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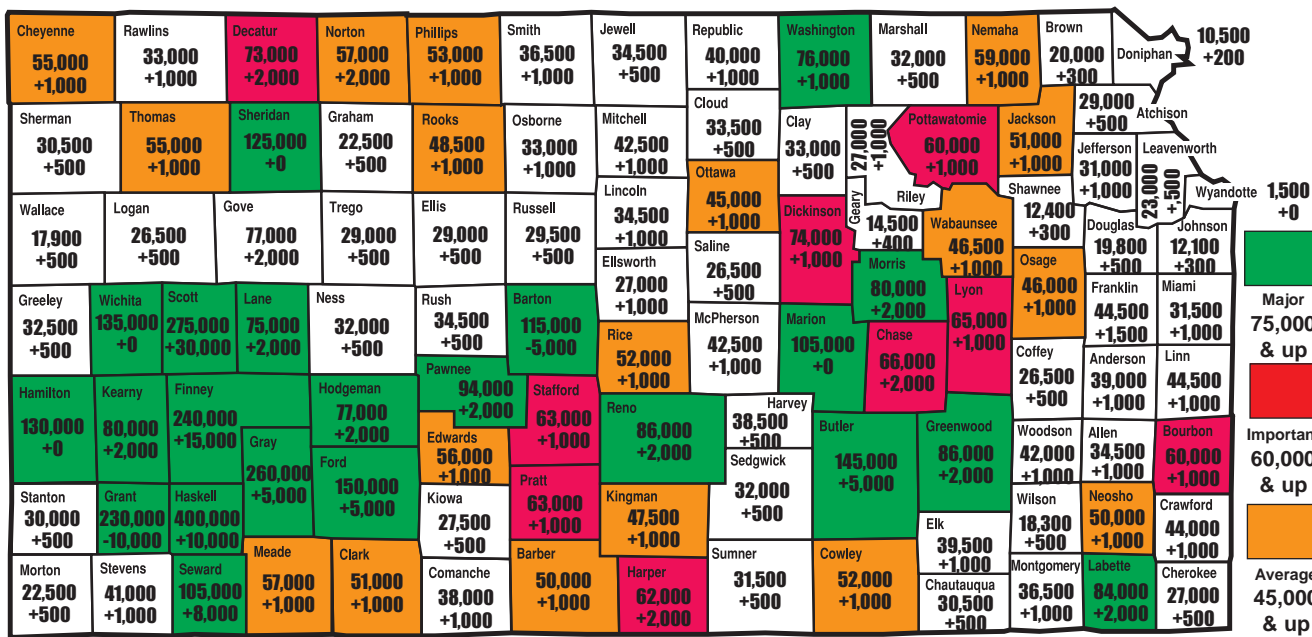
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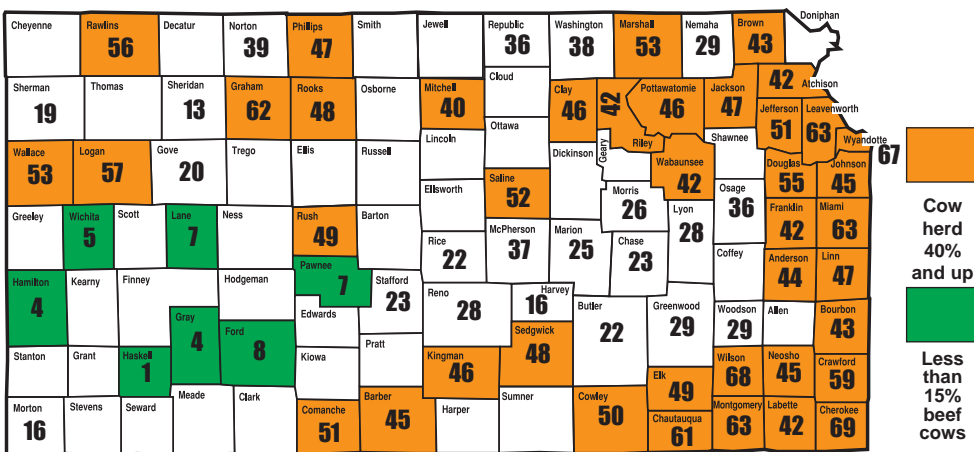
Where's the Beef?



Kansas cattle numbers still growing according to 2017 NASS survey

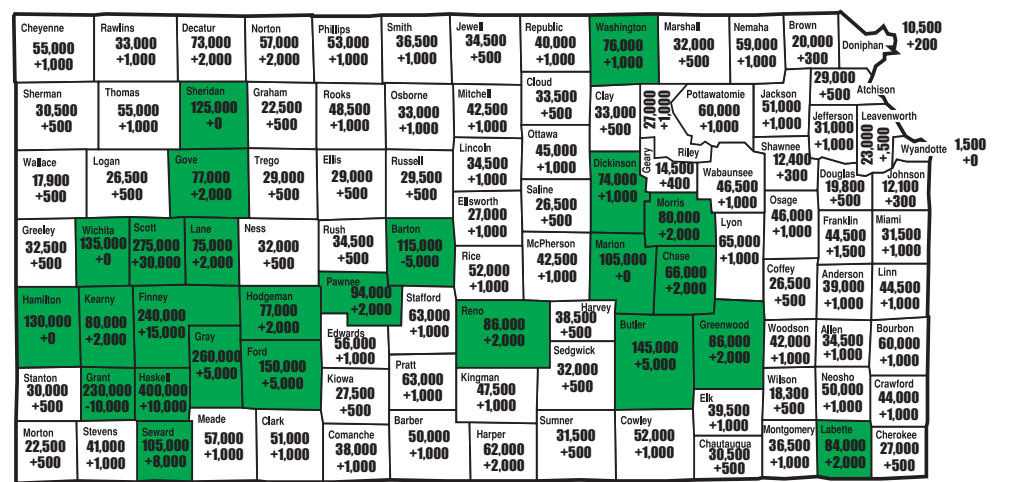
The Kansas cattle herd experienced another uptick in 2017, according to the county cattle estimates released May 15 by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. All cattle and calves came in at 6.4 million on January 1, 2017, up from 6.25 million in 2016. Only two counties saw a drop in numbers; Grant County, which lost 10,000 head to come in at 230,000 and Barton County saw a decrease of 5,000 head for a total of 115,000. Seven counties had gains of 5,000 or more head. Scott County experienced the largest gain, adding 30,000 head for a total of 275,000, Finney County added 15,000, Seward County - 8,000, Gray, Ford and Butler Counties each added 5,000 and Haskell County recuperated last year's loss of 10,000 head to come in at 400,000 and maintain its position as the leader in the state's Top 25.

