From Emporia on Interstate 35, take Exit 131 north onto Burlingame Road, turn east on KS-170 E/Road 250, turn south on Chestnut Street, turn east on First Street. The Reading Community Building is located at 613 East First Street, Reading, Kansas. KLT signs will be posted to guide you to the dedication site.

For additional information, contact Jerry Jost at 785-749-3297 or jjost@klt.org.



There are many ways people describe things happening slowly. We have all heard that waiting for something is like watching paint dry, grass to grow or water to boil. Expressions like; "a watched pot will never boil" describe how hard it is to wait for something. I have a new one to add to that, "it's like watching the corn get dry enough to harvest" or "a watched field never dries down."

I admit that I get a little anxious this time of the year as I watch the crops mature. Surely I am not the only one. In fact, I would bet this is a common malady amongst those of us who have a cropping affliction. Probably every road past a maturing corn field has a couple of ruts worn into the road from the farmer driving past once a (or even twice) day.

This time-honored ritual of worrying the moisture out of the corn usually starts as soon as the pollination process is done. Soon we start pulling ears to see how they filled out, then we start watching as the kernels dent, the black line starts to appear and finally the leaves start to die. All of this is watched like it would not happen if we were not there to witness it.

The worst part of the wait is the final stretch as we watch the last of the green leaves turn brown. That is when the telltale signs start to appear. Are the ears turned down? Have the tops broken out of the plant? The ruts deepen along the fields as we look for the signs, any signs that harvest is almost here. I am pretty sure farmers this time of the year are worse than a five-year-old at five o'clock Christmas morning.

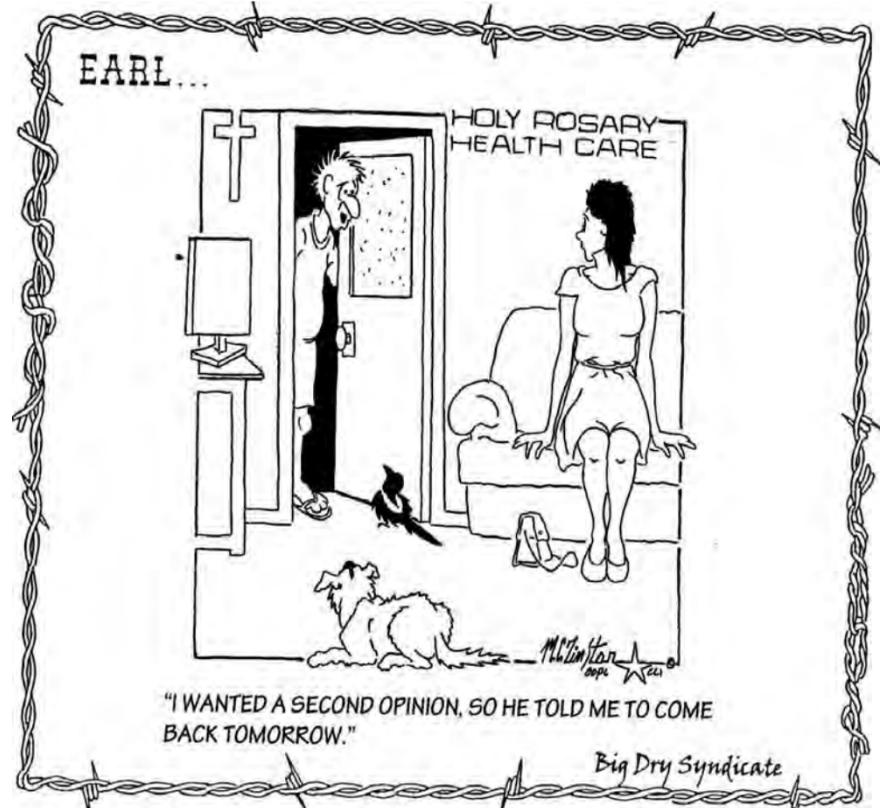
That brings us to where we are now. Harvest has been delayed by all of the rain we have received the past couple of weeks and that makes the waiting even worse. I stand by my statement that I will never complain about rain because as soon as you do, it will go away. However, a little dry weather right now and for the next 45 days or so would be greatly appreciated. In any case, the rain and associated humidity have not helped in the drying down of the corn crop.

The combine and trucks sit serviced and ready to pounce, but only when the time is right. Yesterday we took the first of what will be many coffee cans of corn to town. I joke every year that we are going to bring the crop to town, one coffee can at a time. This annual ritual starts the same way every year.

The first sample is hand shelled off of three or four carefully selected ears. As Dad and I shell them, he usually predicts the moisture by how it shells off the ear and how spongy the cob is. Most of the time we would not really have to take the grain in because he has accurately predicted that it is too wet. Next is the sample we cut with the combine and Dad again accurately predicts it is too wet by sticking his hand in the sample.

Finally, several days to a week after the first hand shelled sample, we nervously cut the first full load and take it to town. Often it is right on the border of acceptable and the following loads are nervously filled with a hand on the phone to stop the combine at a moment's notice. That will be especially true this year with the below sea level prices and the fact that even the smallest of discounts will eat a rather large portion out of the final check.

It's funny how we know it is going to happen each year and no matter how hard we try to be patient we can't be. I guess there is too much riding on the crop and it is better than Christmas presents once you get to be an adult. Much like Christmas gifts to a five-year-old, some of the fields are like getting that bb gun and some are like getting a package of underwear. It is exciting and you do want to get the work done before anything can happen to the crop. I am not sure whether it is the air coming off of the truck driving by the field or the fact the corn plants know they are being watched that causes it to dry down. Whether you are in grade school or a grizzled veteran farmer, waiting is hard. Now, is you will excuse me, I have some drive-by crop watching to do.



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Engage Cuba and Kansas farmers launch state council to build statewide support to lift the Cuban embargo

Recently, Engage Cuba, a leading coalition of private companies and organizations working to lift the travel and trade embargo on Cuba, joined Kansas Wheat and local leaders to launch the bipartisan Engage Cuba Kansas State Council. The council members, comprised of agriculture and business leaders from across the state, will build statewide support for congressional action to end the travel and trade ban on Cuba.

The council seeks to lift the travel and trade ban in order to allow Kansas farmers to regain lost market share in Cuba and support the island's growing private sector.

"We're very pleased to work with all of our Engage Cuba Kansas State Council members to lift the Cuba travel and trade ban that is costing Kansas jobs and preventing economic development for the Cuban people. It's time to end 55 years of failed, isolationist policies toward Cuba," said President of Engage Cuba, James Williams. "Kansas farmers

are stuck on the sidelines as our foreign competitors continue to take advantage of Cuba's growing markets. Opening up trade with Cuba would provide tremendous opportunities for producers of Kansas wheat, livestock, and other agricultural commodities, and support Cuba's growing private sector."

"Kansas agriculture drives our economy and creates jobs across the entire state. Cuba has the potential to be a substantial market just 90 miles off our shore, but until Congress lifts the embargo, Kansas farmers and other small businesses will continue to miss out on export opportunities. The current low commodity prices make it clear that Kansas producers shouldn't be limited from exporting to Cuba," said U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS).

"With current decade-long commodity prices and pressures on the U.S. ag economy, we need to be fostering trade partners and relationships, not prohibiting them," said Jay Armstrong, past chairman of the

Kansas Wheat Commission. "Despite many difficulties associated with the U.S. trading with Cuba, it is apparent that we have a major transportation and logistical advantage in shipping, given Cuba's proximity to the United States. A level playing field with Canada and Europe is critical for U.S. wheat farmers to fully realize their export potential to Cuba. Kansas wheat farmers support ending the embargo entirely."

As Cuba's markets continue to grow given the rise of tourism and the increasing purchasing power of 11 million Cubans, demand for high-quality U.S. agriculture will continue to rise.

As a top U.S. exporter of agriculture goods and the largest wheat producer in the country, Kansas farmers would benefit tremendously from expanded trade with Cuba. Specifically, Cuba imports large quantities of wheat, soybeans, feed grain, and corn, which are among Kansas' top agricultural exports.

Kansas' capacity for trade with Cuba extends

well beyond agriculture. The Cuban government has expressed interest in building its renewable energy sector and has set a goal of generating 24 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030, including building 13 new wind facilities. The energy sector is Kansas' third-largest industry, and it ranks second in the U.S. for wind energy potential. Kansas is therefore uniquely positioned to be an international leader in export energy infrastructure and renewable technology to Cuba.

Engage Cuba has launched state councils in 13 additional states, including Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Idaho, Colorado, and New Mexico. Engage Cuba will also launch a 15th state council in Missouri.

While Engage Cuba will continue to add members, the Founding Members of the Engage Cuba Kansas State Council include:

Jay Armstrong, Past Chairman, Kansas Wheat

Commission
Pat Damman, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association

Kevin Ekstrand, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Scarbrough International

Lucas Heinen, Vice President, Kansas Soybean Association

Dennis Hupe, Director of Field Services, Kansas Soybean Commission

Brian Linin, Chairman, Kansas Wheat Commission

Mike Jordan, President, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers

Leslie Kaufman, President/CEO, Kansas Cooperative Council

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mittee
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Bob Timmons, Kansas Corn Growers Association

Terry Vinduska, Kansas Corn Commission

Ken Wood, Vice President, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers

Looking back on the past and preparing for the future

By Katelyn Brockus, DEA, River Valley Extension District

Over the last two years, many cow-calf producers have had one thing in common. This one commonality can be summed up into one word, expansion. While not all cow-calf producers decided it was time to expand, some decided it was the perfect time to sell heifers while the market was favorable. When looking at the past two years of cow inventory, it is easy to see that herds have expanded at a steady rate. At the time of initial expansion, prices were at an all-time high, and it was nothing short of a fun time to be in the cow calf business. When producers are making money, then it makes it a little easier to get out of bed and do chores in the morning. Even though producers were enjoying the good times, we all secretly had our subconscious wondering when these prices were going to fall. Unfortunately, producers are now seeing lower returns as a result of the increase in supply exceeding the increase in demand.

After attending many farm financial meetings over the past year, I listened with great interest. The questions going through my mind were, I am sure, very similar to my fellow producers. What is coming next? How can we get ahead on these fluctuating markets? Are the glory days truly over? How can I prepare producers for what might be coming? What education do I need and what tools can I provide to make this process easier? As those questions circulated, many programming ideas came to fruition. Be looking for future programs coming out of the River Valley Extension District that will cover those questions. Not only are live-

stock Extension agents a great resource for educational programs, but they are also more than willing to sit down and have a consultation about your operation. Come into the office and talk with me about your operation. We can discuss the possibilities of testing your forages, weed identification, grazing management, hosting fall field days, water management, body condition scoring, pasture leases, or any of those tough questions that one would appreciate a second opinion on. Not only are local Extension agents a great resource but do not forget your local Farm Service Agency, NRCS office, or local veterinarians. We are all here to help and don't forget to use us as a resource.

As we approach times of decreased farm income, we still have bright spots to focus on. The weather this last month has been out of the ordinary for August. The rainfall has been more than adequate and the pastures

are green. We have more hay than we have had in years to get through the winter time. Since the return might not be as big as last year, let's think of ways to decrease costs in other areas. As we have such a large hay supply this year, it might be time to reanalyze the most cost effective way to feed cattle throughout the winter. This might be the ideal year to start testing your hay, silage, and other available forages. By testing those forages, rations can be built properly and possibly create a cheaper ration than in previous years. Rations might look a little different than those in the past as the price of commodities have changed over time. With current corn prices, this might be a commodity that can be a useful feed source this winter. Not only is over-feeding nutrients a concern, but underfeeding nutrients is also a concern. Every producer's situation is going to be different and by no means is there going to be a

perfect solution for everyone.

The emphasis of this article is to step back and analyze your current management strategies, seek out the most cost-effective strategies for your operation, and begin an open dialogue with your local Extension agent. There are many things to be thankful for this year including: rain, forage availability, and cheaper commodities to feed cattle. A discussion with local Extension agents in an effort to cut costs and get a head start on financial planning for the upcoming years might be of interest in the future. Please remember that local livestock agents are here as a free resource and are more than willing to assist producers with any questions they might have. Feel free to contact Katelyn Brockus with any questions in the future, 785-325-2121 kbrockus@ksu.edu.



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Tract Two (2) Info: This tract is approximately 72 acres with 54 acres of cropland. *Property is located at Birch Rd to the north and 220th Rd is on the east. This tract is straight north of Munden KS approximately 5 miles.*

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Winner Kim Kramer, Longford: "This is my new go-to recipe for my cucumber bounty this year. Got it from a good friend at church. I use a dicing food gadget with finer slots to make all the vegetables a uniform size."

