



Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

The August supply and demand report didn't do farmers any favors this week. Yield estimates came in higher than expected for both the corn and soybeans and the soybeans were higher than last month, which nobody expected. Those numbers triggered heavy selling pressure in the grains causing reversals lower across the board.

The December corn fell below the June low, which looks very negative on the chart and suggests that we will be testing the contract low at \$3.58. I have to keep reminding myself that the production was cut and ending stocks were cut and that it is likely to happen again in the September report, so we don't necessarily have to see the market trend lower into harvest, but in order to avoid a couple more months of pressure we are going to have to have some kind of a bullish spark. Forecasts are dry, so there is a good chance that the corn condition ratings decline further and it is likely that

the Drought Monitor will look worse in Iowa again in the next release. Right now it doesn't seem like that will be enough to turn the market around unless the condition rating decline is substantial.

The Pro Farmer Crop Tour will start August 21st, so that will give us all something to follow on Twitter and it may provide us will some valuable insight on the size of the crop. Other than that, we will have to wait until the September supply and demand report to find market moving information.

It was basically the same story for the wheat, where the production and ending stocks were cut, but not as much as expected. USDA hasn't accounted for the high abandonment rates in the Spring Wheat Belt, so we will see further production cuts in the futures, but it might not be until the Small Grains Summary at the end of September. It could be a very long time until we see market moving data for the

wheat. In the mean time we need to see better demand. The long term trend in the dollar is still down, which should be helpful, but we haven't seen consistently large export sales, and with ending stocks still over 900 million bushels, there really isn't anything to get excited about with the wheat.

As for the soybeans, the yield increase was quite shocking. Ending stocks didn't jump that much thanks to both old crop and new crop demand increases, but at 475 million, there can be no supply concerns at that level. Going forward, if the crop condition ratings don't improve, we should expect to see the yield estimate cut in future reports, so this may be the most bearish report of the year. The cool temperatures the bulk of the Corn Belt has seen and definitely helpful, but at some point the dry areas are going to need rain. Like the corn and wheat, the bean charts look pretty poor and there isn't very good support in the Novem-

ber contract until the \$9.10-\$9.20 area.

The cattle market had a pretty rough week as well. A weaker cash cattle market and weaker feeder auctions pretty much doomed the futures markets. The charts look very negative, particularly for the live cattle. Some of the deferred feeder cattle futures are holding at the recent lows, at least for now. All the negativity still stems from the idea that cattle supplies will be very large this fall. The last cattle on feed report more or less confirmed that once again and we don't have anything other than high slaughter rates that suggest good demand to counter act the supplies.

Lastly, the tension with N. Korea has put a little bit of nervousness into the stock market, which has in turn put some strength into the bond and precious metals markets. We haven't had much reason for the so called "flight to quality" trade, but we are seeing some reason right now. The dollar continues to trend lower and if the stock market has a negative week, plan on big gains in the gold.

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The following Johnson County K-State Research and Extension 4-H youth won their divisions in the livestock Round Robin Showmanship competition at the 2017 Johnson County Fair, held August 4 in Gardner. Senior 4-H Division: Logan Allen, 18 yr., Edgerton, right, son of Jill and Earl Allen, Jr.; Intermediate 4-H Division: Gabe Hueser, 10 yr., Gardner, center, son of Dan and Tiffany Heuser; Junior 4-H Division: Dakota Allen, 9 yr., Osawatome, left, daughter of John and Kelsey Allen.

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A quality run of cattle found good interest from a good attendance of local and out of state buyers for our sale Friday, August 11. Light steers were selling at fully steady prices while the heavier steers and heifers were selling on a lower trend. High dressing cull cows sold fully steady, while the low dressing cows and bulls sold lower.

STEER CALVES — 325-550 LBS.

Cunningham	8 Cross	325@199.00
Cunningham	4 Cross	401@190.00
Cedar Point	7 blk	436@186.00
Cedar Point	8 blk	533@173.50
Florence	3 Cross	491@167.00
Manhattan	4 blk	532@165.50
Ottawa	3 blk	536@153.00
Easton	5 Cross	549@153.00
Herington	3 blk	416@144.50

STEERS — 550-1,025 LBS.

Council Grove	5 blk	566@168.00
Centralia	7 mix	612@165.25
Alma	3 blk	620@165.00
Centralia	6 blk	622@163.00
White City	6 blk	551@163.00
Cedar Point	6 blk	595@162.50
Harveyville	5 blk	623@162.50
Manhattan	11 blk	663@161.25
Council Grove	14 blk	675@157.75
Ottawa	4 blk	658@156.50
Hillsboro	8 Char	651@156.50
Council Grove	6 Cross	603@155.50
Havensville	6 blk	657@155.25
Blue Rapids	18 blk	753@154.75
Alma	39 blk	722@154.75
Council Grove	14 blk	690@154.50
Kearney, MO	8 blk	723@153.50
Alta Vista	12 blk	693@153.25
Centralia	8 blk	741@153.00
White City	18 bwf	715@153.00
Council Grove	3 blk	568@152.50
Centralia	12 mix	752@152.25
Manhattan	17 blk	783@151.75
White City	21 blk	782@149.75
Alta Vista	8 blk	796@149.75
Wheaton	11 blk	835@148.75
Council Grove	19 blk	803@148.75

Alma	3 Cross	715@148.00
Alma	20 blk	820@147.25
Frankfort	7 Hereford	835@143.00
Council Grove	5 blk	799@140.50
Blue Rapids	13 blk	898@140.25
Leonardville	4 bwf	890@135.25
Frankfort	28 Hereford	947@135.00
Manhattan	5 Cross	896@129.50
Manhattan	14 blk	1025@120.25
Abilene	9 Hols	712@74.00
Abilene	3 Hols	935@71.50

HEIFER CALVES — 400-550 LBS.

