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## Farmers Cooperative opens shuttle loading facility near Frankfort

By Donna Sullivan,  
Editor

On 312 acres of land that 102-year-old Hud Roeder once farmed with a one-bottom plow, a new state-of-the-art shuttle loading facility has now been opened. Dorchester, Nebraska-based Farmers Cooperative held an open house and ribbon cutting for the new facility just west of Frankfort on Tuesday, June 13. It features both an inbound and outbound scale, four 84x140' bins, each with a 682,780 bushel capacity, two 34x116' bins that will each hold 72,390 bushels, one 60x96' bin with 238,848 bushel capacity and a sub-surface bunker that will hold 1.1 million bushels for a total capacity of 4,223,270 bushels. It has a 7500-bushel grain dryer, two 17,000 bushels per hour receiving legs, one 15,000 bushels-per-hour receiving leg and a 60,000 bushel-per-hour load-out leg. There is also a 11,298-foot railroad track loop.

"It's here and we're ready to make it work," said Farmers Cooperative area manager for Kansas Ernie Hroch. "It's a really good asset for the area."

Farmers Cooperative CEO Ron Velder thanked the partners that worked on the project. "This whole thing came together as a group," he said. Everyone worked together knew what they were supposed to do and got it done." He described a site visit with grain manager Dale Hayek, where they saw a similar facility in Nebraska. "Mr. Hayek said to me, 'This would work, but we just need to put it on steroids,'" Velder said. "That's kind of what we did at this facility with the bigger bins."

The vision for the facility started in 2011 during a com-



An 11,298-foot railroad track loop opens the door for increased marketing opportunities for area producers.



Farmers Cooperative CEO Ron Velder assists Hub Roeder as he cuts the ribbon, dedicating the new facility as staff and project partners look on.

pany retreat where potential growth was the topic of discussion around the boardroom table. "In '11 and '12 the farm economy was very good, along with the co-op business was doing very well financially and we were looking to expand our footprint a little bit," board vice chairman Galen Kuska told the large crowd that turned out for the ribbon cutting. As the company observed area farmers transitioning from the traditional wheat acres to more of a corn/soybean rotation, they recognized the potential opportunity. "We could see a need for a facility out here to get the grain transferred to the world market in a better fashion and maybe with a little more margin for you guys out here," Kuska continued. "So we started exploring different areas and we knew that if we didn't take the initiative to do it, there would be somebody else out there that



Velder's goal was to get Hub Roeder up on the first train loaded at the facility, but when that wasn't possible, they snapped a photo of him in front of the train and presented him with a framed copy prior to the ribbon cutting.

"Everything just kind of fit together," Kuska said. "This facility will hopefully benefit all of you and bring better margins, and help the local economy."

"I think it's only fitting that the open house is this week, because Frankfort, in just a couple of days will celebrate 150 years," said marketing manager Dennis Kenning. "I've found it to be a very nice community, has lots of businesses, so we're proud to be part of the community. And we hope that we are helping them out with more jobs, tax revenue and maybe a boost to the economy. Our slogan is 'Investing in our Owners' Success' and this facility highlights that belief to invest in those things that help producers."

Prior to the ribbon-cutting, Kenning presented Kansas Livestock Association CEO Matt Teagarden with a check for \$17,045.87 that had been raised from Farmers Cooperative patrons for wildfire relief. It also included a grant from Land O' Lakes for \$3,100 and \$3250 in funds, supplies and services from Farmers Cooperative.

Following the ceremony a meal was served and tours of the facility were given throughout the afternoon.

The company has facilities in 60 other communities in Nebraska and Kansas. They are a full service cooperative offering products and services in energy, grain, feed, agronomy and TBA departments.

As project partners and Farmers Cooperative staff members and got ready to cut the ribbon, with Hud Roeder wielding the oversized scissors, Hayek offered closing remarks. "We're really excited about this facility," he said. "We're here to prove ourselves and earn your business since we are new to this area."

would."

Having had a good working relationship with the Union Pacific Railroad, they wanted to be on their line and continue with them. Mergers with Southeast Co-op in Beatrice as well as Beattie and Frankfort helped increase their presence in Kansas.



Velder, right, and board vice chairman Galen Kuska, left, present a \$17,045.87 check to Kansas Livestock Association CEO Matt Teagarden, center. The money was raised by Farmers Cooperative and its patrons to assist victims of the wildfires in replacing fences.



## Fire up the grill

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

Summer means warmer temperatures and longer days, which in turn means barbecues fire up across Kansas. At my home, the choice for outdoor cooking will be beef and pork.

For some, beef isn't the food of choice these days. Others believe it isn't healthy. For a few, the jury is still out.

But be honest, have you ever thrown a couple pounds of linguine and watched it grill while you sipped a Gin Rickey?

Chicken? Look closely someday, real close, and decide for yourself whether you want to take it seriously as a food source, free-range or otherwise.

Fish? While I like it on occasion, it's not robust. Not

strong in flavor – unless it's a very old fish. And if it's so doggone good, why is it called fish?

Truth is, nothing in the animal kingdom comes close to matching the smell, sound and taste of a hamburger or steak over an open fire.

Sirloin, T-bone, porterhouse or my favorite the Kansas City strip...

Thick. Juicy. Red. So, eat up.

While some of today's diets have rekindled this nation's love affair with beef, for years Americans have been eating less beef. This has resulted in a drop in income for our livestock producers.

The question has become whether the charges and concerns about red meat are scientifically sound. Dietary guidelines are supposed to tell us what we should eat for good nutrition. Depend-

ing on whose recommendations you follow today, few agree.

Today, some guidelines are overly dogmatic. They contain specific recommendations for everyone and overlook allowances for individual differences.

Our nation is made up of individuals who need to adjust their diets to allow for their own states of health, risks of chronic disease and personal tastes.

Most U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines are generally a good bet to begin with. Here goes:

\*Eat two or three servings – a total of five to seven ounces – daily of lean meat, poultry, fish and alternatives;

\*Choose lean cuts of meat;

\*Trim fat from meat before or after cooking;

\*Roast, bake, broil, grill or simmer meat, poultry and fish;

\*Cook meat or poultry on a rack so the fat will drip off.

To reduce sodium intake, USDA suggests eating one or two servings or less per week of cured or processed meats, such as ham, bacon,

sausage, frankfurters and other luncheon meats, depending on other sources of sodium in the diet.

No matter how you cut it – all lean meats are high in nutritional quality.

Beef, pork and lamb have been recognized as good sources of top quality protein, as well as thiamin, niacin and vitamins B-6 and B-12.