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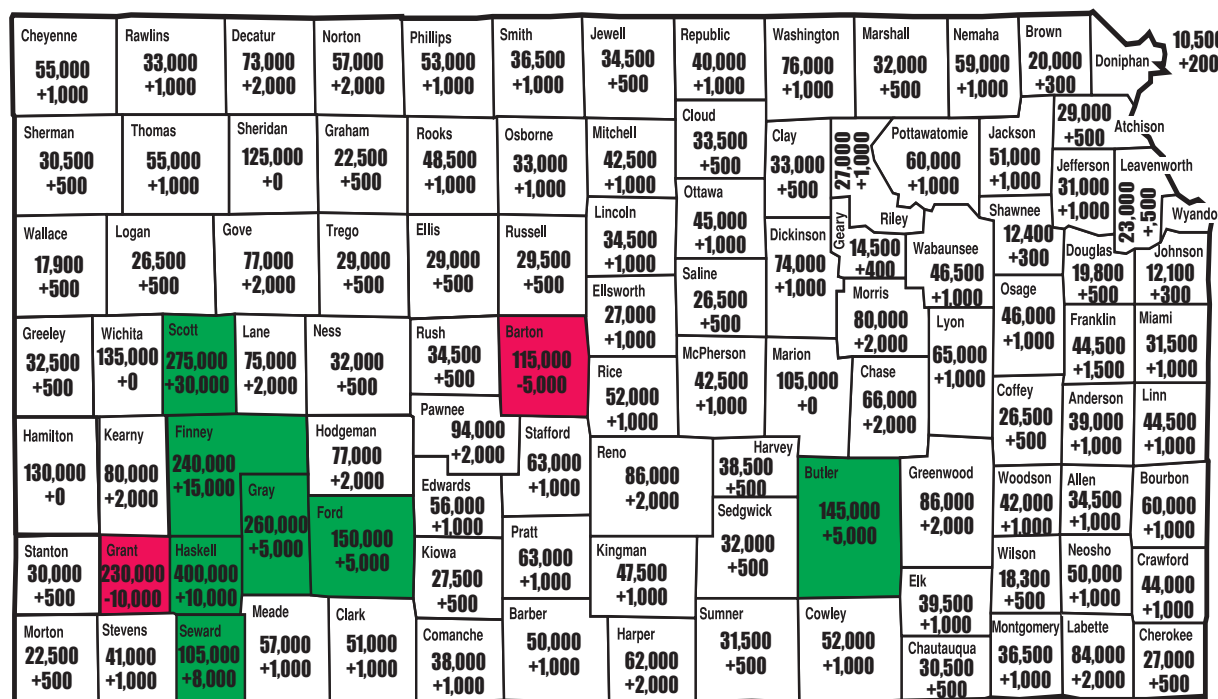


The type of cattle activity taking place across Kansas is illustrated on this map. The figure represents the percentage of beef cows in relation to the total cow population in the county. Some county data has not been provided by KASS due to privacy concerns and those counties are left blank.

Top 25 Kansas counties for cattle



Winners and Losers



According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service 2017 county cattle estimates for Kansas, seven counties had gains of 5,000 or more head, while only two counties had losses of 5,000 head or more.

Top 25 Kansas Cattle Counties

1. Haskell 400,000
2. Scott 275,000
3. Gray 260,000
4. Finney 240,000
5. Grant 230,000
6. Ford 150,000
7. Butler 145,000
8. Wichita 135,000
9. Hamilton 130,000
10. Sheridan 125,000
11. Barton 115,000
12. (tie) Marion 105,000
12. Seward 105,000
14. Pawnee 94,000
15. (tie) Greenwood 86,000
15. Reno 86,000
17. Labette 84,000
18. (tie) Kearny 80,000
18. Morris 80,000
20. Gove 77,000
21. Hodgeman 77,000
22. Lane 75,000
23. Dickinson 74,000
24. Decatur 73,000
25. Chase 66,000

Ag programs see deep cuts in Trump's proposed budget

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

President Donald Trump released his FY 2018 budget May 22, drawing a swift reaction from agriculture groups as it cut \$231 billion from mandatory farm bill spending over ten years and threatens programs already in place from the 2014 farm bill. This comes at a time when net farm income is less than half of what it was three years ago.

While most believe the budget as presented will gain no traction, there is concern that it will embolden opponents of agriculture programs and help them gain ground with congressmen that have limited understanding of agriculture and rural issues.

"This budget should be a warning to people in rural America," said House Agriculture Committee ranking member Collin Peterson. "For years, groups like the

Freedom Caucus, Heritage Foundation and Club for Growth have been advocating for these exact policies as part of their goal to completely do away with farm programs. They are now closer to making this a reality than ever before."

"President Trump promised he would realign government spending, attempt to eliminate duplication or redundancy and see that all government agencies are efficiently delivering services to the taxpayers of American," agriculture secretary Sonny Perdue said in a statement. "And that's exactly what we're going to do at the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

The federal crop insurance program would be cut by \$28.5 billion, or about 36%. This would be achieved by capping the premium subsidy and eliminating the harvest price option. The budget would also cut \$9

billion from Title I commodity supports, including the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, by reducing the adjusted gross income eligibility cap from \$900,000 to \$500,000.

"Thirty-six percent is the most extreme proposed cut to crop insurance I've seen in my 40 years on the farm," said American Soybean Association president Ron Moore. "This is a program that exists to sustain farmers who suffer catastrophic losses. Coupled with the arbitrary caps the budget would impose on premium subsidies, it's clear that this budget was written without input from farmers who would be severely affected."

In the midst of talk of renegotiation of the North America Free Trade Agreement, which already had the ag community nervous, the budget also eliminates two

popular programs designed to promote trade, the Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development Program (FMD). The programs leverage matching industry funds to establish and grow markets for U.S. ag products around the world. "Elimination of MAP and FMD completely ignores the global nature of our industry," Moore continued.

Conservation programs are also on the chopping block, taking a nearly \$6 billion cut, including the elimination of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). These programs were already cut by more than \$6 billion in the 2014 farm bill and Moore fears that eliminating them altogether will "significantly hamper on-farm progress toward healthier water, soil and air."

"By shredding our farm safety net, slashing critical agriculture research and conservation initiatives, and hobbling our access to foreign markets, this budget is a blueprint for how to make already difficult ties in rural America even worse," Moore charged.

Moore did acknowledge a bright spot in the proposed budget, that being progress on regulatory reform and infrastructure investment.

National Association of Wheat Growers president David Schemm pointed out that agriculture had already contributed to a reduction in spending with the passage of the 2014 farm bill, which was originally estimated to save \$23 billion over ten years and is now projected to save the federal government \$100 billion, according to Congressional Budget Office 2017 baseline estimates.

"The Agriculture Risk

Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs offer a safety net to producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues," Schemm said. "Recent events such as the late season blizzard in the Midwest, proves that these programs are working and need to be upheld in the 2018 farm bill."

"Any reduction in the discount for crop insurance will increase the cost of crop insurance to farmers," he continued. "As commodity prices decline and farmers' budgets tighten, an increase in the cost of crop insurance is only more likely to result in less participation and higher premiums for all farmers."