Cedar Point	5 blk	413@167.00
Cedar Point	8 blk	464@155.00
Ottawa	3 Cross	498@152.00
Centralia	4 Cross	547@151.00
Florence	6 Cross	420@150.00

HEIFERS — 550-850 LBS.

Kearney, MO	7 blk	573@153.75
Blue Rapids	4 blk	551@153.00
Alta Vista	4 blk	555@152.50
Riley	3 blk	565@151.50
Kearney, MO	13 blk	636@149.50
Alma	9 blk	586@149.50
White City	7 blk	575@148.50
Manhattan	5 blk	642@148.00
White City	15 bwf	629@148.00
Council Grove	6 blk	635@147.50
Havensville	3 blk	605@147.50
Blue Rapids	14 blk	666@147.00
Council Grove	3 blk	578@146.00
Manhattan	7 blk	604@144.00
Centralia	10 blk	661@143.00
Council Grove	11 blk	641@143.00
Centralia	7 mix	676@142.50
Alta Vista	4 blk	660@142.00
Alma	23 blk	697@141.50
Council Grove	13 blk	720@139.00
Burns	23 blk	708@138.75
Alma	3 blk	733@138.50
Council Grove	4 blk	711@137.00
Burns	66 blk	846@136.50
Manhattan	6 blk	775@136.00
Alma	8 blk	780@136.00
Hillsboro	4 Char	742@135.00
Burns	8 Cross	839@132.00

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 900-1,850 LBS.

Alma	1 blk	900@120.00
Randolph	1 bwf	1020@118.00
Washington	1 Cross	900@117.00
Wheaton	1 bwf	960@116.00
Wheaton	1 blk	1065@113.00
Alma	1 Cross	875@110.00
Alma	1 blk	975@106.00
Lost Springs	1 Simm	1340@89.50
Manhattan	1 blk	1480@82.00
Belvue	1 blk	1710@79.50
Lost Springs	1 Simm	1400@79.50
Council Grove	1 Angus	1845@79.50
Paxico	1 blk	1320@79.00
Council Grove	1 bwf	1680@77.50
Lost Springs	1 blk	1405@77.50
Lost Springs	1 Simm	1510@77.00
Wheaton	1 blk	1335@77.00
Wamego	1 blk	1385@77.00
Lost Springs	1 Simm	1575@75.50
Leonardville	1 bwf	1190@75.50
Lost Springs	1 Cross	1645@74.75

Easton	1 blk	1330@74.25
Alma	1 blk	1215@74.00
Manhattan	1 blk	1550@74.00
Onaga	1 blk	1215@73.50
Wheaton	1 bwf	1455@71.50
Alma	1 blk	1395@71.50
Silver Lake	1 Cross	1240@71.00
easton	1 blk	1300@70.50
Manhattan	1 blk	1290@67.75
Alma	1 bwf	955@64.50

BULLS — 1,700-2,275 LBS.

Riley	1 blk	2040@89.50
Lost Springs	1 blk	2260@87.50
Riley	1 blk	2265@86.25
Frankfort	1 blk	1800@84.50
Randolph	1 blk	1715@84.25
Alta Vista	1 blk	1975@84.00
Marion	1 blk	1730@83.50
Randolph	1 blk	1845@83.00
Manhattan	1 blk	1840@82.50
Randolph	1 blk	1735@78.5s

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 18th

- 77 choice blk & bwf feeder strs, 900-950 lbs
- 11 blk & bwf feeder hfrs, 750-800 lbs
- 60 red Angus blk Angus cross strs & hfrs, weaned 90 days, 2 rds shots, 450-700 lbs
- 42 blk bwf strs & hfrs, complete rd shots, 500-750 lbs
- 4 blk & bwf cows, 3-5 yrs old w/ 6 week old calves by side
- 70 fancy reputation Hereford strs, off grass, no implants, weaned, all shots, 750-800 lbs
- 22 blk & bwf strs & hfrs, 650-800 lbs
- 57 Angus X strs & hfrs, long weaned, 650-900 lbs
- 15 choice reputation home raised OCV SimmAngus Fall bred hfrs. Bred to LBW Angus Conneally Confidence son for Sept. 1 calving. EID tagged. A nice set of hfrs.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 25th

- 47 blk strs & hfrs, 1 rd shots, 700-800 lbs
- 20 big blk Fall calving cows, 3-4 yrs old, bred to Angus bulls for Sept.-Oct. calves
- 10 choice Angus 1st calf hfrs bred to LBW Angus bull for Sept.-Oct. calves

UPCOMING SPECIAL COW SALE DATES, 11 A.M.: Wed., Oct. 18; Wed., Nov. 15; Wed. Dec. 13

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market activity slow; demand light for all classes of hay; prices mostly steady to slightly higher. Unseasonably mild temperatures continued last week, as did our relief from triple digit temperatures, and measurable rain was recorded in every county. Per NASS, Kansas alfalfa hay condition rated 2 pct very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 53 good, and 4 excellent. Third cutting was 80 pct complete, ahead of 72 pct last year and well ahead of the 60 pct average. Fourth cutting was 6 pct complete. A reduction in abnormally dry conditions occurred in the southwest part of the state while a slight increase was seen in the southeast, despite some locally heavy rains. Overall, the abnormally dry (DO) category has decreased to 49.58 pct and moderate drought (D1) was steady at 4.83 pct. If you have hay for sale, and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa steady, ground/delivered 5.00 higher; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 240.00-250.00. Dairy, .75-.85/point RFV, Supreme 140.00-160.00, Premium 130.00-150.00, Good 115.00-145.00.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 • 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 715 Kansas Avenue — ALMA, KANSAS



DESCRIPTION:
This cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on a nice lot and has a great location in the Alma community.

Contact Terri for a personal showing.

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Riley County 4-H's want to say THANKS for purchasing our Food and Livestock at the 2017 Riley County Fair Auction.