Red meats are also excellent sources of the trace elements iron, copper, zinc and manganese – minerals not easily obtained in sufficient amounts of diets without meat.

Well-trimmed, lean meats contain about four to nine percent fat when uncooked, according to USDA. Lean meat consists of approximately 65 percent water.

Depending on whom you talk to or where you read about it, some folks warn against too much saturated fat. The problem with this is, animal fat often is erroneously equated with saturated fat while vegetable fat is equated with unsaturated fat.

Another misconception about meat centers around cholesterol. Meat is not high in cholesterol.

Meats of all kinds, whether fat or lean, are low in cholesterol – between 70 to 90 milligrams per serving. This amount is too small to have a significant effect on the blood or serum cholesterol of most of our population, which includes those with normal blood cholesterol levels and who are not genetically likely to respond abnormally to dietary cholesterol, so says USDA.

Lean meats, eaten in moderation as part of a varied diet are not expected to become a cause of heart disease or cancer, nutritionists believe. While there will be changes in production methods and processing techniques, the beef steak, pork roast and lamb chops are here to stay.

So, fire up that grill, roll up those burger patties and drop another steak on the grill. Beef and pork taste good and they're good for you.

*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.*

## BPI vs. ABC trial begins

Beef Product Inc.'s \$1.9 billion defamation lawsuit against ABC News began recently in South Dakota. During opening statements, BPI attorney Dan Webb outlined the scope of the damages done to BPI by coverage from the news station.

According to Webb, over a period of 30 days, the news organization used 131 media communications, including 12 TV broadcasts over six media platforms where it called the company's signature product – lean finely textured beef (LFTB) – “pink slime” 350 times. This media attack is what caused the plant to close three of its four processing plants and lay off 700 employees in a matter of two weeks after the first report.

“The message to viewers is that ‘slime’ is disgusting, inedible, unhealthy and harmful,” Webb told the jury.

Mindy Brashears, a Texas Tech University food safety and public health professor, testified that she has comprehensive knowledge of how BPI makes LFTB. She told the jury she concluded that LFTB is beef and not ‘pink slime’ and is certainly not the inferior product ABC made it out to be.

BPI's goal is to prove to the jury that ABC knowingly made such false statements or implications about LFTB, including that it does not constitute beef, that it is not safe for human consumption, and that the company acted improperly in getting USDA approval for the product, according to a report in *Meatingplace*.

A June 6 editorial in the *New York Times* from journalist Alexander Aciman noted, “The truth about pink slime is that, despite its unappetizing name, it's entirely safe to eat. More than that, it is an affordable source of lean meat for low-income Americans, and stigmatizing it hurts people who rely on it for protein.”

BPI is suing ABC for product defamation under a South Dakota food libel law that would award them nearly \$6 billion if they win. The trial is expected to last through July.



We are moving. No, we are not moving away, just closer to the main part of our farm. I guess this is what I get for poking fun at my friends who have moved recently. I had always said that I was never moving again and the next time my stuff needed to be moved it was going to be the kids' problem. The main lesson in all of this is to never say never.

We have lived at this house and on this farm for eighteen years and I always dreaded the thought of moving eighteen years of accumulated “stuff.” Keep in mind during the eighteen years we have raised two kids and accumulated their “stuff” too. In some ways, this might be the perfect time to move and downsize a little. In my younger years, it appears I moved every one to two years and it was a good way of purging things I did not need. I am admittedly a packrat.

I am excited about the move. It will all work out much better. I will be a lot closer to the farm and travel much less each day. This will be especially important during calving season. What started as a wild and crazy idea now makes a lot of sense and will make life a lot better. That does not make the moving part any easier.

Sure, I am dreading the physical part of moving. In addition to our personal and household items, we have also accumulated a lot of equipment and other farm related things. Someone told me I needed to have a farm sale and let other people haul away things for me and start all over. That thought is very appealing but it took me eighteen years to find all this treasure. Why start over now?

No, the hardest part of this move is the mental part. All of us in agriculture understand the attachment to our land and it is hard for anyone outside of that to grasp. Over the past nearly two decades I have come to know every square inch of this farm and become very attached to it. Until the past two or three weeks, it had never occurred to me that I might leave it someday. Remember what I said about never say never.

Then the kids started talking to me about their memories of the house, barns and land. It is the only house Tatum has

ever known and really the only one Isaac remembers. All their childhood memories are connected to this place and it makes moving bittersweet. Isaac's first deer and turkey came from the timber. Buster, my bird dog, is buried up on the hill. Isaac pushed Tatum down the hill and over the creek bank in her little red wagon as Jennifer watched and tried to catch up (it is funny now, not so much back in the day).

I understand it is not that different from most people. Nearly everyone in our society moves many times in their lifetime and most several times during their childhood. My kids have been blessed and somewhat sheltered in that aspect. Farm kids never move, period. There is that never word again. Just like me moving had never crossed their mind, until it became reality. Farm kids grow up with the same attachment and deep love for farmsteads and land, I guess it is just bred into them as the children of farmers and ranchers.

Seeing the for-sale signs go up and working on the descriptions with the realtor really put a pain in my heart and kind of put me in a funk for a day or two. We had officially gone from kicking the idea around to “this is going to happen.” I admit it took some getting used too.