CUCUMBER SALSA

- 5 cups cucumbers
- 2 cans Ro-tel, drained (I use 1 can plus a freshly diced tomato)
- 1 purple onion
- 1 green pepper
- 1/2 can diced jalapenos (optional)
- 1 package Ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Garlic salt to taste

Mix all ingredients and serve with corn chips, but can be put on whatever you desire.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: PUMPKIN POUND CAKE

- Cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 can pumpkin
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup buttermilk

Glaze:

- 1/3 cup buttermilk
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 - 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- Preheat oven 350 degrees. To prepare the cake, lightly coat a 10-inch tube pan with cooking spray dust with 1 tablespoon flour. Drain can of pumpkin. Place 3/4 cup sugar, brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter in a large bowl, beat with mixer at medium speed 3 minutes or until well-blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after

each addition. Beat in pumpkin and vanilla. Lightly spoon 3 cups flour into dry measuring cups and level with a knife. Combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl, stirring well with a whisk. Add flour mixture and 3/4 cup buttermilk alternately to sugar mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake for 55 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack. Remove from pan, and cool completely on wire rack.

To prepared glaze: combine 1/3 cup buttermilk and remaining ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat; bring to a boil. Cook 1 minute or until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Drizzle cake with glaze.

Sandra Norris, Salina: "My sister-in-law made this dump cake 6 or 7 years ago and it's real good. Also it's good for church dinner, picnic, birthday party, anniversary, baby shower or weddings!"

DUMP CAKE

- 21-ounce can cherry pie filling
- 8-ounce can crushed pineapple with juice
- 18-ounce package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 8 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

In a 9-by-13-inch pan dump cherry pie filling and the crushed pineapple with juice. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the top and dot butter on top of the cake mix. Sprinkle pecans on top of all and bake at 350 degrees until the cake mix is browned and filling is bubbly, 30 to 35 minutes.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: PUMPKIN UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

- 3 eggs
- (2) 1-pound cans pumpkin
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup pecans, broken

Beat 3 eggs lightly; add (2) 1-pound cans of pumpkin, 3/4 cup sugar, 12-ounce can evaporated milk, nutmeg, ginger and cinnamon. Stir until combined. Pour into well greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Sprinkle yellow cake mix over filling. Drizzle 3/4 cup melted butter over. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove and top with broken pecans. Return to oven and bake 30 more minutes.

Gin Fox, Holton: BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP

- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 medium chopped onion
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups half & half cream
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 pound fresh broccoli
- 1 cup carrots, julienned or diced
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 8 ounces grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- Salt & pepper

Saute onion in butter. Set aside. Cook melted butter and flour using a whisk over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes. Stir constantly and add the half & half. Add

the chicken stock. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add the broccoli, carrots and onions. Cook over low heat 20 to 25 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add the cheese. Stir in nutmeg. Enjoy.

Cristi Ellexson, Tescott: "A good fall cake using extra winter squash."

WINTER SQUASH SQUARES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups mashed cooked winter squash
- 1 cup canola oil

In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in eggs, squash and oil; mix well. Spread into a greased 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until tests done. Cool on a wire rack. Frost cooled cake with cream cheese frosting. Yield: 4 dozen.

JoAnne Breault, Wamego: "I sometimes use an 8-inch round cake pan. Either way this is a very delicious and impressive looking banana cake."

BANANA UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

- 3 small- to medium-sized bananas
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/2 cup clarified butter
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Halve bananas lengthwise then crosswise. In a saucepan combine 1 cup sugar with about 2 tablespoons water (so the mixture looks like wet sand). Melt over high heat, stirring occasionally until sugar caramelizes. When the caramel is dark amber, add the butter and stir to combine. Pour mixture im-

mediately into an 8-inch cake pan. Arrange the bananas in the caramel, cut side down. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a mixer using the whisk attachment, combine the remaining sugar and the clarified butter. With the mixer on low add eggs, one at a time. Add the buttermilk and vanilla. Add the flour mixture to the batter a third at a time. Pour the batter over the bananas and bake until the cake springs back and pulls away from the sides, about 50 minutes. Allow the cake to cool for 5 minutes then invert onto a serving plate. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia: "Makes plain ice cream extra-special!"

KRISPY CREME ICE CREAM

- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream
- 2 cups crisp rice cereal, crushed
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Soften ice cream. Mix all dry ingredients then add butter. Spread half of mixture into an oblong pan; spread softened ice cream over the mixture. Spread remaining dry mixture over the ice cream. Return to freezer just before serving.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

SLOW COOKER PARTY WINGS

- 3 pounds chicken wings, split at joints, tips removed
- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons honey

Place chicken on foil covered rimmed baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 30 minutes at 400 degrees. Transfer to slow cooker and discard foil with any drippings. Mix remaining ingredients until blended. Pour over chicken and stir to evenly coat. Cover with lid. Cook on low about 6 hours on high about 3 hours. Can use chicken legs but make extra half of sauce recipe.

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Bite by tasty bite: New program aims to help cut diabetes risks

MANHATTAN — Imagine a gathering with 10 of your friends and family members. Now imagine that at least one of you has a disease that can lead to blindness ... or amputation ... or a stroke. The prospect is not at all far-fetched.

About one in 10 Kansans has been diagnosed with diabetes, a chronic disease characterized by elevated blood sugar (blood glucose). High levels of blood glucose are a result of inadequate production of insulin or a resistance to the effects of insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas.

K-State Research and Extension is offering Dining with Diabetes, a national extension program designed to boost the health and wellness of Kansans with Type 2 diabetes and help educate their family members, caregivers and others who support them.

"There's so much at stake," said Gayle Price, K-State Research and Extension family and consumer science specialist and coordinator of the program in Kansas. Diabetes increases the risk of stroke, heart disease, kidney disease, retinopathy that can lead to blindness and neuropathy that can lead to lower limb amputation.

The vast majority of adults who are diagnosed with diabetes — 90 to 95 percent — have Type 2 diabetes which occurs when cells in the body become resistant to the effects of insulin. Unlike Type 1, which occurs when the body cannot produce insulin and cannot be prevented, the onset of Type 2 can be prevented.

The prevalence of diabetes is greater in African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, among older adults and those with a family history of Type 2 diabetes, Price said. Some risk factors, however, can be modified, including being overweight or obese, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and smoking.

An estimated \$245 billion was spent on diagnosed diabetes in 2012 in the United States alone according to a study by the American Diabetes Association, Price said, including direct medical expenses and lost productivity. That was up from \$43 billion in 2007. The study also indicated that people with diabetes spend an average of 2.3 times the amount of money on their health every year that people without diabetes spend. That works out to an average of \$13,700 a year per person, about \$7,900 of which is directly attributed to diabetes.

Dining with Diabetes is a series of two-hour classes held once a week for four weeks. Lessons focus on the best ways to take care of yourself if you have the disease; healthful food choices including familiar foods; low-impact physical activity; food sampling; cooking techniques using herbs, spices, reduced-fat foods and artificial sweeteners.

For more information or to find if a class is being held in your county, check <http://www.k-state.edu/diningwithdiabetes/> or contact Price at 620-820-6123 or grprice@ksu.edu.

Diabetes by the numbers in Kansas

MANHATTAN — Diabetes is a chronic disease characterized by elevated blood sugar (blood glucose). High levels of blood glucose result from inadequate production of insulin or a resistance to the effects of insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment:

- In 2014, 10.3 percent of Kansas adults aged 18 years and older reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes.

- In 2014, 6.5 percent of Kansas adults had ever been diagnosed with prediabetes.

- The prevalence of diabetes and prediabetes among Kansas adults increases with age. The highest prevalence of diabetes and prediabetes is among adults, age 55 and older.

- Diabetes is more prevalent among non-Hispanic African-Americans and Hispanics than among non-Hispanic whites. The prevalence of prediabetes does not differ significantly by race or ethnicity group.

- The prevalence of diabetes and prediabetes does not differ significantly by gender.

- In 2013, among Kansas adults with diabetes, more than 15 percent reported they had been diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy, which can lead to blindness.

- In 2014, more than 14 percent of Kansas adults with diabetes reported they had ever had a stroke or coronary heart disease.

More information is available at http://www.kdheks.gov/diabetes/download/Kansas_Diabetes_Facts.pdf

Source: Kansas Department of Health and Environment Fact Sheet May 2016



By ASHLEIGH HETT

Beside the woodpile south of our house, we have a Granny Smith apple tree. The tree has been there for several years and has gotten to be about 15 feet tall. In the past, we've always gotten a decent amount of apples from it, but nothing like we've harvested the last two or three years! It's simply loaded with fruit, and it doesn't mind sharing with us and the chickens (the horse won't touch them — he prefers hedge apples!)

Because of all of the apples we now have floating around, I've started making homemade applesauce. The first time I went looking for a recipe, I had no clue how long it was going to take or how much work was involved. But I'm happy to report that it's as simple as can be and the only thing that will take a little work is chopping the apples. Otherwise, you do very little! You can either blend it smooth once it's cooked, or you can just mash it up a little bit. Either way, it'll have a nice texture and be fairly sweet, but it'll also have a bit of kick to it, thanks to the Granny Smith apples! I

Spiced Homemade Slow-Cooker Applesauce

usually do about half of another, sweeter variety, but you can play around with it and find what ratio you like best.

You'll need:
 6-8 large apples, chopped
 1/2 lemon, juiced
 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 3 tablespoons butter
 1 cup water

Pour the water over all of that and then stir to coat all of the apples with the sugar and spices.



Cook on low 4 to 6 hours before mashing or blending the apples smooth.

Store in the refrigerator and enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, *Prairiegal Cookin'* (www.prairiegalcookin.com). She shares everything from step-by-step recipes and easy DIY projects, to local history, stories, and photography from out on the farm in Kansas. Follow PGC online or like it on Facebook for more recipes and ramblings!

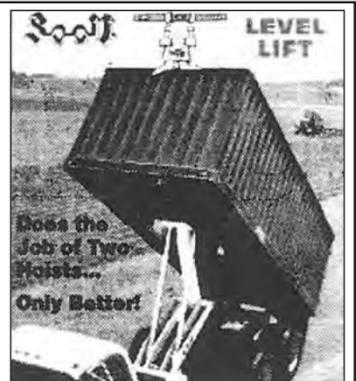


Start by washing off your apples. Chop them up and put in a medium crock-pot (I usually use about a 4 quart). Over the apples, dump in your lemon juice, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, brown sugar, and butter.



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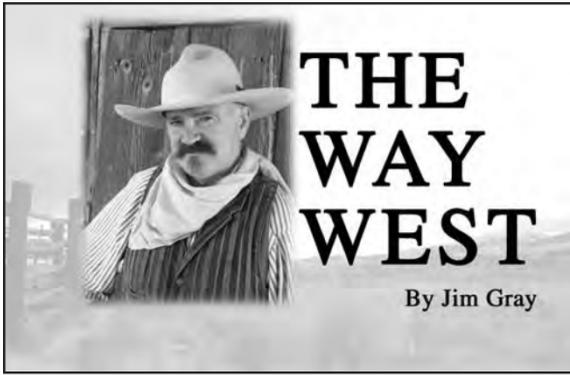
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Celebrating the Smoky Hill Trail

2016 marks the tenth anniversary for the Smoky Hill Trail Association. From October 14th to the 16th, the annual conference will return to Hays, where it all started a decade ago. The association is made up of history enthusiasts with an express goal to preserve the history of the Smoky Hill Trail and achieve National Historic Trail status for the trail.

River courses have been natural routes of passage throughout time. The origins of the Smoky Hill River are found on the high plains of eastern Colorado, passing almost directly east across the state with one significant bend from Ellsworth, southeast to Marquette and Lindsborg with an eventual return north to Salina before resuming a predominantly eastern flow. Native tribes historically lived along most of its course,

traveling along its banks to hunt, trade, and make war.

Spanish Conquistadors and French Voyagers were known in Smoky Hill country long before official United States exploration. The Pathfinder, John C. Fremont returned from California by way of the Smoky in 1844. When gold fever brought prospectors to Colorado in 1859 the valley of the Smoky Hill River offered a shortcut to the gold fields. Unfortunately, the uncharted route brought misfortune to so many travelers that the Smoky Hill Trail was labeled the Starvation Trail.

Cheyenne and Arapaho people claimed the Smoky as the land of their ancestors; their sacred hunting ground. When our westward advancement pushed into those lands war was inevitable.

Butterfield's Overland Despatch, a freight and stage company popularly known as the B.O.D., offered the first dependable road across "Indian country" in 1865. Those were the days of open prairie when the Hays location was an indistinguishable part of the greater

sea of grass that stretched into the distant horizon.