Kansas Corn Growers Association president Ken McCauley, White Cloud, call the proposed budget a direct hit on the ability of farmers to manage risk, develop markets and farm more sustainably, and pointed out that not only agriculture, but rural communities will suffer from the cuts.

"This budget takes aim at three of our top farm bill priorities: crop insurance, export market development and conservation," McCauley said. "Funding for these programs should be discussed in the farm bill reauthorization. Changing these programs in annual funding discussions takes away any certainty farmers have in the farm bill."

Rep. Roger Marshall expressed appreciation for the President's decisive action in balancing the budget within ten years and also for recognizing the fiscal challenges facing the country, but is disappointed in the proposed cuts to ag programs, which only make up .26% of the entire federal budget. "In today's depressed agricultural economy, supporting our farmers

and ranchers is a must," he said. "Crop insurance costs on average \$28 per American each year, and helps ensure an affordable, reliable food source – something we can't take for granted."

Kansas Farm Bureau president Rich Felts also stressed the importance of crop insurance, but pointed out this is only the beginning of budget discussions. "We have strong congressional leadership in D.C. and look forward to working with the Kansas delegation on ensuring Kansas farmers and ranchers have a seat at the table as these discussions continue," Felts said.

Senate Ag Committee chairman Pat Roberts issued a joint statement with House ag committee chairman Mike Conaway. "We support the Trump administration's goal of achieving three percent economic growth for our nation," they wrote. "USDA's latest estimates find agriculture, food and related industries contribute \$992 billion to our economy. As we debate the budget and the next farm bill, we will fight to ensure farmers have a strong safety net so this key segment of our economy can weather current hard times and continue to provide all Americans with safe, affordable food. Also, as part of farm bill discussions, we need to take a look at our nutrition assistance programs to ensure they are helping the most vulnerable in our society."

The \$231 billion cut to mandatory farm bill spending includes a \$193 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It also proposes an additional \$8.494 billion in mandatory USDA cuts and also calls for a twenty percent cut in USDA discretionary spending.



I am cranky. There I said it. I guess it was finally time to admit to what my family has accused me of for a long time. Call it grumpy, short, surly or downright grouchy, I probably have been a little hard to deal with the past couple of weeks. It is also funny how grumpiness seems to be contagious, because the rest of my family has come down with it, too.

I can blame some of it on the weather; we haven't finished planting soybeans and the broome looks like it will be ready soon. The rain keeps coming. Don't get me wrong, I really appreciate the rain, I just wish we could get the timing down better.

Some of my crankiness is just an occupational hazard this time of the year. It is busy and there just aren't enough hours in the day. It happens every year and will dissipate sometime in late June or July or August (or never, according to certain members of my family). In any case, I don't think I am grouchy at all, just focused and busy. Okay, so maybe I have been a little short.

I guess it is time to come clean and admit to being grouchy, but it is not my fault. Mornings like today do not help my attitude or my blood pressure. This morning dawned bright and sunny after what seemed like forty days and forty nights of rain. I guess I kind of understand how Noah felt when the ark hit dry land. Things were muddy and I had a lot to do. I had my list and my day was planned. Then my family made me cranky.

Jennifer started the morning out gently reminding me of errands that needed to be run, phone calls that should be made and little things around the house that could be done. Admittedly I might have been a little surly when those suggestions were made, even if all of them were things I had said I would get done tomorrow. Which by the way, is still a day away.

So, with this being the last day of school, I decided to do what all good leaders do and delegate some of the workload to child number two, who after today would suddenly have a whole lot more free time. Child number two then reminded me of all her commitments for the summer. Furthermore, if I was going to be that cranky she did not want to help me anyway.

My normally happy, sunny disposition

was, admittedly, getting darker by the minute and I may have left the house grumbling about all the things I had to do. It seemed everyone wanted more of my time and I had my own agenda but, poor me, nobody cared about that. That was when I tripped over the old dog who was under my feet. It was not a good time for him to want his ears scratched and a little attention.

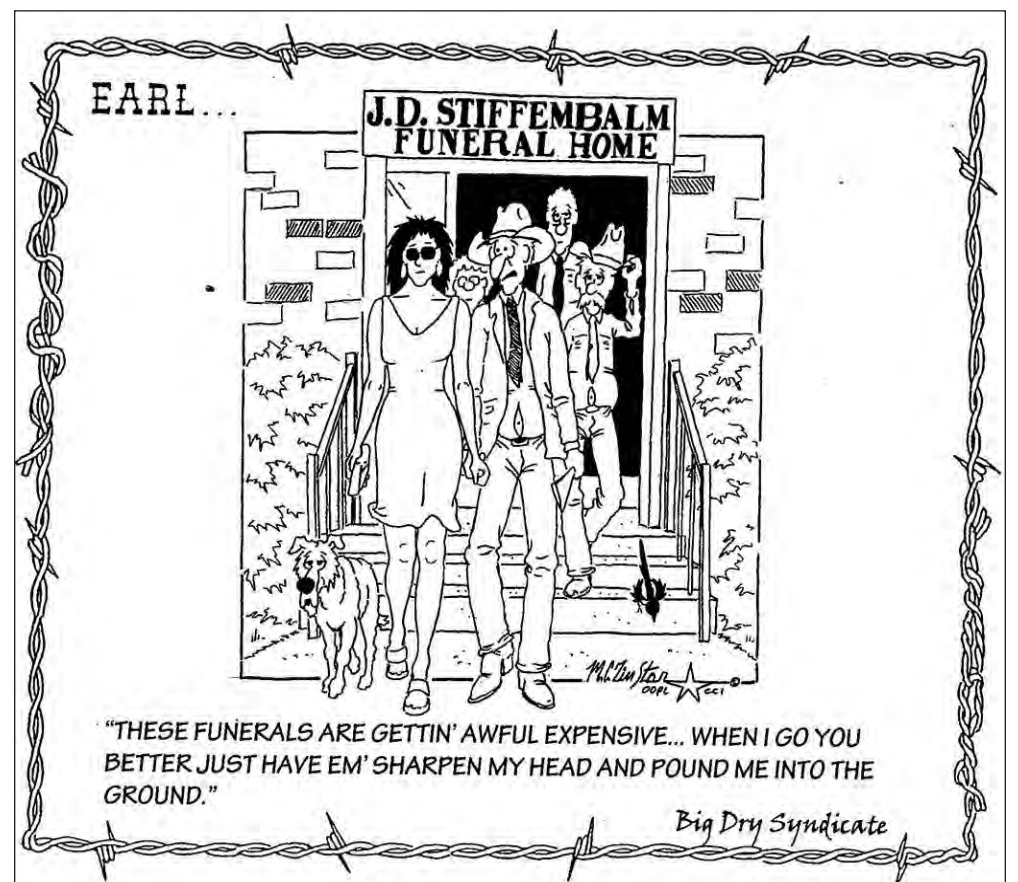
The feed bin was about empty and I would need to make feed runs to two different places. All the animals were out of hay and the barn was empty so I would have to haul more hay up. Who needs those unproductive hours of sleep anyway? It was probably a good thing I was by myself because I was really, truly in a grumpy mood. Even I had to admit to that.