FOODS
Candlewood Veterinary Clinic - Dr. John & Peggy Lyons
Judy Kimball
Bob Sawyer

BEEF
Grand Champion purchased by: **Manhattan Meat Market**
Reserve Grand Champion purchased by: **Junction City & Clay Center Livestock Sales Inc.**
Prairie Valley Veterinary Clinic - Dr. Dan Musil & Nicole Porter - Blue Rapids
Cedar Valley Ranch - Larry & Rita Henry
Dalton & Megan Henry
Reggie Olsen
Key Feeds - Clay Center
Cal & Barb Livingston
B104.7 - Manhattan Broadcasting
Leiszler Oil Company
Irvine Real Estate Inc - Paul, Mary Beth Irvine & Marlene Irvine
Central National Bank - Manhattan
Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home
Anderes - Pfeiffley Funeral Home - Riley
Bruna Imp Co - Clay Center/Marysville/Washington
Streeter Family Businesses-Vista Drive In,
Kansas Kollection, Baskin Robbins
Riley State Bank - Riley/Leonardville
HyVee Food Store - Manhattan
Fink Beef Genetics & Little Apple Brewery
Peoples State Bank
Larson Construction Inc
Candlewood Veterinary Clinic - John and Peggy Lyons
Farmway Co-op Inc - Beloit
Baystone Financial Group - Evan Howe
Citizen's State Bank - Waterville
Manhattan Commission Co Inc
Commerce Bank - Tom Giller - Manhattan
Briggs Auto Group, Russell Briggs

MEAT GOAT
Reserve Grand Champion purchased by: **Liberty Inc/Travalum Trailer**
Liberty Inc/Travalum Trailer
G & B Enterprises Inc
HyVee Food Store - Manhattan
Trust Co of Manhattan
Charlson & Wilson Bonded Abstracters
Dave & Anita Nichols
Sydney Carlin
Wendland Ag Repair - Josh Wendland
Cat Can's
Tree Man-MHK - Dave Schafer
Lindsay & Morgan Shorter
Union State Bank - Olsburg/Randolph
Tom & Peggy Link
Mike Pachta Family
Tom & Barbara Van Slyke
Carlson Heating & AC, Clay Center
Dannenberg Jewelers
Briggs Auto Group, Russell Briggs

SWINE
Grand Champion purchased by: **Ag Press/Grass & Grain Manhattan Commission Co Inc.**
Riley State Bank - Riley/Leonardville
Thomas Kimball Family Trust - Judy Kimball
Union State Bank - Olsburg/Randolph
HyVee Food Store - Manhattan
Sink, Gordon & Associates LLP Public Accountants
Fink Beef Genetics & Little Apple Brewery
Liberty Inc/Travalum Trailer
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Leiszler Oil Company
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Key Feeds - Clay Center
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Tall Grass Services - Vern & Kim Bulk
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Kellstrom Pharmacy - John Kellstrom
McCullough Development
John & Karen McCulloh
Copeland Insurance - Riley/Manhattan/Junction City/Wamego
Green Team of Clay Center
HyVee Food Store - Manhattan
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Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Center
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Crossroads Real Estate
Briggs Auto Group, Russell Briggs

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Clay Center Locker - Brad Dieckman
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J & S Signs
Blueville Nursery
Eastside & Westside Market
HyVee Food Store - Manhattan

Please join us for the 2018 Riley County 4-H Auction at 6:45 pm, Monday, July 30 at the Riley County Fairgrounds.

Stock or Dry Cow alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 125.00-135.00, with instances at 140.00. The week of 7/30-8/5, 8,461T of grinding alfalfa and 840T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Grass hay: none reported.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, steady, ground/delivered steady to 5.00 higher, alfalfa pellets 5.00 higher; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, Dairy, .70-.80/point RFV. Supreme 140.00-150.00, Premium 130.00-140.00, Good 110.00-130.00. Stock cow alfalfa, 80.00-90.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 95.00-105.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 110.00-120.00. The week of 7/30-8/5, 4,718T of grinding alfalfa and 894T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 150.00-160.00, 17 pct protein 155.00-165.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 192.00-202.00. Grass hay: none reported. Oat hay, large rounds 85.00-95.00 delivered. Straw large squares 50.00-60.00.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, steady, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 210.00-220.00. Dairy .75-.85/point RFV. Stock cow alfalfa 90.00-100.00 with an instance at 125.00-135.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa 70.00-80.00. Ground and delivered, 80.00-90.00. Grass hay: bluestem, small squares 105.00-115.00. Good, mid and large squares 85.00-95.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00. Brome: small squares none reported. Good, mid and large squares 110.00-120.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Oat hay, large squares 120.00-130.00. Straw, none reported. CWF grass mulch large squares 50.00.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: small squares, horse quality none

Kansas Hereford Association Tour scheduled for August 26 & 27

A fun and event-filled Kansas Hereford Association tour is being set up for this year. There will be door prizes at all the stops, plenty to eat and great cattle to see.

TOUR SCHEDULE
Saturday, August 26
Stop #1 Oleen Cattle Company (D2)- (Lifetime Member)- Falun. Owners: Glenn and Chuck Oleen. Glenn-10272 S. Forsse Rd-785-668-2368, cell: 785-826-

0870 or Chuck-6944 W. Thorstenberg Road, 785-668-2454, cell: 785-452-2961, Brandon: 785-452-8148, email: oleen-cattle@hometelco.net Location: 1 1/4 miles south of Falun (20 miles southwest of Salina). From Exit 82 on I-135 South of Salina, go west on county blacktop Falun Rd. approximately eight miles (it curves south into Falun); from south end of Falun, go 1 1/4 miles south (1/2 mile south of Falun, must leave blacktop and continue south on graveled Forsse Rd).
Breakfast Stop 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Stop #2 Alexander Farms (D2) - 2756 S. Donmeyer, Gypsum. Owner: John