Hays was two years away from reality. B.O.D. stations in the Hays area were placed at Fort Fletcher, Big Creek, and a place on the open prairie known as Lookout Station.

Fort Fletcher was established in the fall of 1865 to protect the B.O.D. along the newly established road to Denver. Commanding Officer Lt. Colonel William Tamblin laid out the locations for the barracks and ordered construction of defensive earth ramparts upon an elevated position.

Tamblin commanded elements of the 1st U.S. Volunteers and the 13th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. The 1st U.S. Volunteers were actually Confederate prisoners, known as Galvanized Yankees, who volunteered to fight Indians in order to get out of the P.O.W. camps in the east.

The winter of 1865-66 proved to be unusually brutal, causing the army to abandon Fort Fletcher in the spring of 1866. Big Creek Station to the west became the "Home" station where

meals were provided for stage travelers. Throughout the summer months Fort Fletcher lay idle except for the passing of freight wagons and stage coaches. The post was re-established as Fort Hays near the earlier Fort Fletcher in November of '66.

In the spring of 1867 Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer was ordered to pursue warriors that had fled before a massive military display west of Fort Larned. Custer and his elite 7th Cavalry never caught up to them. Once he reached the line of the B.O.D. he turned east toward the newly established Fort Hays. At Lookout Station on April 17, 1867, Custer found the bodies of three station attendants near the burned-out stable. His report recorded, "I caused them to be buried near the station with as much care as the circumstances would permit."

On August 1st, Capt. George Armes commanding Co. F. 10th Cavalry, known today as the Buffalo Soldiers, ran into three hundred-fifty to four hundred warriors on the Saline River north of Fort Hays. The thirty-four troopers fought a running battle all the way back to the post. One man, Sgt. William Christy was

killed. Six of Armes' men had come down with cholera and had to be strapped to their horses to make it back. It was the first encounter with Indians for the celebrated Buffalo Soldiers.

"The People of the Smoky Hill Trail" will be the focus of the Smoky Hill Trail Conference in Hays, with presentations on Buffalo Bill Cody, George Armstrong Custer, Cheyenne culture, Galvanized Yankees, and the Buffalo Soldiers. We will tour the stations and dedicate a monument to the men who lost their lives at Lookout Station. A visit to Fort Fletcher tops off a remarkable weekend. Information is available by contacting ebeougher@gmail.com, or mail Smoky Hill Trail Association, P.O. Box 978, Hays, KS 67601. The conference is a great opportunity to learn about a thrilling period of Kansas history in the true spirit of The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier*, Executive Director of the National Drivers Hall of Fame. Contact Kansas Cowboy, P.O. Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com

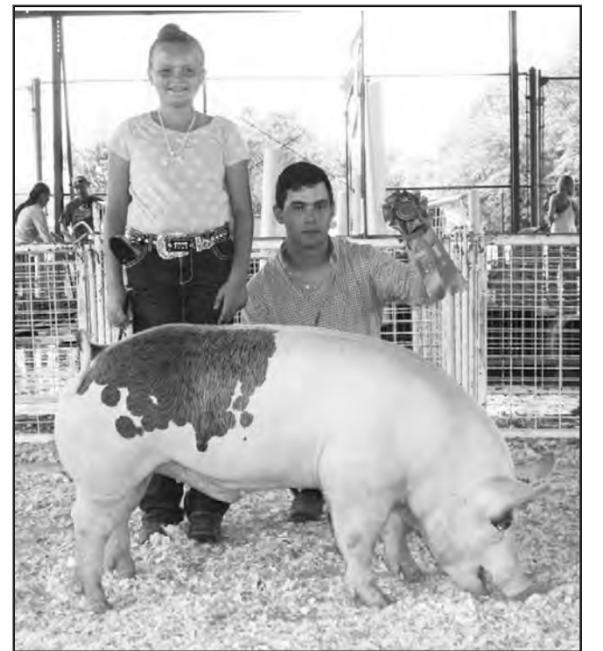
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By Josh Coltrain,
Crop Production Agent,
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With commodity prices where they are most producers would welcome cash deposits right now. However, a different kind of bank is receiving a massive deposit this year; the weed seed bank. Most farmers in our area would agree that weed control has been troublesome this year. The main offender is common waterhemp (*Amaranthus rudis*), and its success this year may point to difficulties down the road.

To try to estimate the impact on our seed banks in the Wildcat District, I randomly selected soybean fields across our three counties. I chose a field from each county that appeared quite weed-free from the road and another field that

obviously had some weed control issues. Within each field I randomly counted and identified the weed species within a four square foot area (a 27 inch diameter circle) at four different locations.

While this should not be considered a surprise, common waterhemp dominated the species count and it was not even close. There were some random species like prostrate knotweed and crabgrass, but these were insignificant compared to the waterhemp.

From the apparently "clean" field, there was an average of 0.83 common waterhemp plants per four square foot area (or 9,075 plants per acre) and from the "poor" fields, there were an average of five per four square foot area (54,450 plants per acre). I must

admit, however, that there were areas within the "clean" fields that were completely weed free and areas from the "poor" fields that had even more weeds than the average (and vice versa). In fact, in a single measurement from Montgomery County, there were 17 plants in four square feet (78,952.5 plants per acre).

Under "ideal" conditions, a single female waterhemp plant can produce a million (or even more) seeds. Simple math tells us that this from the "clean" fields, over nine billion waterhemp seeds could be produced per acre and nearly 55 billion seeds could be produced from the "poor" fields. Most would argue that even if this many seeds are produced, only a small percentage would be viable. If we assume ten percent vi-

ability, that still represents the potential for 900 million viable seed per acre from the "clean" fields and 5.5 billion potentially viable seeds per acre from the "poor" fields.

In addition to the impact on the seed bank, waterhemp is fairly competitive with soybeans. Research has shown that eight waterhemp plants in three row feet can cause up to 56% loss in yield. Thankfully, in the "poor" field's sample, this infestation level was only measured in two out of the twelve observations.

Even though the waterhemp seed is incredibly small, a major concern for producers must be that they can persist for four years and still remain viable. This complicates control measures but general integrated pest management (IPM)

strategies are extremely important. Cultural practices like crop rotation, tillage, and narrower rows can help limit waterhemp populations. Appropriate chemical stewardship practices like rotating modes of action, and proper application timing (usually less than four inches) can also help, although our chemical options are decreasing due to resistance.

Unfortunately, it appears waterhemp will be a formidable pest for many years to come. Producers must be considerate of their IPM options to limit the impact of waterhemp in the future. If you have questions or would like more information, please call me at the office (620) 724-8233, or e-mail me at jcoltrain@ksu.edu, or visit the Wildcat Extension District website at www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu.

Kansas milk production up three percent

Milk production in Kansas during August 2016 totaled 270 million pounds, up 3 percent from August 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 145,000 head, 2,000 head more than August 2015. Milk production per cow averaged 1,860 pounds.

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Cargill, Heifer International create partnership in China to improve farmer livelihoods, strengthen agricultural practices and increase food security

A partnership between Cargill Animal Nutrition and Heifer International is enabling the expansion of 450 women-led, family-owned poultry farms in Qingshen, China. These farms will receive chicks, business training and access to nutrition expertise and veterinary support.

The Qingshen Sustainable Livelihood and Community Holistic Development Project initially will provide 150 small-scale farms with 100 baby chicks each and training in poultry-raising methods, go-to-market strategies and advanced animal nutrition strategies. The participants

of the project will primarily be women-led households, where families are dispersed due to greater job opportunities in urban areas, a common occurrence in the selected communities.

"The most important thing we can share with our global community is our knowledge, and our farmer training programs are among our most impactful corporate social responsi-

bility efforts," said Chuck Warta, president, Cargill Premix and Nutrition. "Through this partnership, we are putting our expertise in animal husbandry and nutrition right where it is desperately needed. It is a great honor to work for the benefit of these Chinese communities, and it is our hope that this project will be the first of many to succeed with this formula."

The project also incorpo-

rates Heifer's "Passing On the Gift," where each farming family passes on livestock to another family in need. The goal is to include two generations of Passing On the Gift, distributing chicks to a total of 450 farms.

"Cargill's expertise in the poultry business and their knowledge of the worldwide value chain will be a tremendous value to our work in China," said Pierre Ferrari, president and CEO of Heifer International. "Our collaboration is a testament to our aligned values and Heifer's goal to help four million families achieve living incomes by 2020."

The partnership is one of a broad set of Cargill programs focused on the intersection of food security, sustainability and nutrition. Cargill is investing more than \$13 million in grants

aimed at improving the lives of more than one million people in 15 countries around the world.

"Collaborating with Heifer International on the Qingshen Project gives us a great opportunity to help small-scale farmers increase their capacity and productivity — and boost their incomes," said Clemens Tan, managing director for Cargill's complete feed business in China.

"By partnering with Heifer International, our resources are reaching more people in an area of extreme need," said Jolanda Van Haarlem, managing director for Cargill's premix feed business in China. "It could also help eliminate the need for many men to take jobs in the city and reduce the separation of families this creates."

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 — 6:00 PM
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79.4 ACRES± - MORRIS COUNTY KANSAS LAND

Tract Info: 79.4 acres± with 42.9 acres of DCP cropland. With a total 59.8 acres± Konza Silty Clay Loam 1-3% slope, the opportunity exists to have additional cropland acres. Konza Silty Clay Loam soil types are considered prime farmland with Irwin Silty Clay Loam considered farmland of state wide importance.

Legal Description: S02, T14, R06, South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 LESS R/W, 79.4 Acres.

2015 Real Estate Taxes = \$351.18
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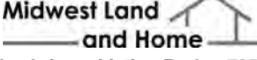
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Listing Agent's Notes: This property would make a nice addition to any cattle or farming operation. Property is currently approx. 50/50 crop land to hay meadow but the opportunity exists to add additional ag acres with 60± acre of soil types that are suitable for crop production.

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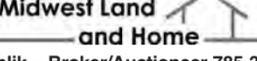
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Agent's Notes: Tract 1 is an exceptionally good tract with great soils and productivity. Tract 2 is close to Dodge City and would make a great place to build a home or business. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller interest.

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KSU's Huck Boyd Institute presents Lifetime Achievement Award to former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole

Kansas State University's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole for service to rural Kansas on Sept. 16.

"Bob Dole, from Russell, was a great champion of rural Kansas throughout his 36 years in Congress," said Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development. "He has been a war hero, congressman, senate majority leader, World Food Prize winner and nominee for president of the United States, but he never forgot where he came from."

Dole received the award at the institute's Rural Leaders Tribute after he visited Dole Hall — named in his honor — on Kansas State



Former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, center, is joined by Barry Flinchbaugh, left, professor emeritus of agricultural economics at Kansas State University, and former U.S. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker at the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development's Rural Leaders Tribute on Sept. 16 in Manhattan. *Courtesy photo* University's Manhattan was hosted by the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at the Kansas Department of Agri-

culture in Manhattan. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, the former U.S. senator, and Barry Flinchbaugh, professor emeritus of agricultural economics at Kansas State University, joined Dole in a panel discussion prior to the award presentation.

"Whether it was Kansas wheat farmers, small-town hospitals, the disabled, veterans or families in need of food, Sen. Dole could be counted on to care about the concerns of rural Kansas," Wilson said. "Huck Boyd, a western Kansas newspaperman and civic leader, was a lifelong mentor for Sen. Dole, so it is especially fitting that the Huck Boyd Institute presents this award."

More than 120 rural Kansas leaders participated

in the tribute event. Jackie McClaskey, secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture; April Mason, provost and senior vice president of Kansas State University; and Mike James, chair of the Huck Boyd Foundation's board of directors, Phillipsburg, provided opening remarks.

The Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development is a public-private partnership between K-State Research and Extension and the Huck Boyd Foundation. The foundation office is at the Huck Boyd Community Center in Phillipsburg. The institute office is on Kansas State University's Manhattan campus.

Kansas NRCS announces deadline for EQIP funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced November 18, 2016, as the first cut-off date to apply for fiscal year 2017 funds through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

"EQIP provides Kansas agricultural producers a wide range of opportunities to improve the quality of natural resources on their land," State Conservationist Eric B. Banks said.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program available for agricultural producers. Through EQIP, NRCS will provide financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, improve water and air quality, and create wildlife habitat.

The November 18 application deadline also applies to the following initiatives:

- **High Tunnel System Initiative:** NRCS will help producers implement high tunnels that extend growing seasons for high value crops in an environmentally safe manner.