I kept telling myself it wasn't my fault, it was everyone and everything around me that was causing this bad mood. How dare they mess with my schedule and add things to my already cramped calendar? Then, amid my cussing and kicking, I was reminded of something I had come across many years ago.

I don't remember the saying word for word but the gist of it was if everyone around you seems to be causing problems maybe they are not the problem. Maybe that problem is the one common denominator, you. Surely not; I am the picture of organization, perfect time management and good humor. Then it hit me.

It was not Jennifer's fault I had put everything off until the last minute, she was just trying to help me remember all the commitments I had made. Without her reminding me, I probably would have forgotten some of them and that would have put me in a much worse mood. Tatum was only reacting the way I had reacted to Jennifer when she had added things to my list. Why should it be any different for her?

The realization that my bad mood was a direct result of my poor planning was kind of a bitter pill to take, but it was medicine I needed. With that I called the dog over, gave him a good scratching behind the ears and patted him on the head. Then I smiled to myself knowing that at least I had made the dog happy. It wasn't much, but at least it was a start.



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Pasture monitoring – forage management crucial part of your operation

By David Hallauer, Agent, Meadowlark Extension District, Crop and Soils, Horticulture

One of the more important facets of livestock production is forage management. Some would even go so far as to call themselves forage managers as much as they would livestock producers! I think forage manager is a pretty accurate description – particularly as we get in to the heart of the grazing season and work at trying to manage that very important forage resource.

Our management has a lot to do with the forages available to us. Cool season grasses like brome and fescue grow very well when temperatures are in the for-

ties through the mid-seventies. That's the reason we typically see those grasses heading here in late May and in to early June as they reach 'maturity.' Warmer season forages do well from the low seventies on in to the nineties, making them much better suited for the increasing temperatures we see in summer.

Unfortunately, we don't typically have the perfect balance of warm and cool season forages, and in some cases don't have more than one type to even think about grazing. That's what makes our management system all the more important.

In short, grasses grow leaves to capture sunlight and convert it to energy. As grass plants grow, the growing point moves from near the soil line further up the plant where it is often removed by grazing. When removed, the plant initiates regrowth from root systems and the plant starts the process over again. It works well – unless the roots haven't stockpiled enough energy to allow for recovery. If not, grass growth slows, root mass declines, and stands can thin.

To keep things in 'balance,' good grass managers spend a lot of time trying to

figure out how to maximize production. In short, that means grazing plants when they are actively growing, but always leaving enough foliage for recovery as well as a rest period to do so. For example, grazing a cool season pasture heavily isn't necessarily an issue, as long as three to four inches of growth is retained so that photosynthesis can start to replenish root reserves AND adequate rest is allowed for the plant to initiate recovery. If a pasture is heavily grazed, livestock can be moved to a warm season grass or other forage

source to give the heavily grazed area time to recover. If they can't be moved, then grazing management has to include safeguards to keep grass from getting too short without time for recovery.

Monitor your forage resource by consistently observing grass growth through the season. Have a plan for removing animals when forages reach critical grazing levels and make sure that pastures receive adequate rest for ample recovery before they are grazed again or prior to fall or winter dormancy. Make sure you are grazing cool season spe-

cies in the appropriate time frame and warm seasons in the best time frame to maximize their production. If you want to get even more technical, start taking pasture measurements. A ruler or grazing stick and production data for specific forage species, combined with appropriate grazing height suggestions can give you a really good idea about how much grazing you can expect from an area. All of these tools can help you not only manage the forage resource for the current season, but help you maintain stands in to the future!

Kansas milk production sees increase

Milk production in Kansas during April 2017 totaled 299 million pounds, up 7 percent from April 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 153,000 head, 9,000 head more than April 2016. Milk production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds.

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

This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest

Winner Is Sharon Vesecky, Baldwin City

Winner Sharon Vesecky, Baldwin City: "I buy only Quaker oats. I assume the name brand is less likely to have cross contamination and so far I have had no problem with it."

NO-BAKE APPLE OATMEAL BALLS (Gluten-Free)

- 1/4 cup margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup grated apple
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 cups quick oats
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Melt margarine in a saucepan. Add sugar, cinnamon, apple and salt. Boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add nuts, oats and vanilla. Mix well; drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. When cold, roll into balls.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia: "The smooth slices are especially good topped with raspberry or cherry pie filling."

- ### CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE PIE
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 - 1/4 cup butter, softened
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips, melted & cooled
 - 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping,

thawed
(1) 9-inch graham cracker crust
In a large mixing bowl beat cream cheese, butter, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Beat in melted and cooled chocolate chips. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust and chill covered. Yields: 6 to 8 servings.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares this:
CHICKEN CHEDDAR BUNDLES

- 1 1/4 cups diced cooked chicken
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup celery, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup green onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon pimento, chopped
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 17.3-ounce frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water

Mix all ingredients except pastry, egg and water; set aside. Unfold thawed pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll each sheet into 12-by-12-inch square. Cut six 6-by-6-inch squares, reserving remaining pastry for another use. Spoon 1/3 cup chicken mixture onto center of each square. Bring 4 corners of pastry to center twist slightly and press edges to seal forming a bundle. Arrange bundles on an ungreased baking sheet. Whisk egg and water; brush over bundles. Bake at 400 degrees for 15-25 minutes until golden.

Kellee George, Lawrence:

- ### SLOW-COOKER CHICKEN CAESAR SANDWICHES
- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs
 - 1 cup chicken broth
 - 2 cups Caesar dressing
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 6 buns
 - Lettuce leaves
 - Spray slow-cooker. Mix

chicken, broth and 1 cup of the dressing. Cover and cook on low heat for 5 1/2-6 hours or until chicken is tender and shreds easily with a fork. Transfer to cutting board. Shred chicken. Drain remaining liquid from slow-cooker and return chicken to cooker along with remaining 1 cup dressing and the pepper. Cover and cook on high 30 minutes or until mixture is hot. Spoon mixture onto bottom of buns. Top each

with lettuce leaf.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center, sends a fresh salad recipe:

- ### RHUBARB SALAD
- 2 cups fresh rhubarb (cut up)
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 3-ounce package strawberry gelatin
 - 1 cup hot water
 - 2 tablespoons crushed pineapple
 - 2 medium apples, chopped
 - 1/4 cup chopped black

walnuts
Combine rhubarb, sugar and 1/4 cup water. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, until partially cooked. Dissolve gelatin in 1 cup hot water. Blend in warm rhubarb mixture. Chill until thick. Fold in crushed pineapple, apples and black walnuts. Chill until set.