Alexander. 785-643-6364. email: alexfarmed@eagle-com.net From the Magnolia Road exit off of I-135 on the south edge of Salina go 11 miles east to Donmyer Road and then 1/2 south. 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Stop #3 Jones Herefords (D2)-3224 Nail Rd, Abilene. 785-461-5607. dcjones@twinvalley.net. Owner: David Jones. Location: From I-70 Exit 281 east of Abilene, seven miles north and one mile east.
Lunch Stop 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Stop #4 & 4b Reed Seedstock (D2) - 505 1st Rd, Clifton, KS 66937. Owner: Darrin Reed. 785-275-1533. darrin.

reed@plantpioneer.com; www.reedseedstock.com. This stop will also include the herd of Double S Cattle Co., owned by Blaine Schurle and his family. 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 27
Stop #5 Ringer Herefords (D2) - 579 N. 140th Rd, Concordia. 785-243-2004. Owners: Margaret Ringer and Family. Located 11 1/4 miles south of Concordia on U.S. Hwy. 81.
Breakfast Stop 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Stop #6 Swenson Herefords (D2) - 1811 Union Road, Concordia. 785-243-1609. email: dswen1811@yahoo.com Owners: Richard & Denise Swenson Family. Location: Two miles north of Concordia on U.S. 81, then 3 3/4 mile east. Located on north side of road. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Stop #7 & 7b Walnut Grove Farms (D2) - Owners: Mick & Bill Valek families 563 220 Rd, Agenda. Phone: Mick: 785-732-6637, 785-527-1049 (cell), Bill: 785-732-6566. email: djvalek@yahoo.com Located eight miles south of Belleville on Hwy. 81, nine miles east on Hwy 148 and 3/4 mile north. This stop will also include the Cerny Family Herefords being displayed at Valeks'. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LUNCH at Community Center in Norway
Stop #8 Jensen Brothers (D2) - Kevin & Sheila, Brady, Brooke, and Ben Jensen. Tour stop will be at the sale facility located nine miles north of Concordia on Hwy. 81 then west on Hwy 148 12.5 miles to Jensen sign and facility is on south side of the road. jensenks@courland.net. Phone: 785-374-4372.

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Record high soybean crop forecast as wheat sees large drop

Based on August 1 conditions, Kansas's 2017 corn production is forecast at 665 million bushels, 5 percent below last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 5.00 million acres, is up 2 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 133 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels

from last year.

Sorghum for grain production in Kansas is forecast at 194 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 2.45 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2016. Yield is forecast at 79 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from last year.

Kansas's soybean production is forecast at a record

high of 193 million bushels, up slightly from last year. Area for harvest, at 4.70 million acres, is 17 percent above 2016. Yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, down seven bushels from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 324 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year's crop. Area for grain, at 6.90 million

acres, is down 16 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, ten bushels below last year.

Cotton production is forecast at 110,000 bales, up 55 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 55,000 acres, is up 24,000 acres from 2016. Yield is forecasted at 960 pounds per acre, down 139 pounds from last year.

Oat production is forecast to be 1.16 million bushels, down 32 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain of 20,000 acres is down 10,000 acres from a year earlier. Yield per acre, at 58 bushels, is up one bushel from a year ago.

Potato production of 1.33 million cwt is up 6 percent from last year. Yield of 350 cwt per acre is 50 cwt above

2016.

Alfalfa hay production of 2.60 million tons is forecast to be 14 percent below last year. Expected yield, at 4.00 tons per acre, is down 0.30 ton from last year. All other hay production of 3.15 million tons is forecast to be down 3 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.70 tons per acre, is unchanged from last year.

Soil Health Workshop to be held August 29

A Soil Health Workshop is planned for August 29, 2017 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Family Life Center, Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania, Holton. A plot tour will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Shane New's farm, 11760 254th Road, Holton. The featured speaker is David Brandt, who farms 1,150 acres in central Ohio. He began no-till farming in 1971 and has been using cover crops since 1978. David has participated in yield plots for corn, soybeans and wheat into various covers. This information has been used by seed growers as well as county agents and universities to encourage other farmers to adapt no-till practices in their farming operations. He has also been planting various blends of cover crops to find out what benefits they provide to improve soil. At present David is working with

Ohio State University's Randall Reeder and Rafiq Islam on reducing input costs of fertilizers and herbicides using various cover crops, which improve soil health. He is also working with the regional NRCS soils lab in Greensboro, N.C., on the benefits of cover crops to improve soil health.

Abe Collins of Winooski, Vermont is a grazer and consultant who works with land managers to grow topsoil, livestock and crops and design and build water secure agricultural landscapes. He is co-founder of LandStream, a startup building a collaboration platform for achieving deep-topsoil watersheds with full ecological accounting and quantification of watershed-services demand and supply. Abe believes in the power of watershed citizens to collaborate, plan and achieve deep-topsoil watersheds and regen-

eration economics. Farmers and ranchers have developed sound means of growing topsoil, biodiversity and water security. The time has come to scale and quantify this capacity, leading to new wealth, security and opportunity in the countryside and the city. Abe has grazed sheep, beef, and dairy cattle and worked throughout his life to develop practical means of accelerating topsoil-formation. Over the last decade he has worked with scientific and industry partners to develop the New Scale, an environmental monitoring and modeling platform that quantifies agricultural production of watershed-services like flooding-reduction, groundwater-recharge and landscape-scale water-purification.

The agenda will include the following topics: Cover Crops as an anchor of a diverse crop rotation, continuous no-till system to increase organic matter, sharply re-

duce fertilizer costs, eliminate soil compaction and increase water infiltration. Discuss tools and potential benefits, challenges and scenarios in which farmers' incomes are increased and cities' costs are decreased when policy and infrastructure can support payment to farmers for the quantified provision of watershed services like flooding reduction, groundwater recharge and purification of ground and surface water. Discuss the New Soil Matrix, a thinking-aid for managing grazing and cropping to grow new topsoil.

The workshop will conclude with a question and answer session. The noon meal is free compliments of Arbor Sod & Seeding, the Jackson County Conservation District and local sponsors. Call (785) 364-3329, ext. 136 by August 23, 2017 to reserve your meal and seating. Sponsors for the event include: Jackson County Conservation District, NRCS, Arbor Sod & Seeding, SARE and the KDA-DOC.