- **Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative:** NRCS will assist producers to implement conservation practices specifically targeted to improve the lesser prairie-chicken habitat while promoting the overall health of grazing lands.

- **Monarch Butterfly Habitat Development Project:** NRCS will assist landowners to establish milkweed and other plants critical to the iconic Monarch Butterfly.

- **Ogallala Aquifer Initiative:** NRCS will assist producers to reduce aquifer water use, improve water quality, and enhance the economic viability of croplands and rangelands.

- **On-Farm Energy Initiative:** Producers work with an NRCS-approved Technical Service Provider to develop Agricultural Energy Management Plans or farm energy audits that assess energy consumption on an agricultural operation.

- **Organic Initiative:** NRCS will assist producers with installation of conservation practices on agricultural operations related to organic production. Producers currently certified as organic, transitioning to organic, or producers who are exempt based on the National Organic Program will have access to a broad set of

conservation practices to assist in treating their resource concerns.

- **National Water Quality Initiative:** Application cut-off date will be established at a later time.

NRCS accepts applications for all of its programs on a continuous basis, but applications must be filed for these programs by November 18 to be eligible for the next round of funding. Producers interested in EQIP should submit a signed application to the

local NRCS field office.

EQIP also helps address the unique circumstances of socially disadvantaged, veteran, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land," said Banks. Qualifying Kansas producers compete separately and receive higher payment rates.

For more information visit the Kansas NRCS Web site www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov programs or your local U.S.

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Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program accepting applications

The 2016 Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program is currently accepting applications from high school seniors or college freshmen who are passionate about agriculture and are interested in representing Kansas in a week-long exchange program in December 2016.

Each year the National Taichung Agricultural Senior High School in central Taiwan hosts students from the Midwest for this program. Selected students will tour agricultural facilities and businesses in Taiwan, and will learn about Taiwanese agriculture. This program will take place Dec. 5-10, 2016.

Exports play an important role in Kansas agriculture. According to *Euromonitor*, Kansas exported nearly \$98 million in agricultural goods to Taiwan in 2015, including beef, oil seeds, live animals, cereal grains, wheat flour and vegetables. Globally, exports of agricultural products contributed just over \$3.3 billion to the Kansas economy in 2015.

"The Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program is a tremendous opportunity for students who are passionate about agriculture," said Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, international trade director for the Kansas Department of Agricul-

ture. "Students are able to return from Taiwan with a broader understanding of international agriculture and the role that exports play in their local communities."

Three students will be selected to represent Kansas. In order to be eligible to apply, students must be the following requirements:

- Be a high school senior or college freshman;
- Be at least 18 years of age by the beginning of the trip;
- Have a strong Kansas agricultural background;
- Have a valid U.S. passport by time of exchange program selection; and
- Be able and willing to pay for airfare costs (approximately \$1,400).

Applications must be submitted by October 14 for the student to be considered. Students interested in applying can find more information at agriculture.ks.gov/AgEd. The Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the Kansas FFA Association and Kansas 4-H.

For more information, contact Robin Blume, KDA education and events coordinator, at Robin.Blume@ks.gov or 785-564-6756.

Soil management may help stabilize maize yield in the face of climate change

How will we feed our growing population in the face of an increasingly extreme climate? Many experts suggest the answer lies in breeding novel crop varieties that can withstand the increases in drought, heat, and extreme rainfall events predicted in the not-too-distant future. But breeding is only part of the equation, according to new research from the University of Illinois and several collaborating institutions across the Midwest.

"It might not be necessary to put all the stress of climate adaptation and mitigation on new varieties. Instead, if we can manage agroecosystems more ap-

propriately, we can buffer some of the effects of climate instability," says U of I and USDA Agricultural Research Service ecologist Adam Davis.

To find the management tool that could ameliorate the effects of climate instability, Davis and his collaborators had to go beyond the traditional field-scale experiment. "We had to think at a much broader spatial scale," he notes.

The team obtained weather, soil, and yield data from every county in four states—Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania—across a span of 15 years. They then used a new analytical approach, which borrowed from economic concepts, to determine the effects of weather and soil

properties on maize yield.

"The things that were most effective at buffering against the different forms of yield instability were soil organic matter and water holding capacity," Davis says. This pattern was true across all years and all study locations.

Greater water holding capacity, which increases with more soil organic matter, gives crops an advantage in hot, dry climates. They can continue to take up water from the soil, which means continued growth and strong yields even in adverse climates.

The good news for farmers is that they may be able to manage for improvements in water holding capacity, giving them a potential tool to support novel

maize varieties. "In locations with coarse soils, you can see really quick and gratifying responses to soil organic matter amendments," Davis says.

Davis suggests a number of practices to increase soil organic matter, including using cover crops, avoiding excessive soil disturbance, increasing crop rotation length, and adding composted manures. He points out that cover crops might be the best choice for some farmers.

"Cover crops are a great way for improving soil organic matter; even small amounts of cover crop biomass seem to have soil organic matter benefits," Davis explains. "They also can have weed suppressive benefits, so cover crops may represent a win-win scenario."

No matter which amendment practice farmers choose, he says, "soil organic matter amendments are an important place to start building a cropping system resilient to climate change."

The study, "Soil water holding capacity mitigates downside risk and volatility in U.S. rainfed maize: Time to invest in soil organic matter?" is published in the journal *PLOS One*. Funding was provided by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative of the USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture. The full article is accessible at the journal's website.

LAND AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 — 10:00 AM
 Landoll Lanes - Conference Center, Marysville, KS

337.1 ACRES± MARSHALL COUNTY KANSAS LAND
Tract 1: 148 acres± with 135.88 estimated DCP cropland acres with 113± Irrigated acres. **Tract 2:** 120 acres± Big Blue River Bottom with 71.78 estimated DCP cropland acres considered PRIME cropland. **Tract 3:** 69.1 acres± with 64.76 DCP cropland acres.

Directions to Properties: Tracts 1 & 2 - From 12th Road & Highway 36 go north on 12th Road (Oketo Highway) 7 miles to Deer Trail Road. Property is located on the west side of 12th Road and on the south side of Deer Trail Road. **Tract 3** - From 18th Road & Highway 36 go north on 18th Road 5.5 miles. Property is located on the east side of 18th Road and south side of Eagle Road.

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TRACT I: 49.59 acres in S ½ SE ¼ 3-6-8 Mitchell Co. Kansas
 The farm is located on 260 Rd. 5 miles North of the Highway 24 & Solomon Rapids corner. There are 49.59 acres of crop land. Bases are wheat 18.58, 43 bu yield; grain sorghum 9.43, 94 bu yield; soybeans 12.69 acres, 40 bu yield; total base acres 40.7.
Taxes: Seller will pay 2016 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$733.34
Possession will be after 2017 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$50.00 per acre on the 2017 wheat.

TRACT II: SE ¼ 27-5-8 Jewell Co. Kansas
 The farm is located 2 miles North of Tract I on the corner of 170 Road & B Road. There are 159.95 acres with 86.66 acres cropland. Bases are wheat 32.48, 43 bu yield; grain sorghum 16.48, 94 bu yield; soybeans 22.18, 40 bu yield; for a total base of 71.14. The balance of 73.29 acres are pasture.
Taxes: Seller will pay 2016 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$1,589.12.
Possession will be after 2017 wheat harvest on crop acres. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$50.00 per acre on the 2017 wheat. Possession

of pasture will be March 1, 2017.

TRACT III: NW ¼ 27-5-8 Jewell Co. Kansas
 The farm is located in NW corner of Tract II on the corner of 160 Road & C Road. There are 159.33 acres of farmland with 157.85 acres cropland. Bases are wheat 59.16, 43 bu yield; grain sorghum 30.0, 94 bu yield; soybeans 40.4, 40 bu yield; for a total base of 129.56 acres.
Taxes: Seller will pay 2016 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$2,559.56.
Possession of land planted to wheat will be after 2017 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$50.00 per acre on 2017 wheat. Possession of open ground will March 1, 2017.
Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before December 15, 2016. Down payment will be escrowed with Weltmer Phillips law office, escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.
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Kansas Forest Service to host the 2016 Fall Forestry Field Day in Butler County

Interested in growing pecans and fruit trees? Ever see how a sawmill turns a tree into lumber? What about those trees and woodlands along your creek? Are they providing you all the wildlife, recreation, and water quality benefits they can?

These questions and many more will be answered at the 2016 Fall Forestry Field Day scheduled for October 13th on the Ammons Butler County Tree Farm, not far from Towanda. Cal Ammons, winner of the 2015 Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year Award, has demonstrated his love for the land in a variety of ways. He has improved the health of his woodlands through thinning

operations, removing lower quality, invasive species to encourage more valuable walnut and oak. He has planted thousands of trees for a variety of purposes including a pecan plantation for nut production.

Cal also understands the important function trees provide to stabilize streambanks and improve water quality. In the last three years, he has established four streambank stabilization projects with forest buffers. As a science teacher, Cal has repeatedly used his tree farm to lead environmental education sessions and projects to teach young adults the value of forest stewardship.

The Ammons Tree Farm pecan orchard provides the

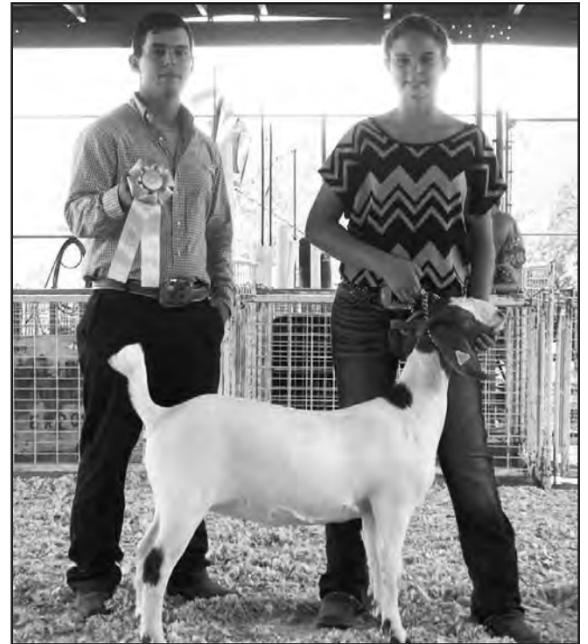
perfect setting for Bill Reid, a nationally recognized expert on pecan production, to lead sessions on establishing and managing pecan nut production. Reid directs the K-State Research and Extension Pecan Experiment Field at Chetopa.

In addition to Reid's session, foresters, wildlife biologists and other natural resource professionals will provide outdoor educational sessions throughout the day including sawmill demonstrations.

Cal and Pam Ammons have worked on their tree farm, continually improving and protecting the natural resources on their land. The stewardship required to preserve and improve a piece of property is a never-

ending task. They have made it their life's work and are excited to share what they've done and learned during the field day. If you are a lover of the natural world, these are folks to meet and an educational venue not to be missed.

A \$12 registration fee covers lunch, morning refreshments and educational materials that will be offered to participants. Registration forms are available at www.kansasforests.org by clicking on "News & Events" or by calling the Kansas Forest Service at 785-532-3310. Brochures will also be mailed directly to recipients of the Kansas Canopy in late September or early October.



Amaria Wangerin led the reserve champion breeding doe at the Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina. Judging the event was Barrett Simon.

K-State veterinary students offer BQA training to Kansas feeders

This summer, a team of six veterinary students from K-State collaborated with feedlots around Kansas to further ensure that the beef reaching consumers is raised with the highest of standards. The voluntary assessments were part of the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program, a nationally coordinated, state-implemented program that raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef life cycle.

Dr. Dan Thomson, Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine, directed the assessment program and the six interns. "Kansas beef producers and veterinarians have a strong commitment to BQA and the feedlot assessment," said Thomson. "This type of collaboration between Kansas State University, the Kansas Beef Council, the Kansas Livestock Association and the cattlemen and women of Kansas is why Kansas is a national leader when it comes to producing safe, wholesome, nutritious and

affordable beef for consumers. It was so fun to watch the veterinary students and producers work together to get the assessment done. I am thankful for the producers and veterinarians that had the vision to get BQA and its programs rolling, which allows us to further the program down the road."

The BQA assessments not only positively contribute to the beef industry and consumers, they also impact future veterinarians who participate in the assessment events. "I see it

[BQA] as an opportunity for the entire industry to get on the same page," said second-year veterinary student Samantha Boyajian. "That [BQA] has so much power behind it when everyone can work together and have this common goal. BQA provides a common goal, no matter how long that cow is with us, we want to make sure from birth to harvest that the cow is having a humane life, and that's our responsibility. That's exactly what BQA stands for. It's making sure they have a quality life."