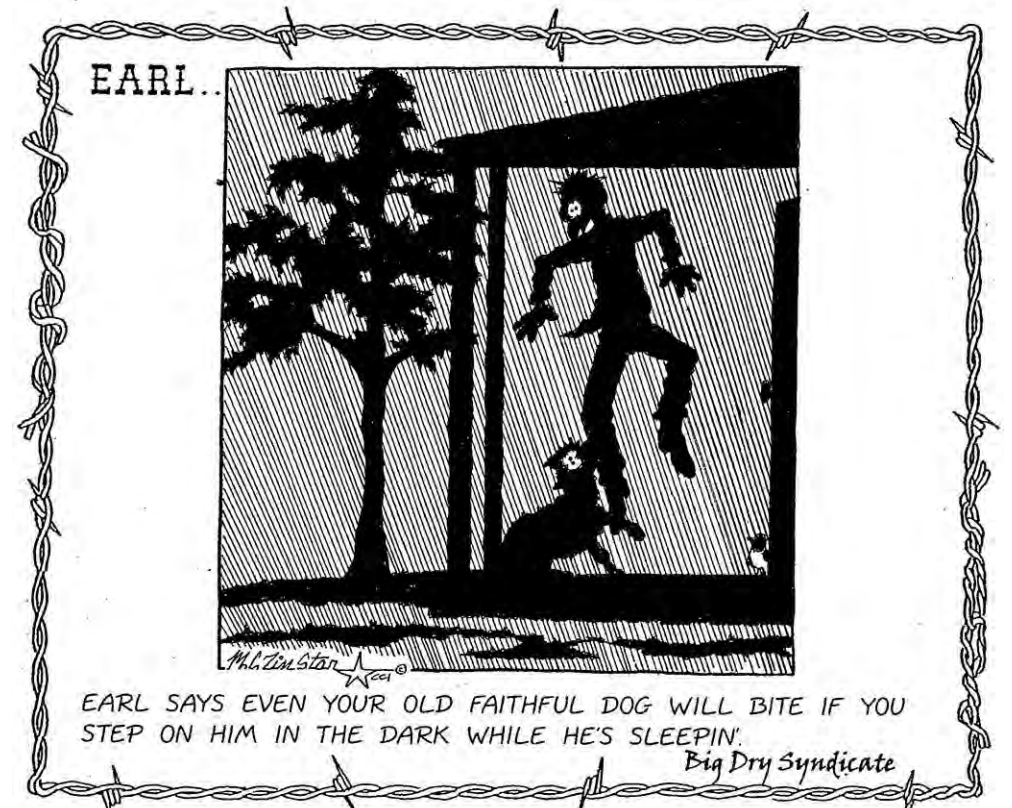
Please don't misunderstand me, I am beyond excited about this move. Life will be so much easier when I can just pop over to my barns and check the ewe that is lambing. Right now, it is almost an hour round trip from my place to Dad's. When we are lambing and calving, that just does not work very well. This move will be the best thing ever this winter when I don't have to worry about the distance and how I am going to help Dad if we get a big snowstorm. The miles, the time and the worry this move will save will all make it worth the effort, but in the meantime, I will have my moments.

So, if you are in the market for a great place that is peaceful and tranquil with some great qualities and even better memories to be made, let me know, I can fix you up. In the meantime, I will be boxing, sorting, packing and, even throwing away the accumulated stuff from eighteen years' worth of living. All the while, reminding

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# Trump's proposed budget would cut crop insurance options for farmers

By Mary Lou Peter

Farmers giving Farm Bill testimony have stated their number one farm safety net is the crop insurance program.

Crop insurance targets payments only to farmers who have losses caused by drought, heat, wind, hail and other weather perils; provides a backstop to marketing; and provides loan collateral. Farmers pay a significant amount of the premium for the coverage that best fits their farm and type of marketing, according to Kansas State University agricultural economics professor Art Barnaby.

As a result, he said, many farmers were alarmed by President Donald Trump's proposed budget announced May 23 that would cut \$58.7 billion from crop insurance, or about \$6 billion a year over ten years.

If enacted, the cut would nearly eliminate the government's share of the cost of crop insurance premiums paid through the Agriculture Department's Risk Management Agency, said Barnaby, an expert in farm

insurance and a state program leader with K-State Research and Extension.

Over the last five years, total crop insurance premiums or government subsidies paid by the RMA, have been \$6 billion to \$7 billion per year.

Barnaby's analysis showed the cuts would limit the government's share of the crop insurance premium to \$40,000 per farm with the balance paid by farmers; eliminate the popular Harvest Price Option (HPO) which provides replacement coverage on lost production when prices are higher at harvest than the price projected before planting; and require an adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$500,000 to participate in crop insurance.

"It would take an average of about 1,500 acres to 2,000 crop acres in Kansas to hit the \$40,000 cap," the economist said. "About 20 percent of the farms currently in the Kansas Farm Management Association are over this limit on acres."

Once a farmer hits the \$40,000 limit, he or she pays

100 percent of the premium cost for any covered acres above that level.

The average number of crop acres by year to hit the \$40,000 cap in other states is presented in an interactive map at [www.agmanager.info/crop-insurance/acres-reach-40k-cap-state-and-year](http://www.agmanager.info/crop-insurance/acres-reach-40k-cap-state-and-year).

Barnaby said the budget proposal would save \$38 billion by requiring the limit on a premium "subsidy" to \$40,000 per farm, according to government calculations. Another \$11.9 billion would be saved by eliminating the Harvest Price Option (HPO).

Nearly 100 percent of revenue-insured farmers include the HPO, he said. Over the past 25 years, Illinois corn farmers had only one major crop failure, in 2012. Illinois corn farmers would have had their 2012 crop insurance payments cut or even eliminated without the HPO.

"If crop insurance is not going to pay in a catastrophic loss year like 2012, then why buy crop insurance?" Barnaby said.

Criteria to reach the \$40,000 cap would vary by

state and by year. In 2016, for example, California would have required 542 crop acres to hit the \$40,000 limit. The average amount of coverage was \$2,608 per acre.

By comparison, Kansas would have required 1,998 acres to hit the limit with an average amount of coverage at \$222 per acre.

The higher California liability was not offset by the lower premium rate that averaged 1.8 percent farmer-paid rate with an average subsidy per acre of \$73.78. Kansas farmers paid an average rate of 5.6 percent with an average subsidy per acre of \$20.02.

"The Kansas subsidy per acre is lower because the dollars of coverage are lower than in California,"

the economist said. "This is the reason it requires more acres for the average Kansas farmer to hit the subsidy limit."

The number of acres required to hit the \$40,000 limit also varies by year, he said: "This is going to create an administrative nightmare for farmers, agents, insurance companies and the RMA."

Like any business adjusting to new parameters, Barnaby said he believes many farmers are likely to make adjustments to avoid the subsidy limit if the budget proposal is enacted. They may include dividing acres into two "farms" and getting a second policy under a spouse's name or encouraging landlords to change from cash rent to crop share

rent. Larger farms will likely hire accountants and lawyers to create more "farms" from their existing acreage.

Such efforts will magnify paperwork needed for the whole system, he added, including insurance agents and companies, the RMA, and the farmers themselves — all with no new premiums being paid into the system.

Barnaby's full analysis is available at: <http://www.agmanager.info/crop-insurance/risk-management-strategies/administrations-proposed-crop-insurance-cuts-would>

An Agriculture Today radio interview with Art Barnaby is available at <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/radio-network/ag-to-day.html>.

## Domino's says they will not be pressured by activists

If you are looking to order takeout this weekend, look no further than Domino's. The restaurant chain has said they will not cave to animal activists who have pressured many food companies and restaurants into adopting unnecessary animal welfare policies.

Domino's spokesman Tim McIntyre told *Brownfield Ag News* their philosophy is simple. Farmers know best.

"We will never tell a farmer how to farm. We will never tell a rancher how to raise his or her animals," McIntyre said. "What we believe is they're the experts. They have the most vested interests in raising their livestock. It's not just a job, we recognize

that. It's a life and we appreciate that — and we're not afraid to stand up and say it."