Pre-plant wheat meeting at Salina - August 24th

K-State Research and Extension and Central Kansas Extension District will host a pre-plant wheat meeting on Thursday, August 24th at the American Ag Credit basement meeting room, 925 W. Magnolia Rd., Salina. The program starts at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude with a sponsored meal served at noon. There is no cost to attend, but RSVPs for the meal are requested by calling the CKD-Salina office at 785-309-5850 or email Tom Maxwell, CKD Extension agent at tmaxwell@ksu.edu by Monday, August 21st.

Focus of the meeting will be wheat variety selection, intensive wheat management practices including seeding rates, N rates and foliar fungicide use; and wheat disease management strategies. Speakers include Romulo Lollato, Extension wheat specialist and Erick DeWolf, Extension plant pathologist.



The grand champion breeding heifer at the Morris County Fair was shown by Cassidy Dalquest. Susan Mackey served as judge for the event.



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Fredonia Ranch to host KLA/K-State Ranch Field Day

DL Cattle Company of Fredonia will host the final 2017 Kansas Livestock Association (KLA)/Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Day August 23. Joe and Helen Donohue and their son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Jody, own the commercial cow-calf operation, which consists of both a spring- and fall-calving cow herd. The cattle are grazed year-round on native grass pastures in Wilson County using sustainable management practices.

A program highlight will be a presentation on controlling invasive species in native grasslands, including sericea lespedeza, with late-summer prescribed burning. As manager of the Woodson County Wildlife Area, John Johnson has conducted late summer prescribed burning and high-intensive, low-duration rotational grazing on 1,700 acres of the wildlife area. He will discuss his experiences with this project and the challenges ranchers and landowners face in controlling invasive plants in this region of southeast Kansas. K-State Range Beef Cattle Nutrition and Management specialist K.C. Olson will join Johnson on the program to share his findings on using late-season burning to control sericea lespedeza on a northern Flint Hills ranch.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Rangeland Management specialist Garan Belt will be on hand to discuss a process developed by the agency to determine the forage production capabilities and appropriate stocking rate for a specific pasture. He will provide an example of how plant communities change among soil types and demonstrate how a grazing land manager can measure and monitor forage production.

Also on the agenda will be Oklahoma State University entomologist Justin Talley. He will discuss the latest on fly and tick control for beef cattle operations and explain the difference between face flies, horn flies, stable flies and deer flies. He also will provide timely research results on effective management practices that offer optimum control for these commonly found pests.

With anaplasmosis becoming more prevalent in cow herds each year, it is important for ranchers to recognize the signs. K-State Extension Beef Veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff will be on hand to tell those in attendance how to identify

and detect anaplasmosis infections. He also will provide management strategies that help control or minimize incidences of the disease in Kansas cowherds.

The August 23 field day will begin with registration at 3:30 p.m. and conclude with a free beef dinner at 6:45 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. All livestock producers and others involved in the business are invited to attend.

The location for the DL Cattle Company field day is a pasture north of Fredonia in northwestern Wilson County. From the intersection of Highways 400/96/39, about 6 miles north of Fredonia, go 2½ miles west on Highway 400/96 to Edwards Road. Then, go 1½ miles north on Edwards Road to the pasture entrance. Directional signs will be posted.

Black Diamond Angus Ranch near Spearville will host the first 2017 KLA/K-State ranch field day August 17. Mark Diederich Family Farms of Greenleaf will be the site of the second field day August 22. Bayer Animal Health and the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas are sponsoring all three events. For more information, go to www.kla.org or call the KLA office at (785) 273-5115.

Corn: Danger zone! Analyst offers insight and strategies

By Frank Petricca,
The Price Group

Seven years ago my letters were specific recommending long-term corn accumulation. When one decides to venture, if you will, into commodity investing, it's all about vision and value.

Here's an excerpt from my June 10th, 2010 letter.

There are many commodities here in 2010 that are historically cheap relative to constant dollars where supply is unusually low and demand has increased year after year.

One of these "Superstar" markets for the coming year could be corn futures.

My letters have been specific with reference to U.S. and world corn stocks that are tightening as corn use as an energy commodity continues to flourish.

I went on to say in that letter...

I find it extremely interesting that when one reads any economic/financial rag or watches 24-hour cable business news television there is no mention of the extraordinary food shortage that looms in the not-too-distant future.

This dissolute attitude, the arrogant dismissal of what could be a national security disaster reminds me of our total ignorance regarding the financial crisis the world faced in 2008.

When that was posted, corn futures were trading at \$3.32.

Interestingly enough two short years later (June of 2012) we were rationing corn and corn futures skyrocketed and traded at \$8.28.

Were you in or were you out of the market when this major commodity occurred? I'll talk about this later.

Here's a little history...

WORLD WAR II

Soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and America's subsequent entrance into World War II, restrictions on imported foods, limitations on the transportation of goods due to a shortage of rubber tires, and a diversion of agricultural harvests to soldiers overseas all contributed to the U.S. government's decision to RATION certain essential items.

On January 30th, 1942, the Emergency Price Control Act granted the Office

of Price Administration the authority to set price limits and RATION food and other commodities in order to discourage hoarding and ensure the equitable distribution of scarce resources.

In 2012 the dreaded "R" word was uttered again.

We saw an aggressive pace of demand rationing in the export sector to begin with. Feed and ethanol followed.

Not exactly a panic situation, but for the first time in many years we faced an "on the brink" crisis. While the media played down this potential global disaster, make no mistake a short 2013 crop would have sent us into a potential national security dilemma.

Make no mistake...FOOD SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY!

History shows us food insecurity is not just a result of conflict, it's also a significant contributor to conflict, especially in unstable political regimes.

The world's population will reach 9.1 billion by 2050, 34% higher than today. Food production must rise signifi-

cantly. Where's it going to come from?