NOTE: This can be frozen.

"Age Out Loud" — May is Older Americans Month

By Deanna Turner, DEA River Valley Extension District

Today's older Americans are not sitting on the porch rocking. They are working longer, trying new things, and engaging in their communities. Older Americans are taking charge, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves and others. The theme of Older Americans Month this month is Age Out Loud.

Seniors are remaining active in their community, whether it is working beyond the traditional retirement age of 65, or becoming advocates for the rights of older adults. They look at growing older as an opportunity to try a new goal or an old interest.

Celebrate how older adults are a growing and increasingly vital part of our country. The contributions they make to our communities are tremendous. Volunteering in their communities makes a positive impact in the lives of all people.

How Many Men and Women Are Age 65 and

Over?

As of July 1, 2015, 14.9% of people in the United States are in this age category compared to 14.6% in Kansas. The River Valley Extension District counties have a higher percentage of people age 65 and over which are: Cloud County- 21.2 percent; Clay County- 21.9 percent; Washington County- 23.5 percent; Republic County- 27.2 percent.

The average percentage in the four counties is 23.5 percent of the population is age 65 and over.

Thank older Kansans for all they do for the community and the sacrifices they made to raise responsible children and to help other people in the community. Show your appreciation to older Kansans who made a difference in your life!

Defensive Driving Class June 12th- Sign up for the upcoming Defensive Driving Course offered at the 4-H Fair Conference Center in Clay Center. The class will be Monday, June 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is a registration fee per person due by June 5th. In order to have a class, a minimum of 15 people have to sign up.

Many defensive driving tips will be presented by Trooper Ben Gardner from the Kansas Highway Patrol. The one-day class gives par-

ticipants an opportunity to improve their driving skills and lower their auto insurance premium too. Participants can bring their lunch with refrigeration available or break for an hour lunch. Snacks are provided. Participants do not drive or take a test. Several insurance companies provide a 5-10% premium discount to graduates of this course. The certificate received is effective for three years.

The 4-H Fair Conference Center is located at 205 South 12th Street at the south end of the Clay County fairgrounds beside the grandstand. Traveling from the north, go south at the junction of Highway 24 & 15 down 6th Street to Bridge Street. Turn east on Bridge Street. At the stop sign, turn right on County Road 396 and continue around the Armory to the fairgrounds main entrance. Coming from the south on Highway 15 turn east on Bridge Street, and at the stop sign turn right to the fairgrounds main entrance.

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Home gardening: Now's the time to mulch tomatoes

MANHATTAN – Ask home gardeners what is the first plant they tried growing, and many will tell you – you guessed it – the tomato. The plants are prolific, their fruit can be canned, cooked or eaten fresh, and are a source of vitamin C, making tomatoes the most popular plant in home gardens.

For those who have their plants in and growing, now is a good time to mulch, according to Kansas State University horticulturist Ward Upham.

“Soils are warm enough now that tomatoes can benefit from mulching,” said Upham, who is the state Master Gardener coordinator for K-State Research and Extension. “Tomatoes prefer even levels of soil moisture, and mulches provide that by preventing excessive evaporation.”

Other benefits of mulching, he said, include weed suppression, moderating soil temperatures and preventing the formation of a hard crust on the soil. Crusted soils restrict air movement into and out of the soil and slow the water infiltration rate.

Hay and straw mulches are popular for tomatoes, Upham added, but may contain weed or volunteer grain seeds.

Grass clippings can also be used but should be applied as a relatively thin layer – only 2 to 3 inches thick. Clippings should be dry because wet clippings can mold and become so hard that water can't pass through. Do not use clippings from lawns that have been treated with a weed killer until some time has passed. With most types of weed killers, clippings from the fourth mowing after treatment may be used. If the lawn was treated with a product containing quinclorac, such as the product Drive, the clippings should not be used as mulch. If the weed killer used has a crabgrass killer, it likely contains quinclorac.

More information on home gardening and lawn care is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and online at <http://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/>.



Home and Away

Again? This happened again?

By Lou Ann Thomas
I am writing this the morning after the reported suicide bombing outside a venue in Manchester, England that killed more than 20 and injured around 60 more concertgoers.

Unfortunately, we have seen so many images of events like this that it has blunted our reactions. We still feel disbelief when these kinds of things happen, but it no longer completely shocks us. This time is different. Children were apparently targeted, making this even more horrendous.

My heart truly hurts for everyone affected by this cowardly act of violence. Yet, doesn't this affect us all? This is our world. These are our children. We can't

really separate ourselves from them or from this attack. This is happening on our watch.

I want to believe that people are good. I want to feel hope for our shared humanity. I want to believe that we will somehow be able to stop these acts of mass horror and hatred. But how? How can we still hold onto hope? How might we stop this carnage?

Honestly, I have no idea. I don't know how we got to this place at this time, but here we are and somehow we have to figure this out. We cannot allow our world to become so dangerous and frightening that our children no longer feel safe enjoying the simple, joyful pleasures of life, like going to a concert. Somehow we

have continue to hold tightly to hope – hope in the goodness of others, hope that a benevolent power will guide and support us as we reach out in compassion to those around us, hope that these acts of senseless violence will not ever define us as human beings. Hope that we will never give in to a world so out of balance and tilting toward such insanity as occurred last evening in Manchester, England.

There are many good people in this world who are doing amazingly good things, both big and small. And maybe that's all for which we can hope right

now – that there is still goodness and that somehow, with practice and focus, it will grow and expand. Right now, this world needs us all to do whatever we can to unleash kindness again, whether that's to smile at a stranger, to hold a door for someone, to allow someone their say – then love them anyway.

Will that change the world? Today I'm no longer sure, but we have to do something and offering a trickle of goodness seems better than doing nothing.

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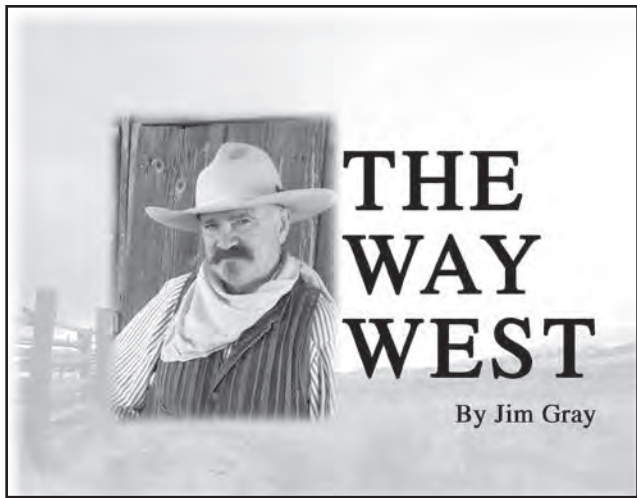


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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Narrow Escape

The Osage Neutral Lands consisted of eight hundred thousand acres west of Missouri in the southeast corner of Kansas. In 1825, the buffer of unoccupied land originally served as a barrier, or neutral space, between Missouri settlers and the Osage people. In 1835 the neutral space was sold to the Cherokee tribe for a sum of five hundred thousand dollars and renamed the Cherokee Neutral Lands. The counties of Cherokee, Crawford, and a portion of Bourbon County encompass the same land today.