The ag community spoke out commending Domino's for taking a stand against activists.

McIntyre says that the extremists have pressed hard, but they will not cave.

"The best answer is to be deaf. To not hear them, to not respond, to not give them a platform," he said. "The biggest mistake we make is believing they are reasonable people. We've learned they're not. That's why they are called extremists." To read the full article, visit <http://tinyurl.com/Domino-Activist>.

## NAWG commends Perdue for defending agriculture

On Tuesday, June 13th, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue testified at the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies on the administration's FY2018 proposed budget. During the hearing, Perdue discussed concerns with cuts included in the Administration's proposed budget.

"NAWG commends Secretary Perdue for standing up for agriculture and expressing concern over the deep cuts to crop insurance, research, rural development, and international food aid," stated NAWG president David Schemm. "If implemented, the administration's FY 2018 budget would not only inhibit growth in the wheat industry but the entire U.S. agriculture sector."

"Crop insurance is a critical safety net for producers across the country. When unexpected disaster hits a producer, crop insurance can be the difference of whether or not that grower stays in business," Schemm continued.

"The U.S. is a worldwide leader in agriculture and eliminating the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development program could mean losing our competitive edge in the global market. NAWG supports the Secretary's remarks and his work to ensure rural America and farmers have the right tools and resources to move us forward."



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# GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

Margie Wohler, Clay Center, Wins Weekly Grass & Grain Recipe Prize

Winner Margie Wohler, Clay Center: "Combining two favorite flavors — rich chocolate and ripe bananas makes these muffins doubly good."

### DOUBLE CHOCOLATE BANANA MUFFINS

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup baking cocoa
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1 1/3 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 3 medium)
  - 1/3 cup canola oil
  - 1 large egg
  - 1 cup (6 ounces) miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together the first six ingredients. In a separate bowl whisk bananas, oil and egg until blended. Add to flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Fold in chocolate chips. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 20-25 minutes. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack. Serve warm. Makes about 1 dozen.

#### Optional Streusel Topping

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup cold butter

Combine sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in butter until crumbly. Before baking, sprinkle over filled muffin cups and bake as directed.

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### Doris Shivers, Abilene: NO-BAKE BANANA SPLIT CAKE

- 1 stick butter or margarine
  - 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
  - 2 cups powdered sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 stick softened butter or oleo
  - 5 bananas
- (2) No. 2 cans crushed pineapple  
Large carton Cool Whip  
Small bottle maraschino cherries  
Chopped nuts
- Melt butter or oleo and mix in graham cracker crumbs. Spread into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Beat powdered sugar, eggs, and softened butter or

oleo for 10 to 12 minutes and spread over crumbs. Let set in refrigerator until firm. Slice bananas over all this in pan. Drain crushed pineapple and spread over bananas. Spread Cool Whip over pineapple. Cut up maraschino cherries on top of Cool Whip. Sprinkle nuts over the top. Keep refrigerated.

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Sharon Vesecky, Baldwin City:

### APRICOT BALLS Gluten-Free

- 14 dried apricot halves
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Approximately 1 tablespoon orange juice

Approximately 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Using a food mill, grind apricots and coconut together. Add powdered sugar and enough orange juice to hold mixture together. Shape into balls. Roll in granulated sugar and place on rack to dry.

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Lydia Miller, Westphalia, shares the following recipe:

### RANCH POPCORN

- 3-ounce packet 94% fat-free microwave popcorn
- 1 tablespoon light butter, melted
- 2 1/4 teaspoons dry ranch dressing mix

Microwave popcorn by package directions. Place in large bowl. Drizzle butter over popcorn then sprinkle with the ranch dressing mix; toss well. Makes about 4 servings.

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

By Barbara L. Ames  
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Family and Consumer  
Sciences Agent

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

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

#### 1. Use proper canning techniques.

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

You can find in-depth, step-by-step directions from the following sources: The National Center for Home Food Preservation; USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning; the state and county Extension service of your state university. In Kansas that is K-State Research and Extension.

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

High Acid: The boiling water-bath method can be used for high-acid foods, such as fruits, jams, jellies and pickles; or for tomatoes with an added acid such as lemon juice or vinegar. With a boiling water bath, you use a large stockpot, rack and lid. It's simple, and you don't necessarily have to buy a specific water-bath canner.

Make sure the stockpot is big enough to allow water to cover the tops of the jars by at least 1 to 2 inches.

Low Acid: Always use a pressure canner when canning low-acid vegetables (like green beans, potatoes and corn), meat, fish and poultry. Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning low-acid vegetables, because adding pressure is the only way to bring the food up to the 240 degree temperature needed to safely preserve them. The boiling water method will only reach 212 degrees and will not protect against botulism.

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

If you would like to update your food preservation skills, Wildcat District Extension is offering "Preserving Salsa: On the Plant and In the Jar" on June 20, 2017, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The location will be our Independence office at 410 Peter Pan Road, Independence. In addition to canning basics and safety, and a hands-on salsa-making demonstration, we will also be discussing garden plant bug and disease identification along with appropriate use of pesticides.

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

For more information about this topic or other topics, contact the Wildcat Extension District offices at: Crawford County, 620-724-8233; Labette County, 620-784-5337; Montgomery County, 620-331-2690; Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nu-

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### Rhubarb-Strawberry Jam

Yield: About 7 or 8 half-pint jars

- Ingredients:
- 1 pouch liquid pectin
  - 1 cup cooked red-stalked rhubarb (approximately 1 pound rhubarb and 1/4 cup water)
  - 2 1/2 cups crushed strawberries (approximately 1 1/2 quart boxes)
  - 6 1/2 cups sugar

-Sterilize canning jars and prepare two-piece canning lids according to manufacturer's directions.

-Wash rhubarb and slice thin or chop; do not peel. Add water, cover, and simmer until rhubarb is tender (about 1 minute).

-Sort and wash fully ripe strawberries; remove stems and caps. Crush berries.

-Measure prepared rhubarb and strawberries into a saucepan. Add sugar and stir well.

-Place on high heat and, stirring constantly, bring quickly to a full boil with bubbles over the entire surface. Boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly.

-Remove from heat and stir in pectin. Skim foam if necessary.

-Fill hot jam immediately into hot, sterile jars (half-pints or pints), leaving 1/4 inch headspace.

-Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids.

-Process in a boiling water canner for 5 minutes in an altitude up to 1,000 feet or 10 minutes for 1,001 to 6,000 foot elevations.

Source: "How to Make Jellies, Jams and Preserves at Home." Home and Garden Bulletin No. 56. Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1982. National Center for Home Food Preservation, June 2005.