The Checkoff-funded BQA program began in the 1970s and has been updated on a routine basis. As of July 2016, nearly 10,000 members of the Kansas beef community had enrolled in and completed a BQA program. In doing so, Kansas beef producers have demonstrated a commitment to food safety and quality, animal welfare, and producing high-quality beef for consumers around Kansas, the United States, and the world.

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Marais des Cygnes RAC to meet in Gardner

The Kansas Water Office's Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee will hold a meeting to discuss current water issues affecting the basin as well as the state.

The meeting will be Monday, October 3, 10 a.m., at Johnson County Water District 7, 534 W. Main in Gardner. The agenda will include the Vision Education and Public Outreach presentation.

The agenda and meeting materials will be available at www.kwo.org or you may request copies by calling (785) 296-3185 or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

If accommodations are needed for a person with disabilities, please notify the Kansas Water Office at 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404, Topeka, KS 66611-1249 or call (785) 296-3185 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

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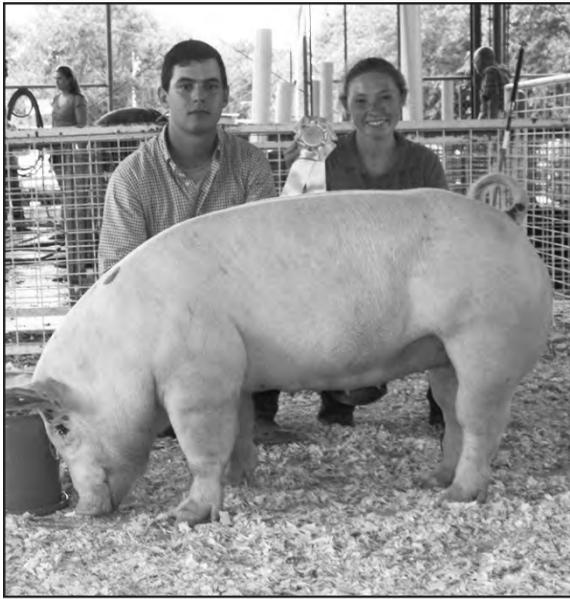
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Rylee Schrock drove the reserve champion market hog at the Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina. She is shown with judge Barrett Simon.

Kniebel Cattle Company honored with Grid Master Awards during National Red Angus Convention

The Grid Master Award, presented by the Red Angus Association of America, recognizes excellence in commercial cattle and the cattle feeding industry. Those firms – who have successfully combined superior Red Angus genetics, feeding management skills and precise marketing to achieve success with the harvest of a superior beef carcass – earn the award. During the National Red Angus Convention, Harold Bertz, RAAA commercial marketing programs coordinator, announced the recipients of the 2016 Grid Master awards.

“This year we are pleased to have 1,365 head of Red Angus cattle in 18 loads that qualified as Grid Master Award winners,” Bertz said. “These are the kind of cattle that exemplify the quality and performance that Red Angus cattle offer every day in the market place.” Kniebel Cattle Co., White City, Kansas earned Grid Master distinc-



Kniebel Cattle Company, White City, Kansas was presented with the prestigious Grid Master Award during the National Red Angus Convention in Oklahoma City. Kevin Kniebel, right, accepted the award from Harold Bertz, RAAA Commercial Marketing Program Coordinator.

tion on a 31-head load of home-fed calves. The calves were harvested on March 22, and were 28 percent Prime, 23 percent upper two-thirds Choice with 100 percent total Choice, and were 33

percent Yield Grade 1s & 2s with no Yield Grade 4s.

To be named a Grid Master, the entry must be Red Angus-sired or Red Angus-influenced cattle enrolled in the RAAA's Feeder Calf

Certification Program (FCCP) and must achieve a specified level of carcass excellence. Both conventionally and naturally fed cattle are eligible.

Conventionally fed Red Angus cattle must be marketed in lots of at least 30 head, reach a minimum of 85 percent Choice and Prime, not exceed 5 percent Yield Grade 4s and mark a minimum Grid Score of 100.

Naturally fed Red Angus cattle must also be marketed in lots of at least 30 head, achieve 90 percent Choice and Prime, not exceed 10 percent Yield Grade 4s and reach a minimum Grid Score of 100. Of the total head qualifying, 950 head were in an all-natural program.

For those who would like additional information on the Grid Master award program, or learn about the Red Angus specific marketing grids and the FCCP program, please contact Harold Bertz at harold@redangus.org or call (816) 661-2289.

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NCBA takes stand against HSUS attempt to weaken beef checkoff

As part of an effort to protect the beef industry and stop the frivolous and divisive work of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), NCBA will seek intervenor status in a lawsuit filed by HSUS against USDA's Office of Inspector General (OIG). The lawsuit filed on behalf of the Organization for Competitive Markets (OCM), seeks the release of documents related to two OIG audits of the beef checkoff and its contractors, including NCBA. Both audits found that producer investments in the checkoff are protected by the firewall, which prevents beef checkoff dollars from being used for policy activities. Two full OIG audits and multiple random audits by USDA have found contractors, including

NCBA, to be in full compliance with the laws which protect checkoff funds.

“This witch hunt is another prime example of HSUS and similar groups grasping for ways to tear down the good work of animal agriculture,” said TCFA chairman David Baumann.

According to NCBA, the lawsuit is another attempt by HSUS to further its political agenda. It diverts attention from beef promotion activities and wastes precious resources at a time when cattle prices and the profitability of the beef industry are under tremendous pressure.

“This is an unwarranted attack on our industry, and I am proud of NCBA for rising to the occasion to face this head-on. HSUS is desperately trying to weaken the beef checkoff and slow our good work, but they will not succeed,” Baumann said.

To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NCBA-9-16-16>.

Free BQA certification period under way

Ranchers, feeders and dairy farmers can become certified for free through the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program until November 13. Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) is picking up the \$25 to \$50 online fee for every person who completes BQA training prior to that date.

The BQA online training modules are customized to fit the specific needs of producers in each industry segment. Training for cow-calf producers, stocker operators and feedyard employees covers topics including proper administration of animal health products and low-stress cattle handling principles. For dairy producers, the online modules satisfy the employee stockmanship training requirement included in the new FARM 3.0.

More than 2,000 producers were BQA-certified during a similar campaign sponsored by BI earlier this year. BI's ongoing sponsorship of BQA training has resulted in 26,000 beef and dairy producers becoming certified over the last five years.

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TRACT I: NW ¼ 26-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas
 The farm is located on Ash & 290 Road. There are 158.10 acres with 145.39 cropland acres. Base acres are 33.91 wheat with 41 bu yield, 59.77 corn with 166 bu yield, 2.80 grain sorghum with 145 bu yield, 34.52 soybean with 50 bu yield for a total base acres of 131.0. Conservation system is being actively applied. This farm has a 7 tower T & L pivot w/end gun, 3x4 Berkley pump 1000 gal per minute, 2012 John Deere diesel 4024 power unit. Half of the pivot is 2011, the other half 2014. 69.2 irrigated acres.
2015 General Taxes were \$3,815.22, 2017 Bostwick irrigation \$3,061.55, Bostwick repair \$303.10.

TRACT II: N ½ NE ¼ 22-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas
 The farm is located on Birch & 290 Road. There are 77.01 acres with 77.01 cropland acres. Base acres are 19.20 wheat with 41 bu yield, 33.80 corn with 166 bu yield, 1.60 grain sorghum with 145 bu. yield, 19.40 soybeans with 50 bu yield for a total base acres of 74. Conservation system is being actively applied. This farm has irrigation pipe. 45.5 irrigated acres.
2015 General taxes were \$1,722.20, 2017 Bostwick irrigation \$2,082.74, Bostwick repair \$199.29.

TRACT III: NE ¼ 27-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas.
 The farm is located on Ash & 290 Road. There are 154.79 acres with 141.39 cropland

acres. Base acres are 32.58 wheat with 41 bu yield, 57.42 corn with 166 bu yield, 2.69 grain sorghum with 145 bu yield, 33.17 soybean with 50 bu yield for a total base acres of 125.86. The pivot, pump and motor are owned by the renter. 120.8 irrigated acres.
2015 General taxes were \$3,463.08, 2017 Bostwick irrigation \$5,344.25, Bostwick repair \$529.10.

TRACT IV: NE ¼ 34-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas, less 26 acres on East side irrigation ditch.
 The farm is located on Z & 290 Roads. There are 117.87 acres with 115.74 cropland acres. Base acres are 43.29 wheat with 42 bu yield, 56.58 grain sorghum with 88 bu yield, .16 soybeans with 36 bu yield for a total base acres of 100.03.
2015 taxes were \$1,046.28. Seller will pay 2016 taxes, purchaser will pay 2017 taxes.
Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before November 16, 2016. Down payment will be escrowed with Downing, Alexander & Wood Attorney, escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.
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National Pork Board delivers on strategy of responsible antibiotic use

U.S. pig farmers have committed more than \$6 million in antibiotic research since 2000

The National Pork Board is leading the conversation to combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria and preserve the responsible on-farm use of antibiotics in pork production. The Pork Checkoff, funded directly by America's 60,000 pig farmers, defined its three-point antibiotic stewardship plan in mid-2015 and has delivered on its pledge of promoting research, pig farmer education and consumer and influencer outreach during 2016.

"Real, substantive change is under way on pig farms across America with the farmers themselves shaping the discussion around responsible antibiotic use," said Jan Archer, National Pork Board president and a pig farmer from North Carolina. "We were the first food-animal industry to announce our stewardship plan, which underscores that antibiotics are essential tools for veterinarians and farmers to raise healthy livestock and to produce safe food."

Archer added that today's pig farmers stand ready to implement the new, more stringent U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rules when they take effect on Jan. 1, 2017. These rules - FDA Guidelines 209 and 213 and the Veterinary Feed Directive Rule - end the use of medically important antibiotics for growth promotion and bring the use of medically important antimicrobial medicines under the direct supervision of veterinarians and dictate that they be used

only when necessary to ensure animal health.

"We have been listening closely to the many audiences touched by food production," said Archer. "From retail grocery chains to the foodservice industry, and from consumers to those influencers who define food production policy, we completely understand the important role pig farmers play in delivering safe food. We are committed to defining the ideal balance of the right medicine, in the right dose, at the right time for our pigs."

Toward that end, in 2016 the U.S. pork industry has:

Collaborated with federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and veterinary and farmer organizations to look for ways to continuously improve responsible antibiotic use.

Introduced the Don't Wait... Be Ready! pig farmer awareness and education campaign.

Invested \$750,000 in five research areas that include defining alternative antibiotic technologies, studying the environmental fate of antibiotics and better understanding the impact of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Named a third-party panel of non-farm experts to provide objective, independent counsel on the National Pork Board's current and future research, education and communication priorities.

Hosted several events and presentations with key influencers and the media to shape discussion around antibiotic use in both live-

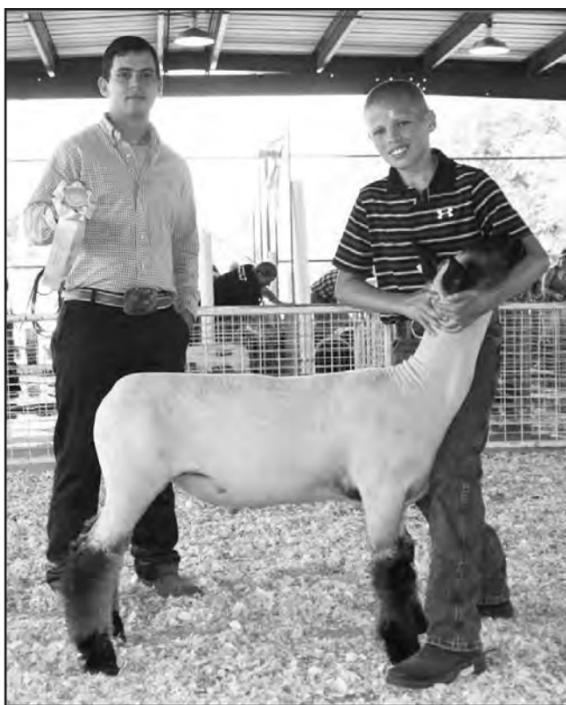
stock and human health.

"America's pig farmers embrace the new FDA rules which truly change the long-standing practices of our industry," said Bill Even, National Pork Board chief executive officer. "Pig farmers are committed to a process of continuous improvement in a number of areas, especially regarding responsible antibiotic use. One key element of that commitment is strengthening the relationships farmers have with their veterinarians."