The world continues to take American producers for granted. Their sophisticated expertise has saved us from a food crisis for the last four years as they have produced at least trend-line yields.

Here in 2017, cold and wet conditions forced late plantings. Hot and dry conditions in some areas of the corn belt in July has many experts projecting a short crop.

I've been talking a lot about 2012. Let's take a closer look.

Last week's crop progress ratings came in at 60%, the lowest in four years for this time of year. In 2011/2012 crop progress was higher at 62% in August of 2011.

The 2011/2012 crop year national corn yield came in at 146.8 bushels per acre, or 5% below trend line yield. In 2017 an equivalent, because of increased demand, would come to 163.2 bushels per acre.

F.C. Stone, one of the more respected commodity firms in Chicago, now proj-

ects U.S. corn production at 13.590 billion bushels, with an average yield of 162.8 bushels per acre which would be close to 5% below trend-line yield.

The big difference between 2011 and 2017 would be price. In August of 2011 corn futures traded over \$7.00. Here in August of 2017 corn futures are trading at \$3.70.

Again, the question is, will you be participating if and when this long-term corn bull makes what could be a historical move? Do you have the vision to be part of this incredibly undervalued market? My recommendation is specific...Buy December 2018 corn under \$4.00.

Corn futures are in fact in the lower 25% of the long-term trading range and my long-term formula is up. We will hold these positions until corn futures

Implementing my Long Term Practical Strategies will insure you will be in the market if chaos returns to our financial markets.

Let me be more specific...

There are four important

components regarding my strategies.

1. Positions are established only in the upper or lower 25% of the long-term trading range.

2. Positions are established only when my long-term formula turns up or down within that 25% parameter.

3. Positions are held until positions reach the opposite extreme high or low or until my long-term formula changes direction.

4. Correct money management strategies must be implemented. No more than three contracts per \$10,000.

Let me be clear. My strategies also incur drawdowns. My contention is if one can establish positions at extremes, risk is limited.

My strategies also require one to maintain:

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Those of you that have an interest in additional details should call me personally. Would love to hear from you. 312-286-9320. In the meantime...keep holding and keep accumulating with my LTSP.

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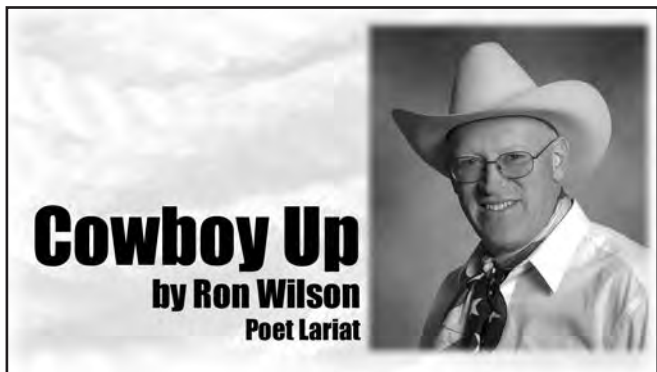
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Wickedest

"Abilene, the first; Dodge City, the last; but Ellsworth, the wickedest." That's a phrase which has been used to describe the various Kansas cattle towns, of which Ellsworth can lay claim to being the most iniquitous. Kansas cowboy Jim Gray has chronicled many fascinating incidents from Ellsworth history, here in the pages of *Grass & Grain* and elsewhere. In 2017, Ellsworth County is celebrating its 150th anniversary with an extra-special celebration on August 17-20. For years, Ellsworth has had a cowtown days celebration. In honor of the 150th, that festival is being expanded more than ever.

This column is part of our continuing series about the communities on the Chisholm Trail, which also celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2017. Technically, Ellsworth had its own cattle trail which diverged from what is now called the Chisholm Trail to the east. "Some 300,000 head of cattle came to Ellsworth during the cattle drive era," said Abby Janssen, special events coordinator and daughter of a local rancher. "Now it is home to a strong ranching community."

Ellsworth Cowtown Days 2017 will kick off with a special opening ceremony on Thursday. There will be a beer-tasting session, live music by Jake Gill, and the first of three nights of amazing performances by motocross trick rider Cowboy Kenny Steel. Friday is special because the local schools will close early so kids can participate in festivities. Educational programs will be presented by buffalo soldier re-enactors, Jim Gray and a Nebraskan trick roper. Saturday will be huge, from the 7 a.m. 5K run to the rodeo and street dance that night. Sunday will include cowboy church followed by a community potluck picnic.

"There will be something for everybody," Abby said. The festival will include arts & crafts; basketball, washer, dodgeball and horseshoe tournaments; live entertainment and dining options; a reenactment of the old west shooting of a local sheriff; opening of a 100-year-old time capsule; a cowgirl fashion show; inflatables for kids; a beard and mustache contest; and much more. For example, the local rural electric cooperative will use its bucket truck to drop 250 ping-pong balls containing prizes. What a hoot!

The Saturday morning parade will conclude with a showstopper: A real-life cattle drive. One hundred longhorn steers will be driven through the streets of Ellsworth, just as they might have been a century and a half ago. "We still have spots for guest drovers," Abby said. Riders will include Jim Gray and Ellsworth rancher Dennis Katzenmeier who is also director of the International Chisholm Trail Association. "It's a great opportunity to share the experience of a cattle drive and see beautiful country in the Smoky Hills," Abby said.

The National Drovers Hall of Fame, of which Jim Gray is president and Dennis Katzenmeier is a director, will host an open house. Local ranch heritage is also being honored. On Friday and Saturday afternoons, local ranchers are invited to bring in their branding irons to be branded into a cowhide that will be donated to the county historical society.

What a great celebration. For more information, see www.ellsworthcowtowndays.com. The wickedest cowtown in Kansas is celebrating its 150 years of history with lots of fun for everyone.

Up next: Trails, Rails and Tales on Labor Day weekend in Abilene.