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**By Martha Murphy  
Wildcat District  
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Pittsburg EFNEP office  
When some people hear the word “salad,” they think of a small bowl of leafy greens and creamy dressing that must be struggled through before the arrival of their steak or chicken. While a salad often precedes the main course in restaurants, a salad can also serve as the main course – or the only course. Chefs, dietitians, even bloggers and “foodies” are taking on salads these days, and pushing them in new directions.

There are four healthy reasons for adding more salads to our nutrition plan:

Fiber — “Most of us don’t get enough fiber in our diet, and it works together with exercise to keep our digestive systems healthy and prevent some of the common chronic diseases of the day, including cancer.

Phytonutrients — These natural, plant-derived chemicals aren’t as critical as vitamins and minerals, but things like carotenoids and flavonoids help make us resistant to diseases and can slow down the aging process.

“Volumetrics” — If you’re one of those people that could stand to shed a few pounds, a properly designed salad can help you do this. The concept of volumetrics is that by eating larger portions of healthy foods, you’ll feel more satisfied.  
Great source of “smart fats” — We often think of “fat” as something that should be avoided in our diets, but not all fats are equal. Plant-based fats such as olive oil, nuts and

## Summer Salads: Pushing Them In The Direction Of Main Course

seeds are good fats, and it’s not uncommon to find them in a salad.

When a salad becomes a main course, protein frequently becomes part of the lineup. While chicken and steak are popular options, protein doesn’t have to be limited to meat. Eggs, cheeses, nuts and seeds can deliver protein to a salad. Quinoa (“KEEN-wah”) is a protein-rich grain that can be served warm or chilled, after it’s been cooked. It adds crunch as well as protein to a salad.

One of the newest trends in brown-bagging salad is an old standby from your grandmother’s kitchen: the Mason jar or canning jar. The beauty of the Mason jar salad is that dressing goes in the bottom, followed by whatever ingredients you choose — you can see each layer and portion them out. Add the leafy greens last, screw on the lid, and then it’s easy to transport. Give it a good shake when it’s time to eat.

Salads are really nice way to widen people’s thoughts about what vegetables can be. Not necessarily cooked and hot all the time — those cold, crisp bite-sized vegetables can be really welcoming on a warm summer’s day.

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### Chopped Black Bean & Corn Mason Jar Salad

- 5 wide mouth quart size mason jar salads
- 1 1/4 cups salsa
- 6 ounce container plain Greek yogurt
- 1 quart cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 2 cans black beans, drained & rinsed
- 12 ounce package frozen corn, thawed
- 2 avocados, peeled & chopped
- 5 ounce block pepper jack cheese, cut into small cubes
- 4 5 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 1/4 cup or more chopped cilantro (optional)

1. In each of the mason jar pour 1/4 cup of salsa.

2. Then divide the Greek yogurt evenly among the jars. This will equal about 1 1/2 tablespoons of Greek yogurt per jar.

3. Next divide and layer the rest of the ingredients evenly between the 5 mason jars starting with tomatoes then following with onions, black beans, corn, avocado, cheese, and ending with romaine and cilantro.

4. When ready to eat pour into a bowl, mix together, and enjoy!



## Beef Enchiladas



**By Ashleigh Hett**

It keeps getting harder and harder to find a meal that EVERYBODY loves, but this recipe for enchiladas turned out to be just what we were looking for! (I was so excited!) I started with three recipes, didn’t really like any of them, and went on to make my own creation. Our family loves it, maybe yours will too!

Note: Adjust the spiciness of the enchiladas by using either 1/2 of a can of Rotel or the entire can. We tried it both ways and enjoyed it all!

You’ll need:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 large onion
- 1 clove garlic

- 1/4 teaspoon taco seasoning (a heaping 1/4 teaspoon!)
- 1/2 (10-ounce) can Rotel Original
- 2 (10-ounce) cans mild enchilada sauce
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 6 flour tortillas



Brown the meat, garlic, and onion. Once the meat is cooked, dump in the Rotel and the taco seasoning. Stir and set aside. Pour a little enchilada sauce into a large roaster pan, spread it around, and then set the pan aside.

Grab a tortilla and spoon a little enchilada sauce right down the center of it. Place a big pile of the meat mixture on next. Top with plenty of both cheeses, wrap, and place into the pan.



Once you’ve used up all of the meat and tortillas, spread the leftover sauce over the enchiladas and then top with plenty of cheese. Cook for 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.



Serve with hot buttered corn. Enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, *Prairie Gal Cookin'* ([www.prairiegalcookin.com](http://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! To work with Ashleigh, contact her via email at [prairiegalcookin@gmail.com](mailto:prairiegalcookin@gmail.com)

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# Kansas Ag Leadership program will make changes

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) Board of Directors will make changes to its strategy to further the vision, mission, and direction of the long-time leadership program focused on developing excellence in rural and agriculture industry leadership.

The announcement comes following the resignation of KARL Program President Alvin Davis, effective July 1, 2017.

"The board has come to a crossroads," said Jerry McReynolds, chairman of the KARL Board of Direc-

tors. "The KARL program needs to alter the strategy to implement the vision."

More information about the changes will be announced after the board convenes this summer.

"We need to revitalize the program and evolve in the same way our leaders have over the years," McReynolds said. "Our goal has always been to provide a premier leadership program that will benefit rural Kansas and the agriculture industry."

Steve Baccus, vice-chair of the board, said the board acknowledges that rural Kansas is changing and the

resignation of Davis prompted a shift in strategy and direction. Leadership objectives and the development of a deeper understanding of how those challenges are impacting rural Kansas today will be the focus moving forward.

"The strategy shift will address these challenges and provide up-and-coming leaders with the tools needed to revitalize our rural communities and the agriculture industry," Baccus said.

The KARL board recently introduced the 14th class, and is committed to their

success. The adjustments in strategy will benefit the class's experience.

"We thank Al for his service to the program," McReynolds added. "We (board members) wish him nothing but success as he begins a new chapter."

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) program is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational organization dedicated to developing leaders for agriculture, business, and rural communities. Visit [www.karlprogram.com](http://www.karlprogram.com) or the organization's Facebook page for more information.

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# Pioneer Bluffs Prairie Talk: The Mushrush story to be presented June 24



Laura Mushrush gathers cattle on horseback through the scenic Flint Hills.

## Farmer lawsuit against Syngenta over China trade in progress

(AP) – A trial has begun against Swiss agribusiness giant Syngenta over its decision to introduce a genetically engineered corn seed variety to the U.S. market before China approved it for imports.