During the Civil War the Neutral Lands were generally inhabited by guerillas, bushwhackers, and outlaws. At the close of the war the Cherokees sold the neutral land back to the United States for eight hundred thousand dollars, opening the southeast corner of Kansas to settlers.

Eugene F. Ware recalled those early days of settlement in an address to the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society, January 16, 1900. Learning of available lands in southeast Kansas, Ware traveled by wagon from his home in Iowa, joining other Iowa emigrants in Missouri. He crossed the border from southwest Missouri into the Neutral Lands on June 1, 1867.

A few miles west of the Missouri border, Ware laid eyes on the "town" of Neutral City. The only store was nearly hidden by a fleet of covered wagons that had stopped on their way into Kansas. Nearby men were at work on a new blacksmith shop constructed of coarse native lumber. It was a "bright, beautiful morning, after a heavy rain." Everyone carried one to two revolvers strapped to their hips, and every man a veteran of the recent war, dressed with "some part of a government uniform - cap, blouse, or pants."

Ware's party turned their wagons south to camp near a

cabin the wagons crossed an "entirely uninhabited" territory. Crossing a divide, they came to Cherry Creek. At a fork in the creek a new log cabin beckoned them to investigate. A tiny shanty bore the sign "store". The "storekeeper" was working in his newly established garden. The padlock on the door was unlocked to reveal a stock of goods estimated by Ware to be valued at one hundred fifty dollars.

Ware purchased some matches, the storekeeper locked up his store, and returned to his work in the garden. Stocks of provisions were expensive on the frontier. A grasshopper invasion the previous year had scoured virtually every living plant from the earth, effectively extinguishing the entire harvest. Bacon was fifty cents a pound, cornmeal was six cents a pound, and flour, fifteen cents a pound. Ware and his party of Iowa settlers determined to return to Missouri for supplies as soon as they could get settled.

The wagons rolled west and finally came to the Neosho River valley where several farms had been established. Ware noted that there was still "ample opportunity." He and his friends took

up their "claims," which at that point lacked official authority. A determination for settlement on the Neutral Lands had not yet been established under the homestead act.

Not long after Ware arrived along the Neosho a preacher by the name of Buckminster spread a rumor that Ware was a "reb." Buckminster claimed that he had shot at Ware as he was trying to steal horses in the moonlight. The preacher intended to get up a posse to capture and lynch Ware.

On hearing the news Ware mounted his horse and headed down the valley to find Buckminster. On the way, he happened upon a man busily building a stable. He could tell the man had been there long enough to be known in the territory. Ware asked if there were any Iowa soldiers "around anywhere." The man responded "No I do not know any Iowa soldiers, but I know you." He then recalled seeing Ware with General "Bob" Michell's staff during

the war. The recognition was just what Ware needed to convince Buckminster that he was not a bushwhacker. Finding the preacher, Ware told his story, and referred to the settler he had just met. After supper, which Ware paid for with twenty-five cents, Buckminster told him he had a narrow escape. It was obvious that Buckminster was not inclined to abide horse

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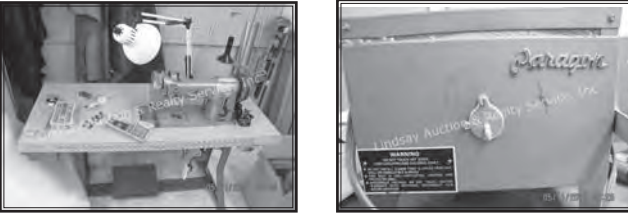
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Shrewsbury to intern with RAAA commercial marketing team



Ashtyn Shrewsbury, Alliance, Nebraska, is serving the Red Angus Association of America as the summer intern with the RAAA marketing team. She will be assisting the Association with herd visits and be completing field audits as required for the Feeder Calf Certification Program. "We are looking forward to working with Ashtyn this summer and know that our members and FCCP program participants will enjoy the opportunity to visit with her," said Gary Fike, director of commercial marketing and team leader. Shrewsbury's background includes an interest in a purebred Red Angus

operation in Nebraska. She received her bachelor's of science in animal sciences from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in May 2017.

She was selected as a National Beef Ambassador in 2016. While at UNL, she was also a part of the prestigious Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program. She was an active member of the Block and Bridle and Collegiate Cattlewomen organizations on campus, holding leadership roles in each, as well as serving as the Nebraska State FFA Vice President.

"I'm excited to get started and am looking forward to the opportunity to grow my knowledge within the breed and spend time meeting with Red Angus producers," said Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury will work from her home in Nebraska and will be responsible for scheduling and be completing required mandatory audits with the FCCP program to satisfy the USDA requirements for participating ranches. She will be primarily calling on farmers, ranchers and feedlots throughout Nebraska, Kansas, and eastern Colorado, as well as assisting the marketing team with other commercial marketing opportunities as needed.

AROUND KANSAS



The Kansas Notable Books List is the annual recognition of 15 outstanding titles either written by Kansans or about a Kansas related topic. The Kansas Notable Book List highlights our lively contemporary writing community and encourages readers to enjoy some of the best writing of the authors among us. I have enjoyed the honor of having a book selected for inclusion in this prestigious list, and I can tell you, it's a proud moment!

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The Small-Town Midwest: Resilience and Hope in the Twenty-First Century by Julianne Couch.

We at Around Kansas encourage you to grab a good book, a Kansas Notable book, and do some summer reading!

Deb Goodrich is the co-host of Around Kansas and the co-author, with Michelle Martin, of Kansas Forts and Bases: Sentinels on the Prairie, a Kansas Notable Book.

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Women in Farming Workshop to be held June 10

The Kansas Rural Center invites women farmers or want-to-be-farmers, women landowners, and women interested in sustainable farming, food production and local food initiatives to attend a Women in Farming Workshop on Saturday, June 10, 2017. This all-day, women-only workshop and farm tour will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Palmer Community Center, (203 N Indiana St., Palmer, KS), and two nearby farms.

Saturday's workshop will provide useful tools and information for women farmers who are interested in increasing local food production and opportunities; raising grass-fed beef; adding or attracting pollinators to their farm operations; and growing specialty crops with high tunnels. The information will be provided by **Former Kansas ag secretary running for governor**

(AP) - Former Kansas Agriculture Secretary Joshua Svaty says he's running for the Democratic nomination for governor in 2018.

Svaty announced his candidacy recently in his central Kansas hometown of Ellsworth.

The 37-year-old Svaty was elected to the Kansas House in 2002 and served there until Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson appointed him state agriculture secretary in 2009.