Ellsworth County

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Out in the heart of Kansas, where Texas longhorns used to graze, There's a county that will celebrate its Ellsworth Cowtown Days. For Ellsworth was a cowtown in the wild and woolly west, Which drew the Texas drovers in their cattle market quest. Ellsworth boomed during the cattle drives but cowboys soon got frisky, As they spent their hard-earned money on gambling, girls and whiskey. When those crazy Texas cowboys got to town to celebrate, Soon shots would fly and more than one good lawman met his fate. As stated in the newspaper accounts in our possession, Ellsworth was said to be a place where hell became in session. In the end, the ways of law and order would survive. The railroad shipping pens closed down in 1875. Ellsworth County became a place where farmers and ranchers dwell, And built an agricultural economy in which they can do well. Now Ellsworth Cowtown Days has become a celebration Of 150 years since this community's formation. We give thanks for this place where cowboy legends had their birth, And for the modern-day people in the county of Ellsworth. Happy Trails! www.ronscowboy-poetry.com © Copyright 2017

Hereford Youth Foundation of America scholarships due Sept. 1

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) is pleased to announce \$144,000 in scholarships will be awarded this fall to members of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) to assist in financing their college educations.

Highlighting the scholarship offering is a special gift from Jack and Donna Vanier of CK Ranch, Brookville. The Vanier family, lifetime foundation supporters and Hereford breeders, will award (ten) \$10,000 Vanier Family Scholarships to Hereford youth who demonstrate a strong work ethic, commitment to higher education and have overcome obstacles in their lives.

Additional scholarships available include (2) \$5,000 EE Ranch scholarships, a \$5,000 Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Scholarship, \$5,000 Perks Ranch Scholarship, \$5,000 CBY Polled Herefords and Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship, \$4,000 Bar One Ranch Scholarship in memory of Ken Tracy, \$2,500 Whitehead Ranches Scholarship, \$2,500 Fauquier Farms and Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship, \$2,500

Randy and Kelly Owen Scholarship, \$2,500 Blin Family Scholarship, \$2,500 Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship and a \$2,500 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship.

"These scholarships will make a huge difference in the education of each of our recipients," says Amy Cowan, director of youth activities and foundation at the American Hereford Association and HYFA. "Each scholarship donor has a deep commitment to supporting young people in agriculture who have a strong desire to better themselves by obtaining a college degree."

Applications for HYFA scholarships are due Sept. 1. Scholarship applications must be filled out online and National Junior Hereford Association members may access the applications by visiting JrHereford.org. Applicants must have completed their senior year in high school and be currently enrolled in a four-year accredited university, junior/community college and/or a technical institution. For more information, contact Amy Cowan at acowan@hereford.org.

Japanese company buys Creekstone Farms, looks to Chinese market

Japanese meat company Marubeni has added a U.S. beef processor to its portfolio, anticipating greater exports to China after Beijing lifted a long-standing ban on meat from American cattle in June. The Japanese trading house acquired all of Kansas-based Creekstone Farms, a distributor of pre-

mium beef, in a deal worth about \$170 million, including liabilities. With the resumption of American beef exports to China, Marubeni expects the country's appetite for the meat to grow as its middle class expands, reports the Japanese newspaper *Nikkei*.

Creekstone, which re-

corded \$550 million in sales last year, processes beef for sale to supermarkets and restaurants. It is the 12th largest U.S. beef producer by volume and among the top processors of premium beef. In 2016, Creekstone processed about 250,000 head of cattle, with about 80% of the beef going to

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Youth Outdoor Festival to be held in Hays August 19

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Youth will learn the ins and outs of trap and skeet shooting, archery equipment, air rifles and BB guns, muzzleloaders, small-bore rifles, and more. There will also be a casting competition, paintball target shooting, and a furharvesting demonstration.

Youth will be closely supervised at each station by experienced volunteer instructors, and all equipment will be supplied. Hunter Education certification is not required; however, youth are required to be accompanied by an adult.

There is no cost to attend and families can register onsite the day of the event.

A free lunch will be

provided courtesy of Eagle Communications and the Hays Chapter of Pheasants Forever. Youth will also have chances to win prizes, including guns, fishing

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CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 16:

- 120 xbred str, 825 lbs off grass
- 60 all blk hfrs, 825 lbs
- 62 mostly blk str, 800 lbs
- 48 red str, 800 lbs, home raised, long time weaned, all shots
- 24 red hfrs, 750 lbs
- 38 mostly blk str, long time weaned, all shots, 775 lbs
- 50 mixed blk & red str & hfrs, 550-650 lbs
- 115 mostly blk str, 985 lbs
- 33 blk bwf hfrs, guaranteed open, coming off grass, 700-750 lbs