It's one of the first of tens of thousands of cases to go to trial over the issue. The proceedings started June 5 in Kansas City, Kansas. The federal trial involves thousands of plaintiffs from Kansas. That trial and another soon in Minnesota are meant to provide guidance for how the complex web of litigation in state and federal courts could be resolved.

The lawsuits allege Syngenta wrecked China as an increasingly important export market for U.S. corn and caused price drops that hurt all producers.

Syngenta denies it caused farmers any losses.

“Ranching is complex and scientific,” says Connie Mushrush, a Flint Hills rancher. “We use all the data, all the time to get the best results.”

The history and science of ranching is the focus of the next Ranching Heritage Prairie Talk at Pioneer Bluffs, a historic Flint Hills ranch near Matfield Green.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Joe and Connie Mushrush will share their story and discuss how their family tends cattle and the

land.

The Mushrush family has raised high quality Red Angus cattle for more than 60 years. “Passion for our livelihood runs deep in our four-generation operation,” Connie explains. “From sunup to sundown we work alongside each other every day to care and nurture not only our cattle, but also the great land we call home. This is our greatest responsibility and one we do not take lightly.”

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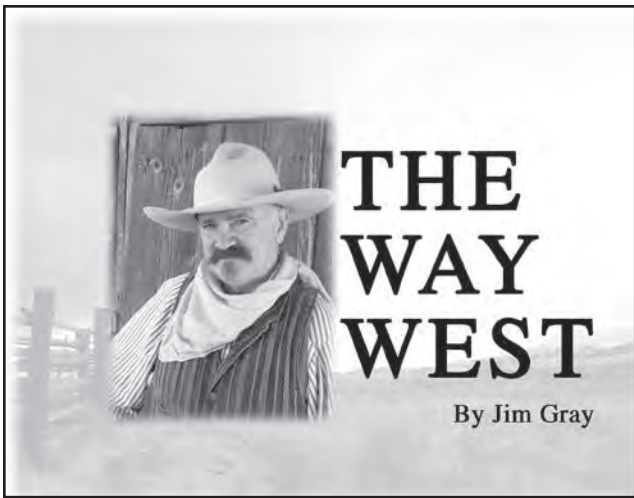
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## Vigilante Justice

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recalled, "Dozens of cars a day were loaded with hides and meat, and dozens of car-loads of grain, flour and provisions arrived each day. The streets of Dodge were lined with wagons, bringing in hides and meat and getting supplies from early morning to late at night." Rath & Company bought and

shipped over 200,000 hides over the winter of 1872-73.

Founded in 1872, Dodge City had no official police force during the first year of its existence. To stem the violence in the wild frontier town a "Vigilance Committee" was formed in February, 1873.

In March a buffalo hunter by the name of James McGill shot up the town and rode away unchallenged. When McGill left town two saloon keepers, James Hanrahan of the Occident Saloon and Scotty Scott of Peacock's Billiard Saloon, saddled up in the name of vigilante justice. The two caught up to their man not far from town. The hunter opened fire with his buffalo rifle but was no match for the indignant sporting men. McGill, "was brought into town riddled with bullets."

Realizing the need for true law and order, a board of Special County Commissioners was organized on April 30, 1873, whereupon the Commissioners agreed to call a special election slated for June 5th.

In the meantime, there was no choice but to tolerate vigilante law. Unfortunately, vigilante justice only served to give the more

powerful element the upper hand. The violence came to a head June 3rd, two days before the election.

Several of the vigilante members hired a wagon and driver owned by William Taylor. Taylor and his brother operated a successful restaurant and also provided an express service conveying folks between Dodge City and Fort Dodge. The men had been drinking and not long after leaving Dodge City realized they were short on whiskey. They must return for more! The driver initially protested, but relented and began to turn the team when one of his riders struck him in the face with a pistol. After rolling him off the wagon they continued on their merry way back to the city.

After Taylor learned of the incident he found the men and his wagon at the depot. In the ensuing confrontation, a shot rang out and one of the mules fell dead in its tracks. When Taylor screamed in protest Scotty Scott opened fire, severely wounding Taylor.

Taylor staggered to Herman J. Finger's drug store where Finger proceeded to dress Taylor's wounds. The committee wasn't satisfied

at that point and soon entered the drug store. Taylor was dragged into the street and at least two of the men, Scotty and another man named Bill Hicks, pumped a dozen more shots into Taylor as he lay helplessly in the street.

William Taylor's body laid in the street until morning. Hicks brazenly walked up to body and pointed to a particular bullet hole while he announced to his friends, "I shot him there."

Major Dodge was outraged. He telegraphed Governor Osborne for permission to arrest the killers. Osborne authorized the arrests but cautioned Major Dodge to proceed with "great caution".

Scotty sobered up enough to realize that he was in great danger. At Peacock's saloon he found refuge in the icebox until friends could help him slip out of town under cover of darkness.

Hicks continued to openly brag of his part in the murder. Major Dodge personally led troops into Dodge City on June 4th. The streets leading from town were blocked as the military began a complete search of the town. Hicks had no

where to run and was soon arrested.

The following day, June 5th, troops reentered the town on Special Orders #79. They were charged with keeping order within the town of Dodge City. Any person flagrantly violating the criminal laws of the State of Kansas was to be arrested. Five of the worst vigilantes were arrested and a special election was also held that very day. Charles Bassett was elected Ford County Sheriff on the spot. Bassett represented the gambling fraternity and for the most part maintained law and order through his influence with the sporting crowd.

County government was off to a shaky start, which was only to be expected from such a lawless foundation. In the coming years a long string of lawmen would take the place of vigilante justice on The Way West.

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"We hoped this approval would come this year before planting, said Karl Esping, Chairman of the Kansas Sunflower Commission. This is a welcome tool for Kansas growers, approval of Zidua® will make sunflower even more appealing for producers looking for an additional full season and double-crop choice."

Important notes for using Zidua®

Zidua® can be applied at 1 to 4 ozs/A depending on soil type.

Maximum combined rate of Zidua® that may be applied per cropping season:  
 1.5 ozs/A (coarse soils)  
 5.0 ozs/A (medium-to-fine soils)

DO NOT apply Zidua® preplant incorporated to sunflower.

DO NOT apply Zidua® to sunflower at cracking or cotyledon stage.

DO NOT apply a tank mix of Zidua® and Beyond® herbicide on Clearfield® sunflower hybrids/varieties.