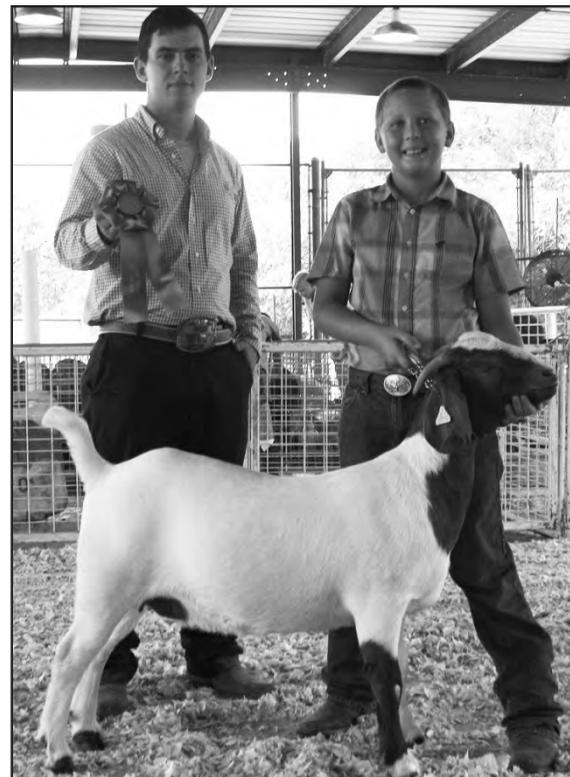
"We take our role as pig farmers very seriously when it comes to using antibiotics responsibly," Archer said. "Just as in human medicine with patients and doctors,

we realize that pig farmers and their veterinarians are the linchpin to keeping food safe, and antibiotics effective, for future generations."

Materials outlining each of the pork industry's efforts are available from the Antibiotics Resource Center (pork.org/antibiotics). They explain how producers should prepare for the expansion of the veterinary feed directive (VFD) and the elimination of growth promotion use of antibiotics deemed medically important to human health. The Checkoff also is introducing a new infographic that highlights the major steps forward in responsible antibiotic use over the past year.



Karson Pihl led the reserve champion market lamb at the Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina. Serving as judge was Barrett Simon.



The supreme breeding doe at the Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina was shown by Aiden Wangerin, pictured with judge Barrett Simon.

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AUCTION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 — 9:00 A.M.

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FARM & RELATED AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 — 10:00 AM

7925 West 73, VALLEY CENTER, KS
1/2 Mile West on 73rd North-North of big Ditch
Due to health, Keith is retiring...NO SMALL ITEMS!

JD 244 Loader/Quick Attach, 6' Bucket & Pallet Forks; New Holland 658 Baler Twine Wrap (baled 1546 bales); JD 4030 Diesel Tractor/Cab; Syncro Range Transmission, 3PT; 2 Hyd., Heat & AC; JD 70, New Rubber, Good Metal; 2670 Case Tractor, 3PT, Cab & Air; 500 hrs on Engine, Rebuilt -Multz rebuild; Landpride 15-72, 3PT, PTO, Over Seeder/Packer; Solid Stand Seeder; Willmur 500 Fertilizer Spreader, PTO; 3PT Cyclone Spreader; 4' Offset Tiller; Dan Hauser 3PT Post Hole Digger-8" Bit; Miller 14' Offset Finish Disc; Landpride 7' Harrow Packer; Weed Badger Skid Steer/Mount -New Tines; New Holland 166 Windrow Turner -like new; Fold Out Double Windrow Rake; 8' x 18' Hay Trailer/8" I-Beams; 102" x 25' Double N Equipment Trailer 7500 lb Tandem Axles, 2' Beavertail/ramps; 3 PT, 2-Row Furrow Opener; Skid Steer Grapple Fork; 6' 3PT 8-Shank Field Cultivator; 3PT Chisel Type/Springs 6'; 3PT 6' Spring Tooth; 3PT Ford 101 7-Sickle Mower; 2 Bottom Ford 3PT Plow; 3' 3PT Cultivator; King Kutter 3PT 6' Blade; 27' Fold-up Spring Tooth; 3PT Finish Yard Tiller 8'; Big John 42" Tree Spade, Loader Mount; Stabilizer for rear of 244 Loader; 7Pieces 24' 2 5/8 Drill Stem Pipe -Some Shorter Lengths; Some Galvanized Pipe; 10' Athens Offset Disc; 500 Gallon Propane Tank; 2000 gal Diesel Tank/110V Pump; 100 T-Posts 5'-6 1/2"; 4 1/2 Rolls Smooth Wire; 5-6 Bar 16" Panel.

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1490 ACRE ELK COUNTY KANSAS RANCH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 — 11:00 AM
AUCTION LOCATION: COX COMMUNITY BUILDING,
100 W. WASHINGTON ST, HOWARD, KS 67349

1490+- Acres Of Rolling Native Cattle Grazing Pasture. 10 Ponds • Wet Weather Draws • Excellent Fence Cross Fenced Into 3 Grazing Units, Centrally Located Pens

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LAND AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 10:00 AM
Linn American Legion, LINN, KS

83.9 ACRES± WASHINGTON COUNTY KANSAS LAND
This tract consists of predominately Crete Silty Clay Loam soil considered prime farmland. This tract has approximately 59.7 acres in crop production and approximately 24.2 acres in pasture. A high percentage of the pasture could be converted to cropland. This property lays nice and has been well taken care of. This property is located 1 1/4 miles east of Linn along 8th Rd. The intersection of Quivira and 8th Rd is the Southeast corner of the property.
Legal: E2 SE4 & E8 AC OF W2 SE4, S23, T04, R03E, 6th Principal Meridian, EXC RD ROW.
2015 Real Estate Taxes: \$910.53

SELLER: DENNY TRUMBLE REV. TRUST & JAN RADLEY

Terms & Possession: 10% down day of the sale, balance due at closing on or before November 18, 2016. Seller to pay 2016 taxes and will retain the 2016 rental income. Title insurance, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Possession on closing. This property to be sold as-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and will not be subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to sale day. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller only. All information has come from reliable sources; potential bidders are encouraged to verify all information independently. Galloway Wiegars & Brinegar will act as escrow & closing agent. Announcements made the day of sale will take precedence over all other information.

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Auction Calendar

Ending September 30 — Commercial property online only (www.ruckertauctions.com). Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

September 27 — Individual collection of guns & coins at Jewell. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

September 28 — Pipe organ, furniture, collectibles, vehicle at Newton for Evelyn Frey Estate and Mildred Unruh Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

October 1 — Vehicle, furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Jack & Yvonne Hannan Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

October 1 — Farm toys at Dearborn, Missouri for Don & Carol Gronau.

October 1 — Farm, furniture & household at Halstead for Marilyn (Richard) Balzer. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

October 1 — Farm & related items at Valley Center for Keith Wirths. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

October 1 — Real estate & electrical equipment supply shop & tools at Great Bend for Leroy Dringmann, dba Amerine Electric Co. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

October 1 — Vehicles, automotive parts, tools & misc.

near Randolph for Mark & Lisa Gudenkauf. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

October 1 — Household & collectibles at Marysville for Norman Grauer. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

October 1 — 160 acres m/l Republic County land held at Munden for Gayle H. Moss Estate. Auctioneers: Roger Novak Real Estate.

October 1 — Tools & equipment, farm equipment, irrigation pipe at Salina for The family of the late Jack & El Dooley. Auctioneers: Post Rock Auction.

October 1 — Vehicles, 4-wheeler, trailers, guns, hunting & fishing items, taxidermy, tools, lawn, & garden, Photography, Antiques, collectibles, household & misc. items for the late Ken Bryant in Elmdale, KS. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service.

October 1 — Tractors & loaders, trucks, pickups, & cars, vehicle accessories, trailers, shop equip., ATV, hay/ hay equip., skid loader & attachments, combines & heads, lawn & garden, machinery & equipment, tires, Misc. items, hedge posts, fencing, livestock equip., construction equip., and property of the late Marvin Bengston in Holton, KS. Auctioneers: Harris Auc-

tion Service.

October 1 — Household, Glassware, Tractor, Farm equip., Horses, Tools, & misc. items for Larry & Gwen Montgomery estate in Topeka, KS. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

October 1 & 2 — (Oct. 1 Trucks, tractors, equipment, firearms, tools & misc; Oct. 2: Collectibles, household & misc.) at Lawrence for Jim DeHoff. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 2 — Moving sale: furniture, household, appliances, collectibles, tent, sports memorabilia & much more at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 2 — Vehicles, equipment, instruments, firearms, toys, books, postcards, collectibles, crocks, furniture at Clay Center for Eugene Carlson & Estate of Delbert Buss. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

October 2 — Tractor, mowers, Antique, tools, Bugatti kit car, household, salvage in Lyndon, KS. Property of the late Jeff Wiese. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 3 — Vehicle, Kitchen appliances, furniture, Art work, China & pottery, kitchen utensils, dishes, misc. lawn & other items for Dean & Donna Bark in Manhattan, KS.

Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 4 — 390 +/- acres all in Geary County, in Junction City, KS for Lawrence R. Young. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service.

October 5 — 303.1 acres m/l Ford County, KS land held at Dodge City for heirs of Larry Handshy Sr. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 6 — Appliances, artwork, computer items, furniture, office supplies, chainlink fence & much more at Manhattan for Riley County Public Works. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 6 — 118.5 acres m/l of Chase County Middle Creek Valley land held at Cottonwood Falls for property of William Lamey & the late Donna Starks Lamey. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

October 6 — 351.23 acres m/l Cheyenne County, KS land held at Bird City for Diane E. Malleck. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 8 — Real estate, 2007 Ford Explorer, Harley items, firearms & household at Topeka. Auctioneers: Murray Auction and Realty.

October 8 — Estate auction at Hanover for Jerry I. Pillard Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

October 8 — Black Herefords Production Sale, J&N Ranch, Leavenworth, KS.

October 8 — Primitives, old toys, Santa Fe, antiques,

Boy Scout, collectibles. Property of the late Leon & JoAnn Mannell. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 8 — Tractor, 4 wheeler, mower, tools & farm, collectibles & household items for Susan & Orlan Anderson in Salina, KS. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

October 8 — Antique & collectible furniture, Antiques & collectibles, Pottery & glassware, vintage toys & dolls, household & misc items for 2 estates in Cottonwood Falls, KS. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

October 9 — Art, collectibles & household at Downs for Thorald & Georgia Cowley Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 9 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 10 — Tractors, Dozer, Pickup trailers, hay, household, tools at Vassar for Bauck Family Trust. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 11 — House & 9.9 acres ± in Geary County held at Junction City for James David Harrel. Auctioneers: Brwon Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

October 11 — 800 +/- acres of Ottawa Co. pasture & farmland for Kay Family Farms in Minneapolis. Auctioneers: Unieted Country Real Estate - Crossroads Auction & Re-

alty.

October 12 — Unreserved online machinery auction (www.bigiron.com).

October 12 — Irrigated Riley County land held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 14 — 1490+ Acres Of Rolling Native Cattle Grazing Pasture of Elk Co. KS ranch in Howard, KS. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Realty.

October 15 — Household goods, antiques, tools & misc. at Clay Center for Vi Spurrier Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

October 15 — Antique tractors, farm related items & collectibles at Newton for Maurice & Dolores Clark Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

October 15 — Tools, collectibles & household at Marysville for Buck & Ruth Overman Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

October 15 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 15 — Shop tools & equipment, antique tractor & items & misc. at Minneapolis for Art Weis Repair. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

October 15 — 83.9 acres m/l of Washington County Land held at Linn for Denny Trumble Rev. Trust & Jan Radley. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 15 — Business Liquidation for Custom Hardwoods, personal property

197 ACRES PASTURE **REAL ESTATE AUCTION** **NW POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 — 10:00 AM
Educational Building — Just South of Methodist Church
2nd Street & Main, WESTMORELAND, KANSAS

Property Description: This property is located in Northwest Pottawatomie County between Olsburg and Westmoreland. This is an L shaped pasture with ¼ mile of frontage on paved Westmoreland Road at the north side and good gravel Cree Road along ¼ mile of frontage at east side. The pasture is mostly native grass with a small pond and spring water. A tree lined draw runs through the south side of the property with hard and soft wood mature trees that provide wildlife habitat and shade for livestock.