He later served as a federal Environmental Protection Agency administrator and operates a family farm.

His announcement sets up the first contested Democratic primary for governor since 1998. Former Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer also has declared his candidacy.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback is term-limited.

Wichita businessman Wink Hartman is seeking the GOP nomination and other potential Republican candidates include Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, Secretary of State Kris Kobach and Kansas Leadership Center CEO Ed O'Malley.

mal format of the workshop encourages lots of discussion, questions and participation by those attending.

The morning's presentations will begin with Natalie Fullerton, KRC's Community Food Solutions program director, giving an overview of state-level and community-based local food initiatives. She will provide an overview of the "Feeding Kansas" report and recommendations, a report that has informed the development of local food policy councils and developed into KRC's work this year in supporting local food capacity in southwest Kansas.

Joanna Voigt, beekeeper and KRC's Communications and Pollinator Program Coordinator, will present on pollinators on the farm. She will explain why pollinators are important on the farm (and elsewhere) and will highlight farming practices that are beneficial to pollinator populations.

The morning's final presentation will be with Tom Buller, longtime organic farmer and K-State Research and Extension's Douglas County horticulture agent. He will share an introduction to growing specialty crops in hoop houses and give guidance on using row covers and hoop houses to extend the growing and market seasons. Buller authored the in-depth *Growing Under Cover: A Kansas Grower's Guide* with KRC in 2016, and will review the report's findings and provide copies to attendees.

Following the presentations and a catered lunch, attendees will head to nearby Sunny Day Farms, owned and operated by Lucinda Stuenkel (1835 Parallel Road, Palmer, Kansas). The group will tour the farm's grass-fed and grass-finished cattle operation. Stuenkel practices intensive rotational grazing, has incorporated cover crops, and is

beginning to add in pollinator strips. Her farm has received numerous conservation grants and awards, including a pasture-management award and range-land-management award.

Following the Sunny Day Farms tour, attendees will drive about 15 miles to Jay and Linda Sleichter's farm (1282 21st Road, Clay Center, Kansas). On less than five acres, the family has six high tunnels and grows fresh produce nearly year-round, including hundreds of tomato plants in nearly every color, shape and size. The family also sells a selection of homemade jellies. Directions to both farms will be provided at the event.

Be sure to dress for the weather: Wear sturdy shoes that can get muddy and bring sun protection. Don't

forget a water bottle!

Saturday's workshop and farm tour requires an RSVP. Please follow this link - <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ee6gir-g1966031ad&oseq=&c=&ch=>, or visit [https://kansaruralcenter.org/women-in-farm-](https://kansaruralcenter.org/women-in-farm)

ing-workshop-june-10/, to register. A \$15 registration fee covers lunch, the farm tour hosts, and materials.

For more information about the workshop and/or the roundtable, email KRC at info@kansaruralcenter.org or call 866-579-5469.

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Kansas State University researchers find new pathogens in soybean seeds

A single seed seems so simple. Put it in the ground, give it some care, and you've soon grown food.

But Chris Little knows better. It's why he's spent the better part of the last six

years learning more about the not-so-modest beginnings of soybean seeds in Kansas.

"Seeds have micro-organisms that live on and within them," said Little,

an associate professor of plant pathology at Kansas State University. "Some of those seed-borne micro-organisms are harmless and actually helpful to the seed. But pathogens also reside within the seeds."

Since 2011, Little has been studying the biology of soybean seeds to find out what affects their ability to germinate and, thus, impact a farmer's productivity. Pathogens, such as viruses, bacteria or other micro-organisms, cause disease and thus rob farmers of greater crop yields.

"You can find a lot of different pathogens, a lot of different fungi, a lot of organisms that live in the seed and seedlings, but the question becomes are they actually pathogens" capable of causing disease, Little said.

Little and his research team have collected soybean seeds from 11 loca-

tions in Kansas, which he says includes "several hundred samples." Then they isolated the fungi in the laboratory to see just what's living inside the seeds.

"The way we categorize pathogens has changed, so being able to identify what it is - in a precise way - helps us to figure out control strategies," he said. "If we don't know the perpetrator, we can't solve the crime. So there's a lot to this project in figuring out who the perpetrators are in a better way."

The researchers had a recent breakthrough when they discovered that two fungi - *Fusarium thapsinum* and *Fusarium fujikoroii* - pathogens of sorghum and rice - are present in soybean seeds in Kansas.

Using advanced sequencing techniques that essentially extract DNA from the seed, the researchers discovered that *Fusarium* fungi

are present in 100 percent of the seed samples they gathered. And, Little noted, "many of these seed-borne pathogens may cause seedling problems."

Their finding is significant because both species, and many more, are capable of being pathogens and are resistant to fungicides commonly used to treat seed.

"It raises big questions," Little said. "Just because you can detect it, what are you going to do about it?"

So far, there's not a good answer to that question, but researchers now have a better view of pathogens that affect soybean seeds and seedlings. They can determine the best seed treatments or fungicides to use to control for disease, or provide DNA information that helps plant breeders develop stronger varieties.

"There's always new germplasm that needs to be

screened for resistance to make sure that you've got really good, well-adapted varieties," Little said. "For Kansas, we want varieties that have good drought tolerance, and we want good environmental-stress tolerance. We also want to have soybean cyst nematode resistance and sudden-death syndrome resistance, and it would also be good if we had good seedling health with those too."

"There's kind of a package that you want to put together, and this study feeds into that package."

The research was primarily funded by the United Soybean Board and the North Central Soybean Research program, which has funded work in several midwestern states. The Kansas Soybean Commission also provided support for the project.

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PRIMITIVES & COLLECTIBLES

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princess oval pan; 2 Federal cold pack canners; misc. glass top green jars; metal shop stool; Autocrat 2 burner gas stove; 3 wall type kitchen cupboards, 2 base type cabinets; chrome trim legs kitchen table; 3 chrome round bottom chairs; 4 Berkshire House kitchen chairs; all metal bed frame with wire mattress and box springs; 5 different size pine carpenters nail-tool carriers; 2 grape crates; pine tool bench; misc. pine items; 2 old school desks; 7 old flat top trunks; yard art, bird cages, feeders; tricycles; Red wagon; concrete coyote, 3 pups; ice and roller skates; Florence Rotary and Singer CI pedal sewing machines; Anker portable machine; sewing supplies; CI legs sewing table; folding top serving cart; 2 dropleaf tables; card and folding tables; 12 straight back hardwood chairs.

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bowl; set of 3 porcelain Eagles; 2 North Roosevelt ceramic street signs; slide viewer and slides; DaLite movie screen with tripod; Brownie movie projector; lots of sheet music; misc. old cameras; box full of marbles, many shooters; Wizard of Oz Nutcrackers; lots of hard cover and paperback books: Civil War to modern time, mystery, Louis L'Amour, cook-books and others; lots of stuffed animals; Wall hanging tin fold note holder; old long arm swivel wall mount doctors light with 4 globes.