**AUCTION**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 — 12:30 PM**  
**510 V AVE. • COUNCIL GROVE, KS**

**DIRECTIONS:** Approx. 2½ miles east of Council Grove on US Hwy. 56 to 500 Rd. Turn south on 500 Rd. approx. 1½ miles to V Ave. Go west on V Ave approx. ¼ mile. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

**TRACTORS & MACHINERY:** JD 620 with GB 800 loader, narrow front; JD 520, narrow front, 3pt; Case 1070 with 3pt, cab and Koyker K5 loader that is in good cond. Allis Chambers WC; Farmall M, motor stuck; JD A, motor stuck; JD A, has 6th gear, parts tractor; Danuster F-8 3 pt. post hole digger with 12" bit, good cond.; JD FBB grain drill; 4 wheel trailer, 14ft, electric running gear, with hoist; 2 hay racks; JD 307 pull type rotary mower, 6ft; 10ft tandem disk; JD 1240 4 row planter; pickup bed trailer; JD 3pt blade, 6 ft.; 3pt bale carrier; 2 wheel trailer; 3pt log splitter; 17ft single gang disk with wings; 8' x 5' lawn mower trailer, needs tires.

**ATV & LAWN TRACTOR:** Artic Cat 300 4-wheeler, runs ok; JD 185 Hydro lawn tractor, runs ok; Honda 250 4-wheeler, rough.

**COLLECTIBLES & MISC.:** McCormick horse drawn sickle mower; numerous steel wheels; hay buck; dirt slip; Pioneer Seed signs; stock saddle; wood hames; license plates; hub caps; ice tongs; well pulleys; Cl implement seat & other seats; Wright anvil; forge; well jack; oak wardrobe, painted; wash board; enamel stove; Winner push mower; Coleman air compressor; Stihl gas trimmer; moisture tester; battery charger, new; boomers & Log chains; hand pump; sack dolly; chicken feeders; boat trailer; Stihl 026 chain saw; turkey blinds; sack dolly; numerous farm primitives.

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## Haven FFA member recognized as Star in Agribusiness

Haven FFA member Cordell Waggoner was recognized as the State Star in Agribusiness, one of the association's top honors, during the 89th Kansas FFA Convention, May 31-June 2, 2017, on the Kansas State University campus.

Each year, the Kansas FFA Association recognizes three FFA members who have the top Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs with the Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness and Star in Ag Placement awards. The Star competitions are sponsored by ICM, Inc., United Bank and Trust and Kansas Farm Bureau.

Waggoner's SAE is in Wildlife Management. He raises game birds to sell to several different controlled shooting areas in a partnership with his brother. This year he built a third pen to raise their capacity to 3,000 birds which they raise from day-old chicks to flight-ready game birds. Waggoner is the son of Alan and Carol Waggoner. His FFA advisors are Corineah Williams, Steve Duft and Jeremiah Hobbs.

The other district star winner who was a finalist for the state Star in Agribusiness honor, representing the Northeast District, was Ian McAssey from the Holton FFA chapter.

# FFA members elected state officers at convention

Six Kansas FFA members were elected to serve as the 2017-18 State FFA Officers at the 89th Kansas FFA Convention May 31-June 2, 2017, on the Kansas State University campus. They were among 14 candidates running for a state officer position to represent more than 9,000 Kansas FFA members.

The 2017-18 Kansas FFA Officer team includes: President Eli Ohlde, Clifton-Clyde FFA; Vice President John Kennedy, Jackson Heights FFA; Secretary Marie Reveles, Hays FFA; Treasurer Quentin Umphenour, Jayhawk-Linn FFA; Reporter Riley Sleichter, Abilene FFA; and Sentinel Skyler Denio, Hoxie FFA.

The State FFA Officer team will travel across the state sharing their passion



New state FFA officers were elected at the Kansas FFA Convention on June 2. From left: Eli Ohlde, President, Clifton-Clyde; John Kennedy, Vice President, Jackson Heights; Marie Reveles, Secretary, Hays; Quentin Umphenour, Treasurer, Jayhawk-Linn; Riley Sleichter, Reporter, Abilene; Skyler Denio, Sentinel, Hoxie.

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officers present workshops and conferences across the state and challenge FFA members to serve their communities and the agriculture industry.

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Oscar was a horse enthusiast and raised some really nice colts. Paints were his passion. So, this will include lots of misc. tack. We will run two rings part of the day so come prepared. We will start with household and then start another ring at about 10 AM.

**See last week's Grass & Grain for listings & See pictures on web: www.murrayauktionandrealty.com**

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25± fishing poles & reels; modern oak double pedestal dining table w/6 chairs; painted corner cabinet; England divan, floral pat.; 2 modern oak sofa tables; Vaughn-Basset modern oak 3 pc. BR suite, extra nice; large divan, nice; Kenmore small chest freezer; good assortment pics & frames; old wooden bench; modern oak corner cabinet, nice; Kenmore Modifier cabinet sewing machine; suitcase full scrapbook items; Onan 7000W generator; Minn Kota 10 trolling motor; '93 bass boat & trailer, no motor, needs repair; Johnson & Sea King outboard motors, needing repair; Husky chipper/shredder; air & paint guns; Troybilt horse tiller; good selection pots & pans, bedding, small appliances, etc.

Good variety of items from several local sellers. Sales tax applies. Inspection sale day only.

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 NOTE: Charles & Donna Lundeen of Junction City, collected many years, they did not buy damaged pieces. This is truly a premier collection being sold at Auction. A Beautiful collection!

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**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017 — 7:30 PM**  
 1928 S. Kipp Road — SALINA, KS

**FEATURES OF PROPERTY**  
 10 Acres M/L • 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, Basement, 2 Car Garage.  
 Sq. Ft.: 3,304. Year Built: 1969. Taxes: \$2,396.88.  
 Many Out Buildings. Secluded by Shelter Belts.

**TERMS ON PROPERTY:** 5% non-refundable down payment day of auction and sign sales agreement. Balance due in certified funds at closing on or before **July 31, 2017** upon merchantable title. Property sold AS IS WHERE IS condition. No warranties expressed or implied by Coldwell Banker Antrim Piper Wenger REALTORS® or Seller. All inspections including lead based paint inspection are to be completed prior to auction at Buyer's expense if requested. Title Insurance & escrow fees are shared equally between Buyer and Seller. Buyer to produce preapproval letter from lender to Auctioneer. **Sale is not contingent on buyer's obtaining financing. Auction has reserve price.**

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The sun sets over corn blowing in the wind. The photo was taken June 11 near Ashland Bottoms, which is south of Manhattan. The field is planted by David Cederberg.

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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Handyman Jacks

People develop a morbid relationship with the most unlikely things. "Git rid of that horse, Newt! It's bound to kill ya someday!" But Newt keeps saddlin' up the widow-maker.

"Don't be eatin' those chilis, Newt! Ya know they'll keep you up all night!" But Newt eats 'em and spends the night on the john.