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AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 — 10:00 AM
Auction will be held at the farm located at 6800 E. Crawford — SALINA, KANSAS

TRACTOR, 4 WHEELER & MOWER	TOOLS & FARM	COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD
1993 Belarus 505M diesel tractor, 1304 hrs., 3 pt., dual hyd, w/loader & 6' bucket; Country Clipper O turn lawn mower; Troy Bilt Horse rear tiller; 5 hp Craftsman tiller; Troy Bilt weed eater; Bolens lawn mower; Outlander Bombardier 4 wheeler, 2 wheel drive; 3 pt. 300 gal sprayer w/booms; bale fork for loader; Allis 5' pull type shredder; 3 pt. 6' blade; Graham Hoeme 10 shank chisel; 2 wheel pickup bed trailer; 3 section springtooth; pull sprayer for lawn tractor; sprayer for 4 wheeler; Jackson 2 wheel wheel barrow.	Craftsman 10" band saw; Sears 10" table saw; Sears 12" wood lathe; Dura Craft 16" drill press; Farmhand portable air compressor; bench grinder; ½" drill; angel grinder; wet dry vacuum; floor jack; bar clamps; car ramps; Werner Multi ladder; 8' fiber ladder; aluminum extension ladder; manual tire bead breaker; come a long; Handy Man jack; jack stands; log chains; wood tool box; plastic water tank; 10' x 10' dog pen; T posts; electric fence posts; 4 wire cattle panels; 4' x 8' partial board; front tractor weights; assortment lumber; shovels; rakes.	Whirlpool 25 side by side refrigerator; oak china cabinet; pr. blue recliners; lamp tables; leather recliner; painted corner cabinet; pine corner cabinet; full bed w/night stand; dolls; pictures; cups & saucers; books; Teddy Bears; dolls; birds; 5 tooth cultivator; John Deere walking plow; store scale; 3' x 30" safe; propane grill; ping pong table; 3 bicycles; Pro Form 835 tread mill; assortment of other items.

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AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 — 10:00 AM
Location: 2755 South Ninth Street, SALINA, KANSAS
Open lot North of Sam's Club, Former Pumpkin Patch on the East side of Ninth Street. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
Rigid sewer machine, low use; Coleman Powermate Maxa 5000 ER generator; Husqvarna HD 800HW push mower, Honda motor, like new; Stihl FS 80RPro Series string trimmer; Homelite ST 155 gas string trimmer; Weedeater featherlite string trimmer; Ryobi straight shaft string trimmer; Stihl MS 361 chainsaw, 24" bar; McCollough 605 chainsaw, 24" bar; Techumsche TCII small 2 stroke tiller; Viper Earthquake one man gas post hole digger, like new; Cub Cadet TM 5E string mower; 20' extension ladder; 8' Werner step ladder; 300 gal. fuel barrel on stand; 1000s of feet of soaker hose; 1000s of feet of 1/2" ID black coil pipe, cutting torch & cart; Kohlswa Sweden anvil; Lincoln 225 amp AC welder, leads, helmet; Campbell-Hausfeld portable 220 volt air compressor, 30 gal. tank, hose; several combination wrench sets & socket sets: Snap-On, Craftsman, SK & others; Tool boxes, 2-36" pipe wrenches; bench vises; bench grinders; weed sprayers; airless sprayers; chop saw; angle grinders; drills; cordless & electric; Trimmers; pruners; impact wrenches; welding table; wood clamps; air sanders; belt sanders; recip. saws; large assort. hand tools; fence stretchers; T-posts; poly truck toolbox; LP bottles; car ramps; air bubbles; Many more tools too numerous to mention.

FARM EQUIP. & IRRIGATION PIPE sell at 1:00 PM
1997 JD 5410 utility tractor, with JD 520 front loader, 6' bucket, 3 pt., rear weights & suitcase weights, sync shuttle trans. ROPs, 3 hyd., 802 hrs, very nice; 2003 Chevy 1500, ext. cab pickup, Z71, gold with cloth interior, 5.3 liter, 81,700 mi, town truck; JD 425 riding mower, all wheel steer, hydro, 54" deck, 20hp, liquid cooled V-twin, 771 hrs.; JD Gator, 6x4, dump bed, gas; Snapper rear tire tiller, 5hp.; 1940 Ford 9N tractor, 3 pt., decent shape, good tires, SN9N142565; JD 1240, 4row planter w/fert. hyd. lift, 36 rows; 3 pt. rotary mower, 5'; Rhino 3 pt. post hole digger; 9" auger, like new; 3 pt. 2 bottom plow; 3 pt. Southeast 6' rear blade; 3 pt. 2 row planter with extra boxes for more rows; 3 pt. 7' cultivator; 3 pt. tandem disk, 6', like new; JD 3x14 plow, hyd. lift; 3pt. mounted feed curler; tandem disk, 12', hyd lift; JD 4 section drag harrow, 14' 3 pt. tool bar, 5

rows of Hawkins row openers for planting, 36" rows; IHC Mod. 353, 3 pt. treader, 5 row, 36" rows; 2-wheel tilt bed trailer, lights, hand winch, 6'6" W x 10'6" L; 4 wheel box wagon on rubber tires, springs, 44" wide x 11' long, sideboards; 200 gal. 3 pt. sprayer, pump, controls, 28' booms, like new; 200 gal. slide-in sprayer, 5hp Briggs, pump & hose; 60 gal. poly spray tank only; 20 gal. pull sprayer, 12 volt, 3' booms & hand wand; 100 gal. stock tank; approx. 155 joints of 3 1/2" I.D.x31' long aluminum irrigation pipe; Approx. 52 joints of 5 1/2" I.D.x20' long alum. irrigation pipe; approx. 14 joints of 5 1/2"x22; 36' random lengths of PVC irrigation pipe, approx. 17 joints of 4" PVC random lengths; several sprinklers on riser pipes; 2-wheel irrigation pipe trailer.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This auction hosts a very nice assortment of small farm equipment and shop tools. Jack and El ran a meat processing business and several other business ventures in the Salina area as well as the large pumpkin patch along Ninth street for the last several years.

Statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Items to be removed within the following week, between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. **Terms:** Cash. Not responsible for accidents. Lunch & Restrooms Available.

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For info call: **KAREN HUNTER** (Jacks sister) 785-524-4156

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October 15 — Tractors, car, trucks & machinery, tools & farm, Collectibles & household items for Steve & Polly Pearce Estate in Wells, KS. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

October 16 — Three bedroom home, Car, Antiques, Glass, Furniture, Collectibles at Lyndon for Property of the late Marjorie M. Dlugosh. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 17 — Jewell County land held at Republic for Charlotte Walters Estate, James R. Brooks Trust, Anna M. Hoover Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 18 — Mitchell & Jewell County land held at Jewell for Beverly Smiley & Paul Hartsel. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 18 — 237.08 acres m/l Marshall County land held at Frankfort for Jones/Stewart Farm. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 20 — Osborne County land in 2 tracts held at Luray for Robert & Rodger Salkeld. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 20 — 79.4 acres m/l Morris County land held at White City for William Baker Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 21 — Farmland Auction for Charles E. Wendling Trust in Frankfort, KS. Auctioneers: Olmsteds.

October 22 — Household goods, tools & misc. at Clay Center for Gail & Cheryl Schooley. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

October 22 — Roseville, Fiesta, Hull, carnival, furniture, dolls & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 22 — 252 acres m/l Republic County land held at Munden for Roger & Pam Dean. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 22 — Motorcycles

(2005 Harley Davidson Sportster, 1985 Harley Davidson Iron Head Sportster), antiques, collectibles & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

October 26 — Fink Beef Genetics Angus & Charolais Bull Sale at Randolph.

October 29 — 197 acres m/l NW Pottawatomie County pasture held at Westmoreland for Still Corporation. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

October 29 — Tractor, combine, trucks, farm machinery, primitives & tools at Scranton for Mrs. Ralph (Linda) Ullery. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 29 — 337.1 m/l acres Marshall County land in 3 tracts held at Marysville for Gee Family Trust & Edna M. Gee Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 29 — 162 acres Clay County land & 3BR 3BA ranch home held at Green for Don & Klara Wright. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

November 2 — Farmland Auction for Dale L. Robeson Trust in Summerfield, KS. Auctioneers: Olmsteds.

November 12 — Moser Ranch 25th SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Bull Sale at the ranch, Wheaton.

November 15 — Real Estate in western Clay County, Kansas for David & Kathleen Dunn and Darrell & Nancy Hosler. Clay County Real Estate. Auctioneer: Greg Kretz

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee meeting to be held in Hays

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting to discuss current water issues affecting the region as well as the state.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4, at 10 a.m. in the Hays City Commission Chambers, 1507 Main, Hays. The main focus of the meeting will be continued action plan development for the regional water supply goals as well as the Vision Education Working Group presentation.

The agenda and meeting materials will be available at www.kwo.org or you may request copies by calling (785) 296-3185 or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

If accommodations are needed for a person with disabilities, please notify the Kansas Water Office at 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404, Topeka, KS 66611-1249 or call (785) 296-3185 at least five working days prior to the meeting.



Amaria Wangerin showed the reserve champion steer at the Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina, as selected by judge Barrett Simon.



The grand champion market lamb at the Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina was led by Kaylee Heimer, shown above with judge Barrett Simon.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 10:00 AM
Property of Leon & Freddie Nelson,
dba Custom Hardwoods

AUCTION LOCATION: 24459 BB AVE., BURDICK, KS









REAL ESTATE WILL SELL AT NOON. Sellers: Jon & Leon Nelson. 158 Acres Grass Morris Co. Home @ 112 Reed St. - Burdick, KS. Home @ 112 E. Franklin - Herington, KS. **OPEN HOUSE Sept 29th 5-6:30 pm.**

MILLING EQUIPMENT: Wood Mizer Super Hydraulic Portable Sawmill w/ Diesel Cat Engine, Accuset 2, De-Barker, VIN: 456C624156NCJ8908, Approx. 1,358 hrs (setup inside); Northland Drying Kiln w/ Blower, (for wood 4'W by 18'L, 2,500 total board ft); Bridgewood CKM M-462 4-Head Molder, DML 6" heads, 3-Phase, #8W462; Profile Cutters for DML 6" Heads, approx. 25-30; Powermatic #225 24" Planer, 3-Phase; Commercial Straight Line Saw w/ Laser Line, 3-Phase; Woodmaster Tools #W-718 Planer-Molder w/ several Profile Cutters(220); DeWalt Commercial Radial Arm Saw w/ Rollers(220); Automatic Rosette Maker(220); ValueCraft 6" Joints (110); Plastic Band Reel; General 12" Shop Exhaust System (220); Holy Wood HS-10 Commercial Shaper 3-Phase; Power Feed Attach for Milling Machine(110); #2085 7-ft Commercial Planer 3-Phase; G.M. Diehl #75 Straight Line Rip Saw 3-Phase; **OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE:** Hawken Energy HE-2100 outdoor Wood Furnace x 2, NEW; 1/2" Red Pex Pipe, approx. 1,500 sq ft; Underground Pipe for Outdoor Wood Furnace, approx. 100-ft; **TOOLS & MISC:** WMS Rotary Phase Converter #RPC 10-30; Craftsman 12" Band Saw- Sander; Hitachi C10FL 10" Table Saw; Hitachi C12FDH 12" Compound Miter Saw; Campbell Hausfeld Cast 5hp 60-Gal Air Compressor; Lincoln Idealarc 250 Welder; Victor Cutting Torch w/ Bottles & Cart; 1/2-hp Portable Shop Exhaust System; Campbell Hausfeld Cast 2-HP, 11-Gal Air Compressor; Delta 10" Miter Saw; Craftsman 10" Table Saw; Generac GP5500 Portable Generator; Powermate 3000 Watt Portable Generator; Cherry Hill BT700 Floor Sander; American Drum Floor Sander; Pullman Holt White Floor Buffer; American B-2 + Edger Sander; Craftsman 5-hp 12-Gal Shop Vac; Hydraulic Floor Jack; Nu-Mark 4"x6" Belt & Disc Sander; Champion Antique Drill Press on Stand; Scroll Saw; 6-ft & 8-ft Fiberglass Step Ladder; Wood Saw Horses; Roller Stand; Router Table; Tox-o-Wik #576 Power Washer; Misc. Rolling Shop Carts; Car Ramps; Delta Benchtop Grinder; Metal Shop Table; Shop Fan; Yale 2-Ton Spur Geared Hoist; Onan T260G Engine; Shop Craft 10" Band Saw; Shop Lights, NEW x 13; Craftsman Air Compressor; Hereford Working Saddle; 125-Gal Propane Tank; Oklahoma joos BBQ Grill/Smoker; **CUSTOM CUT WOOD:** Flooring, approx 700 sq. ft. of Walnut, Oak, Hackberry; There are hundreds of board feet of Walnut, Oak, Hackberry, Locust, Osage Orange, Kansas Pine & Cedar, some are trim, quarter sawn & straight lumber; Telephone Pole Timbers (10'-40'); Railroad Bridge Timbers approx. 300; Misc. Piles of Slab Wood; **VEHICLES, TRACTORS, CAMPER, TRAILERS & EQUIPMENT:** 2000 Bobcat 873 F-Series, Skid Steer, w/ Quick Attach, #514124600, Approx 1500 hrs. (hour meter not working); Quick Attach Pallet Forks; 2003 Peterson Excel 30 SKW 5th Wheel Camper, 3 Slides, Rear Living Room, 2nd owner; 1991 Dodge Ram 350 Cummins Turbo Diesel Dually 4x2, 2 Dr 5-Spd, AC, approx. 155,609 mi; 1999 Trav-along Gooseneck Trailer, 24-ft, Dove-tail, Tandem Axle, 20,000lb; Hyster Model #S50B Fork Lift, shows approx. 2,733 hrs; 1954 Ford NAA Jubilee Tractor, Many Mechanical Upgrades, shows 1,927 hrs, Wide Frit; 2004 Doolittle Single Axle Cargo Trailer, 12'x6'; Suzuki 250 Quad Runner, 4x2, approx. 1,992 mi; Gooseneck Shop Built Horse Trailer, Wood Floor, Single Axle; Forest King 22-Ton Log Splitter on Trailer, 6.5hp; 2-Wheel Car Tow Trailer; Heavy Duty Hydraulic Dump Trailer w/ duals; Hay Trailer; 3pt 150-Gal Sprayer; 3pt Cordwood Saw; Dearborn #10-95 Field Cultivator; Round Bale Feeder; 3pt Bale Loader; 3pt Meyers Piston Pump 125-Gal; Overhead Feed Bin Set up for wood shavings; **TERMS:** Cash, approved check or credit card with 3% processing fee on all credit card transactions. All statements made day of auction take precedence over advertisements. Owners and auction company not responsible for accidents or theft. Nothing removed until settlement has been made. Concessions will be served. **See last week's Grass and Grain for full Real Estate Listing.**