PICTURES, OLD FURNITURE & GLASSWARE

Knee hole desk/chair; office desk; dining table, chairs; youth vanity with mirror; chest dresser, wish-bone mirror; buffet; knick knack shelving; ornate corner shelf; 5-shelf bookcase; solid wood coffee table; lamp tables; old stools; 2 round top tables, square top table; old rocking chair; ornate round back chairs; wicker bottom love seat; wooden baby chair; 4-piece ornate matching combo chairs; lots of pictures and frames; Inspiration Inlet, Buffalo Grazing, Belgium Castle, Norman Rockwell, C. Russell, Poll Parrot Shoes, Pin Donkey and signed Hello Everybody by Shirley Temple picture; Shirley Temple paper dolls magazine; misc. dolls and clothes; pitcher & bowl set; old boat wheel wine rack; lots of Pyrex; Hall tea pitcher; pink Depression; kid's tea set; youth Haviland china dish set; large set Peerless Bavarian dinner set; Amberware Humpty Dumpty cup; cruet, salt cellars, crystalware and 6 amber soda dishes; forged aluminum pitcher; U.S. pitcher; old Heckendorn gas push mower; upright piano; sofa & chairs.

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Two months after the state's largest wildfire, farmers and ranchers are still recovering and rebuilding.

A fund organized by Kansas Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranch-

ers (YF&R) committee and American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) YF&R committee members has raised more than \$100,000 and donations are still being accepted.

These funds will provide help to young and beginning farmers affected by the fires in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Donations have come from 20 states and range from individuals, businesses, state and even county Farm Bureaus from across the nation.

"The outpouring has been amazing to witness," says Amy France, Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers committee chair. "Complete strangers are giving to others in time of need. With such division in our country right now, it helps remind us that people still care."

The YF&R committee members will begin reviewing applications after June 16.

"We will do our best to be extremely diligent in how we disperse," says France. "Our goal is to help keep young farmers and ranchers going, even after this hardship. It is vital to our livelihood to do all we can to ensure the continuation of farm and ranch life."

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AUCTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 — 4:30 PM

Auction will be held in the Community Center on the South side of the square in JEWELL, KANSAS

POSTCARDS, JEWELRY, ANTIQUES

500+ post cards inc.: (Waconda Springs, Santa, ladies, advertising, comic, Kansas towns (Cawker City, Osborne, Glen Elder, Beloit, other), patriotic, military, holidays, depots, leather, many other); large collection of jewelry (Cameo's, brooches, necklaces, rings, bracelets, beaded necklaces, chains); 14k jewelry (necklace, bracelet, pocket watches, fobs, stickpins); gold rings (10k, 14k, 18k); sterling (necklaces, bracelets, pins, rings, Gorham ornaments); turquoise jewelry; signed inc.: Whiting Davis, Marino, Kramer; pinbacks (military BSA political); stickpins; bolo ties; button covers; IOOF Stockton fob; Waconda Springs (pampet's, Waconda Story Book, post cards, pictures); 1800's Mankato almanacs; comic books; road

maps; collection good books (children, Little Leather library, 1921 Jewell Co plat book, 1886 IOOF, Red Cross, nursing, Harold Bell Wright, automotive, school, cook); paper (almanacs, comics, 1938-39-41 Athens year book, 1917 Covert year book, Carlsbad Cavern, Brewster 1926 book, Mopac hand book & timetables, 1800's autograph book, 1922 Ford supply, Haywards Salina Santa, My Dolly Tuck, Kendall MM ads, Union State Bank Downs ledger, Kitchen Klatter, Continental wholesale catalog, Cawker City families, automotive, many other advertising & good paper); 4, 5, 6 & 8 cent stamps; 1934 \$20.00 bill; 1976 \$2 bill w/13 cent Downs post office; perfume bottles; RS German hat pin holders; Lufton ring holder; mesh purse; Evening in Paris bottle; marble collection (cats eye, clay,

crocky, shooter, Coco Cola); thimble collection; furniture: 1 door wardrobe; post office door cabinet; book shelf; record cabinet; other pieces; lanterns; door knocker; records; gold rim glasses; sets silverware inc.: Wm Rogers; dresser set; blue crock bowl; beaded jacket; neckties; toys; Sieko musical clock; Indian pot; Easter, Halloween & Christmas decorations; Ford wrenches; skeleton keys; 1929 Post Route map of Kansas; E W Norris 1931 Goodyear Dealer picture; 1917 Roll of Honor Camp Doniphan; Franklin scale; Fire King dishes; Blue Willow dishes; candy containers; sheet music; candlesticks; green glass; paper weights; Queen Esther dishes; Janome sewing machine; pocket knives; Coast to Coast sign; 60's Troll; stack on tool box; wooden boxes; assortment of other good items.

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The Grapevine

What better way to impress his new lady friend, thought Rob, than to take her to his friend's rancho for an afternoon branding and BBQ? His '84 model two-horse trailer had been re-

paired so many times that it looked like a well drilled rig! The '98 pickup was using two quarts of oil to a tank of gas and his horse was...well, ol' Yella looked right at home.

Rob was eager as a piddlin' puppy when he picked up Delilah and headed north outta Los Angeles. One large obstacle lay in the pit of his stomach like a pea in the Princess's mattress... THE GRAPEVINE! It was a monster of a hill dreaded by truckers and people who still drove a small hatchback. The engine was screamin' when they finally leveled out at the summit of the Grapevine. Rob gave Delilah a comforting look. She smiled back uneasily. Then the motor blew! A big dent

appeared in the hood and it sounded like someone had dropped a Caterpillar track into his fan! They crossed silently into a service station at the bottom of the grade. He assured his sweetheart there was 'no problema.'

By dark he'd borrowed a pickup and they both agreed returning back home was the best option. He loaded Yella, hooked up the trailer and back over the Grapevine they flew! Halfway down to Rob managed to slip his arm behind Delilah's neck. Soon she was lulled into discuss-

ing her dreams of home and family. She snuggled closer as he noticed a tire bounce by him on the driver's side! He couldn't help but see the huge rooster tail of sparks spraying up from beneath his trailer!

Rob wheeled the screeching rig to the shoulder. Together they unwired the trailer doors and Yella stepped out, unhurt. Rob tied him to the highway fence and unhooked the trailer. Rob's facial tic had returned. He jumped in the pickup and headed south

for the nearest place to borrow a trailer. He returned to the scene to find Yella grazing in the median with semis whizzing by on both sides and his date shivering over the still warm axle, forgotten. She, herself, was smoldering.

In the space of 12 hours and fifty miles he had left his pickup, his trailer, his horse and his girl scattered from one end of the Grapevine to the other.

Next day he towed the pickup to the shop. He left his trailer to be impounded by the State Police. His horse made it home safe but Delilah changed her phone number, wrote him out of her will and has not been heard of since!



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