"Dadgummit, Newt! I know that was yer daddy's pocket knife, but enough's enough!" But Newt's still cuttin' calves with a half-inch blade.

I've spent half my life cursing Handyman Jacks. I've turned the air blue coaxing them to cooperate. I can attest that it is impossible to injure one with anything short of an acetylene torch. I know they will work the first day, but the

instant they are exposed to the smell of burnt rubber or the hint of desperation, they sull up.

Oh, they work sometimes, just to keep you off guard. Like the time I was cruising a country road east of Malta and I felt a thunk. I saw my rear wheel pass me on the left, bounce through the ditch and disappear into a field of waist-high wheat! It didn't take long for the truck to stop. For a hundred yards behind my rig it looked like I'd been installing telephone cable!

Stuck out there, I improvised with a long fence pole I found near an irrigation pump. I jacked it up with the Handyman Chin Smasher and Slim Mechanism. Up one, down two, up one, down one, and so on. From the rear I wedged the pole over

the axle and chained it tight. The pole stuck out several feet behind the bumper. Then I lowered the truck down by pounding the jack with a calf puller until the bumper rested on the protruding pole. I waited until a lone irrigator passed by and had him drag me ten miles back to the farm shop. I limped in like a one-legged cross country skier!

Two years later the jack showed its true colors. I was comin' south outta Grouse Creek in a brand new 3/4 ton vet truck. The high mountain road was snow-packed and I was testing my traction. I missed a turn and slid off a ditch, high centered. 'No sweat,' I thought, 'I'll just jack it up and pile some wood underneath the tire.' Once again I engaged the Combination Handyman Post Puller and Fickle Finger Mangler.

I jacked that baby up 'til the pickup was clear, packed everything I could find under the tire and flipped the lever that lowered the jack. With each pump of the handle, the pickup rose instead of fell! I alternated pumping and whacking the jack with the star wrench. Finally I got clear to the top of the jack!

My brand-new pickup had its left hind cocked up like a dog markin' his territory. It took an hour on the lonely road for a meandering hay truck to rumble by. It was equipped with snow chains. They backed up to me and, with a screech and a whomp, pulled me off the jack.

I drove that pickup for three years with a bent frame and a driver's side door that never closed properly.

But I'm still carryin' the miserable rat bag of a jack around in the back of my latest truck. Me and Newt, knowin' better but stupidly hoping it'll work just one more time.

## 58 percent of consumers concerned about animal welfare

Fifty-eight percent of consumers are more concerned about food animal welfare than they were a few years ago, according to a recent report in *Packaged Facts*.

The rising interest in animal welfare issues is due in part to consumers' increased concern about the safety of their food, and the growing belief that if an animal is raised in healthy circumstances, then its meat and dairy products will be healthier, as well as better-tasting and more nutritious, according to the report.

The report states that only 33 percent of grocery shoppers view themselves as well-informed about claims such as hormones/steroids/antibiotic free, cage-free, free-range, pasture-raised and certified-humane. Nonetheless, nearly two-thirds of consumers agree that humane treatment of animals raised for food should be a societal concern and a regulatory issue. To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/58Percent-Consumers>.

## Reduced Special Pricing

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### Bobcat S570/S590 Skid-Steer Loader

• 61-66 hp, 1950-2100 lb rated operating cap, 68" wide, 10' dump height

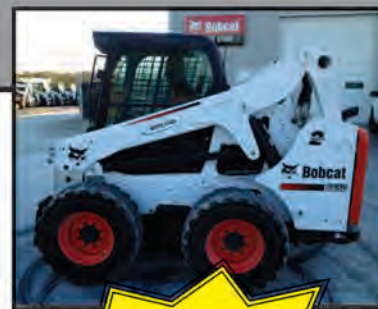
Year	Make	Stock #	Options	Hours	Location	Regular Price	REDUCED
2015	S570	1108902	A71 SJC TS	446	Manhattan	\$41,874	\$31,600
2015	S590	1102868	A71 SC TS	245	Manhattan	\$43,702	\$32,975
2015	S570	1102869	A71 SJC TS	635	Manhattan	\$42,282	\$31,925
2015	S570	1102632	A71 SC TS	235	Manhattan	\$41,494	\$31,325
2015	S590	1100820	A71 SJC TS	655	Wichita	\$41,196	\$31,100
2015	S590	1104004	A71 SC TS	190	Manhattan	\$43,973	\$33,175
2015	S590	1108236	A91 SC	30	Manhattan	\$44,583	\$33,650
2015	S590	1098805	A71 SC TS	699	Garden City	\$39,938	\$30,150



### Bobcat S650 Skid-Steer Loader

• 74 hp, 2690 lb rated operating cap, 74" wide, 10' dump height

Year	Make	Stock #	Options	Hours	Location	Regular Price	REDUCED
2015	S650	1103415	A71 SJC TS	880	Manhattan	\$45,067	\$34,200
2015	S650	1108109	A71 SJC TS	640	Manhattan	\$46,990	\$35,450
2012	S650	1056314	A71 SC TS	1297	Garden City	\$37,075	\$28,000
2015	S650	1115991	A71 SC TS	750	Manhattan	\$45,095	\$34,025
2015	S650	1100008	H51 SC TS	645	Wichita	\$43,299	\$32,675
2015	S650	1104003	A91 SC	675	Garden City	\$45,265	\$34,150
2015	S650	1101270	A91 SJC	370	Wichita	\$46,082	\$34,775
2012	S650	1055526	A91 SC	1654	Garden City	\$37,875	\$28,600
2015	S650	1103416	A91 SC	402	Manhattan	\$50,286	\$37,915
2015	S650	1106334	A91 SJC	230	Manhattan	\$49,295	\$37,175



WOW!

### Bobcat S750/S770 Skid-Steer Loaders

• 85-92 hp, 3200-3350 lb rated operating cap, 74" wide, 11' dump height

Year	Make	Stock #	Options	Hours	Location	Regular Price	REDUCED
2015	S750	1110988	A91 SC	215	Manhattan	\$59,475	\$44,800
2015	S770	1112651	A71 SC TS	375	Manhattan	\$58,795	\$44,985
2015	S770	1112538	A71 SC TS	475	Manhattan	\$59,950	\$45,175
2015	S770	1123847	A91 SJC	276	Wichita	\$54,450	\$41,050



### OPTIONS KEY

**A71:** Cab H/AC, Power Bobtach, Sound Reduction      **A91:** A71 plus High Flow, 2-Speed, Bucket Positioning, Block Heater  
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**SJC:** Joystick Controls      **SC:** Standard Controls (stick & pedal)      **TS:** 2-Speed



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