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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 — 10:00 AM
2323 North Jackson — JUNCTION CITY, KS

VEHICLE (Sells at 1:00 PM), FURNITURE & APPLIANCES: 2001 Dodge Caravan, (White) 149,000+/- Miles, Antique Wood Table, Wood Rocking Chair & Night Stand, Flower Print Arm Chair, Small Rocker/Recliner, Large Brown Rocker, Kitchen Table w/Chairs, End Table, Dressers w/Mirrors, Microwave Cabinet, Entertainment Center, 2 Full Size Mattresses & Box Springs, Bed Frame, Wood Night Stand w/Lights, 3-Coat & Hat Racks, 2-Padded Folding Chairs, 3-Steel Folding Chairs, Office Chairs, Plastic Chairs, Baby High Chair, Step Stools, Metal Shelving, File Cabinets, 2-Safe Files, Pot Belly Stove Table Lamp, Electric Hurricane Lamp, 32" Insignia Flat Screen TV, 2 19" Color TV's, Hoover Steam Cleaner/Vacuum, Upright Hoover Vacuum, Emerson Microwave, Westinghouse Refrigerator, GE Washer, Amana Dryer, Montgomery Ward 16 Cubic Ft. Upright Freezer, 36" Elect Range.

GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES: Pyrex Dishes, Mixing Bowls, A&W Root Beer Mugs, Coffee Cups, McCoy Train Cookie Jar, Aunt Jemima Bank, Little Brown Jug (Musical), Horse Statues, Miniature Bird Statues, Collection Of Salt & Pepper Shakers, Avon Ceramic Planter (Bunny) Candle Holder (NIB), Musical Revolving Carousel (NIB), Musical Water globe (NIB), Rocking Easter Bunny (NIB), Hand Painted Porcelain Train Night Light (NIB), Lots of Nick Knacks, Costume Jewelry, Miniature Kerosene Lanterns, Old US Navy Scarf's, Box of Knives, Assortment of Belt Buckles, Wicker Picnic Basket w/Utensils, Wood Jewelry Box, Hand Made Quilts, Steamer Trunk, Elvis Books, Ellvis Tin, Plastic Canvas Books, Branson Sign, Flag & Pole, Polaroid & Bell & Howell Camera w/ Carrying Case, Binoculars, VHS Movies, Stuffed Animals, Fur Babies (1999), Leather Purse, Doll Stands, Telephones. **TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS.**

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 — 10:00 AM
LOCATED: 419 S. Hanover St. — HANOVER, KANSAS
(South of the Hospital)

TOOLS, TRACTOR, RIDING LAWN TRACTORS, CAR, COLLECTIBLES, GUNS

Powermate 3000W generator; Acetylene set; Miller 230 AMP stick welder; Welding rod; New welding helmet; Duracraft floor drill press; Bench grinder; 2-10 inch table saws; Sliding compound miter saw; Craftsman jig saw; 6 gal. 2 HP air compressor; Delta miter saw; B&D chop saw; Dremel scroll saw; Home-made grinder; Clark spiral saw; Milwaukee band saw; Belt sander; Skill saw; Ryobi hand planer; Porter cable reciprocal saw; Craftsman skill saw; Rockwell 1/2 inch impact driver & sockets; 2 saber saws; Skil circular saw; Bostich air nailer; Bostich pneumatic stapler; B&D hammer drill; 6 B&D cordless drills w/chargers; 6 elect. drills; Palm sander; Misc. elect. grinders; B&D angle grinder; Rotor hammer; 2 Dremel tools; 4 1/2 inch Craftsman vise; Lots of hand tools; Sets of wrenches; Vise grips; 1/2 inch SK socket set; 10+ socket sets; Pry bar set; Tapes; Squares; Pop riveter; Hand saws; Staplers; Hammers; Sledges; Drill bits; Deep well sockets; Wood clamps; C-clamps; Levels; Hand drill; Soldering gun; Come-A-Longs; Chain hoist; Hand winch; Doz. log chains; Iron rack; 4 floor jacks; 4 bottle jacks; Jack stands; Car ramps; Handymen jack; 2-8 ft. Fiberglass step ladders; Fiberglass ext. ladder; 6 ft. Alum. Werner step ladder; 2 wood ladders; Shop lights; Work table; Metal tables & stands; 5 ft. nut/bolt cabinet; Metal nut/bolt cabinet; Nuts & bolts; Metal trunk; Plastic truck box; Tool boxes incl.: Dayton; Creepers; Battery chargers; Step stools; Jumper cables; Ext. cords; Air bubble; Caulking guns; Gas cans; Elect. items; Board stands; Infrared heater; 2 wheel dolly; Dolly carts; Mini compressor; Long handled tools; **Lawn & Garden Items:** Lawn General pull sprayer; Pull lawn aerator; Pull broadcast spreader; Remington elect. pole saw; Echo weed eater; Hand sprayers; 2 elect. chain saws; Older Homelite chain saw; Wheel barrow; 55 gal. plastic barrel; Stepping stones; **Riding Lawn Tractors:** Craftsman 18.5 HP riding lawn tractor; Ariens single blade riding lawn mower; Case 222 lawn tractors; Case 220 lawn tractor; Case 222 lawn tractor w/44 inch blade & home-made cab; Case 195 lawn tractor w/blade; Deutz-Allis Vanguard riding mower; MW 8 HP riding lawn mower; **AC D17 Tractor** narrow front w/ live hyd.; 3 pt. PTO post hole digger w/ bit; 3 pt. 6 ft. blade; Homemade 4x5 ft. 2 wheel ball hitch trailer; 4.5x10 ball hitch 2 wheel trailer; Sm. parade float; 2003 **Honda Ruckus Moped**; 2003 **Pontiac Grand Prix GT**, 3.8, sunroof, leather 170k; 1975 **IH Scout II**, V8, 4WD, Auto; 1999 Chevy 1500 ext. cab. 2 WD, 5.3, Auto; **Guns:** Browning 12 ga. Pump Invector BPS special, 2 3/4 & 3 inch field model 30 inch; Browning A-5 12 ga. Auto Light; Remington model 341 Sportmaster 22 bolt action; Mossberg model 342K 22 bolt action; Remington model 760 Gamemaster 270 pump w/ scope; must be 18 & Kansas resident. **Collectibles:** Smokers stand; Drop front writing desk; Wood kitchen table; Wood tea cart; Library stand; Wood high chair; Store scale; Older table & chairs; Windup chirping bird; Roy Roger & Hopalong Cassidy lunch boxes; Washstand bowl; MHS auditorium seat; Cast Fordson tractor; 3 Miller mugs; Tiffany style Imp; Corner wall shelf; Metal bed; Globes; Dresser w/mirror; 33&45 records; Cigarette machine; Admiral table top radio; Hay pulley; **Household:** Admiral refrigerator; Gas range; Visio 36 inch flat screen TV; El. fireplace; 3 cushion divan; Glider rocker recliner; Occ. chair; Modern marble top tend table; Magazine stand; Wheeled cart; Wood cabinet; Step stool; Gun rack; Chest of drawers; Dresser w/mirror; Beds; Heaters; Window air conditioner; Usual run of kitchen items; Elect. roaster; Microwave; Turkey fryer; many other items. See websites for pictures.

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Kansas Farm Bureau's VOTE FBF announces general election endorsements

Kansas Farm Bureau's Voters Organized To Elect Farm Bureau Friends (VOTE FBF) has released its general election candidate endorsements for state and federal races in Kansas.

"These endorsements, as always, were based on county recommendations in each legislative district," Rich Felts, Kansas Farm Bureau president said. "The VOTE FBF board takes this grassroots input

and uses it as the primary guideline for endorsements."

In Congressional races, VOTE FBF has endorsed Sen. Jerry Moran, Dr. Roger Marshall for 1st Congressional District, Rep. Lynn

Jenkins (R-KS 2), Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS 3), and Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS 4).

VOTE FBF was established in 1993 to help elect friends of agriculture and rural Kansas.



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cow Thoughts

The ol' cow thought to herself, 'I sure hate standin' in line. Even if it's just once a year it's not somethin' I look forward to.

'Oh, great. Here comes that yahoos with a hot shot. Where'd they pick him up? Must be refugee from the hayin' crew.

'The weather's nice. Thank goodness for that! I've stood in this alley in the hot sun and in blizzards. You'd think these fools would plan their preg checkin' when the weather's decent.

'Keep movin', Molly. I know she's worried. Losin' her teeth. 'Course I'm no spring chicken either and that bout with the eye infection didn't improve my looks any.

'Okay, kid! I'm movin' up! It's not easy in all this goop. They should'a had you shovel the alley but I suspect that would'a been beyond your learning skills!

'Uh, oh. I can hear the squeeze chute clangin'. I been through it enough

times I know it doesn't hurt but just the sound of it makes me nervous. I wonder if that lady will still be there.

'Alright, Molly. Go on. You're gonna do okay.

'Bred. Good. She's bred. Anybody could'a told that by lookin' but they've got Doc here to make it official. She's gettin' her shots but they're cutting her off to the right. Not stayin' with the big bunch. Dental problems, no doubt.

'Whoa! Sorry, kid! I wasn't ready for that! But I'm in the chute. Ya happy now?

'By gosh, the lady is still settin' on that barrel where she was last year writin' in her notebook. She looks cold. Oooh! Speakin' of cold! Thanks, Doc! I really needed that! I feel like I just got rear-ended by an army tank!

'Bred, he says. I should hope so! I didn't stand out there all spring with that bunch of slobberin' yearlin' bulls for nothin'! I know my job!

'Jeez! I wish there was a better way to check my teeth without you hamhanded Vikings stickin' your fingers up my nose!

'Try that on for size! Dang, I missed him.

'Ump! Agh! Where did that lunatic learn to give shots? Bet he makes a mean fondue.

'So, the big boss is givin' me the once-over. He's lookin' at my eye. It's cloudy, but no pain. He's squattin' down to check it. Now he's puffin' a little powder in it. Now, for sure I can't see!

'Well, I be durned. I believe he patted me on the head!

'Okay, I'm goin'.

'Boy, I'm glad that's over.

'Naw, he couldn't have. Patted me on the head, I mean. Must'a been my imagination.'

House Ag Committee passes Packers and Stockyards Modernization legislation

The House Agriculture Committee advanced legislation this week to modernize the Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA). The bill (H.R. 5883), introduced by Chairman of the Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.), would amend the PSA to expand the definition of "marketing agency" and update acceptable payment methods to include electronic transfer of funds.

In an opening statement, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-Texas) stated, "The Act has not been thoroughly revised in decades, resulting in various outdated requirements. This bill updates definitions to clarify that PSA provisions apply to online and video auctions. It also updates the acceptable payment methods to include electronic transfer of funds."

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