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500-600	\$165.00-\$175.00	5 blk	Durham	830@140.00
600-700	\$152.00-\$164.75	117 blk	Abilene	942@138.85
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800-900	\$134.00-\$146.50	153 blk	Abilene	1019@137.00
900-1,000	\$129.00-\$138.50	26 Char	Marion	913@137.00
		67 BM	Salina	975@135.75
		49 mix	McPherson	908@135.00
		55 mix	Durham	957@135.00
		61 mix	Gypsum	915@134.50
HEIFERS				
400-500	\$145.00-\$160.00			
500-600	\$140.00-\$146.50			
600-700	\$148.00-\$148.50			
700-800	\$135.00-\$140.50			
800-900	\$129.00-\$134.00			
		HEIFERS		
5 mix	Assaria	322@203.00	4 blk	Belleville
3 blk	Abilene	388@198.00	23 blk	Belleville
1 blk	Wilsey	405@189.00	8 blk	Belleville
3 blk	Belleville	485@178.00	8 mix	Randolph
11 blk	Belleville	539@175.00	5 mix	Randolph
4 mix	Randolph	501@172.00	14 blk	Marion
7 mix	Randolph	548@169.75	19 mix	Randolph
4 blk	New Cambria	546@169.00	27 blk	Lindsborg
4 blk	Ellsworth	550@169.00	3 blk	New Cambria
4 blk	Belleville	523@168.00	19 blk	Ellsworth
4 mix	Ellsworth	566@166.50	15 blk	Gypsum
71 blk	Oakhill	632@164.75	15 blk	Belleville
26 blk	Lindsborg	586@164.50	64 mix	Assaria
13 blk	Belleville	587@164.00	21 mix	Randolph
10 blk	Marion	616@159.50	32 blk	Marion
23 blk	Belleville	650@159.00	83 mix	Marion
22 mix	Burns	662@158.50	26 blk	Salina
18 blk	Ellsworth	632@158.50	13 blk	Salina
23 blk	Lindsborg	700@155.50	134 blk	Marion
2 blk	New Cambria	698@155.00	4 mix	Wilsey
6 blk	McPherson	728@155.00	10 blk	Gypsum
15 mix	Randolph	711@155.00	24 Char	Marion
17 blk	Inman	706@154.75	9 mix	Salina
5 blk	Courtland	709@154.00	16 blk	Gypsum
42 mix	Marion	700@153.60		
27 blk	Marion	726@153.00	COWS	
36 blk	Inman	727@152.75	1 blk	Lindsborg
14 blk	Belleville	747@152.50	1 blk	Gypsum
14 blk	Inman	760@150.25	2 bwf	Canton
9 blk	Gypsum	769@149.50	1 rwf	Tescott
5 blk	Clay Center	790@149.50	1 blk	Barnard
9 mix	Salina	798@149.00	1 blk	Marquette
15 mix	New Cambria	725@149.00	1 blk	Ellsworth
66 blk	Little River	716@149.00	1 blk	Tescott
34 mix	Burns	741@148.75	1 blk	Marquette
22 blk	Marion	808@146.50	1 red	Ellsworth
13 mix	Burns	800@146.00		
7 mix	Little River	816@145.50	BULLS	
			1 blk	Gypsum
			1 blk	Gypsum

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			2 sows	Newton	633@61.00
			2 sows	Olmitz	578@60.00
			FATS		
13 fats	Lebanon	294@57.50			
4 fats	Virgil	346@51.50			

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017:

243 mostly blk hfrs, off grass, 750-900; 77 strs, grass, 750-900; 43 strs, homeraised, grass, 750-900; 43 strs, homeraised, grass, 750-850; 16 strs & hfrs, homeraised, long weaned, off grass, no implants, 600-675; 25 mostly blk strs, off grass, 850; 10 strs & hfrs, long weaned, gtd open, 2 rds vacc., 600-650; 80 blk strs, 2nd vacc., poured, long weaned, 700-900.

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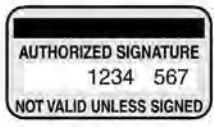
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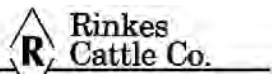
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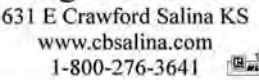
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A more competitive pigweed equals bad news

By Josh Coltrain, Crop
Production and Local Foods
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DistrictUp to 80 to 90 percent
off! In retail, this is called a
loss-leader, but when those
figures apply to crop yields,
it's called a nightmare. The
presence of pigweed is defi-
nitely not breaking news in
southeast Kansas. However,
a different pigweed species
has been found which is ex-
tremely worrisome.Palmer amaranth (*Ama-
ranthus palmeri*) has been
confirmed in southeast Kan-
sas and it is a completely
unwelcome guest. Water-
hemp is still the dominant
pigweed species in our
area. However, most of the
state is more concerned
with Palmer amaranth. This
apprehension is based on
some of Palmer's inherent
characteristics.Palmer amaranth is ac-
tually native to the south-
western United States and
was not a major pest in the
Midwest until it invadedthe southern plains in the
late 1990's. It is now found
throughout the southeast-
ern U.S. as well as the Corn
Belt with some states (Iowa,
Minnesota, and Ohio) listing
it as a noxious weed.The easiest way to dif-
ferentiate between Palmer
and waterhemp is probably
the seed head, though we
wish we could identify it
before it reaches that stage.
A Palmer seed head is much
longer and huskier than wa-
terhemp. While both plants
are dioecious (male and fe-
male plants), a female Pal-
mer plant has sharp bracts
around the seeds which are
very apparent when scout-
ing. However, the male
plant does not have these
bracts and is quite soft to
the touch.If the seed head has not
emerged, the two plants can
be differentiated by their
leaf characteristics, in par-
ticular the length of the pe-
tiole (leaf stem). In Pal-
mer, the petiole is as long
as or longer than the bladeitself. This petiole length
makes Palmer look quite
like a poinsettia plant when
viewed from above. Howev-
er, in waterhemp, the blade
is longer than the petiole.Researchers at Kansas
State have been studying
Palmer amaranth in Kan-
sas since the mid 1990s.
The 80 and 90 percent
yield loss mentioned be-
fore was from *Weed Science
Journal* articles published
in 2001 (Massinga, Currie,
Horak, and Boyer) and 2003
(Bensch, Horak, and Peter-
son). Massinga et. al. mea-
sured over 90 percent yield
loss in corn in southwest
Kansas while Bensch et.
al. measured nearly 80 per-
cent yield loss in soybeans
in northeast Kansas. Both
of these levels were at ex-
tremely heavy populations
of the weed, but it does
demonstrate why producers
must be wary of the pest.In addition to high popu-
lations, both studies demon-
strated that the timing of
emergence played an im-portant role in the com-
petitiveness of the weed.
The extremely high yield
impacts were shown when
the weed seedlings had
emerged prior to the crop's
emergence.Why is Palmer so com-
petitive? There are a few
reasons which include how
fast it grows, which is much
faster than waterhemp. In
addition, it tends to thrive
under high temperatures
due to its native territory.
This gives it a competitive
advantage during our hot,
dry summers which contrib-
utes to its yield effect.It is also a prolific seed
producer with a single plant
under ideal conditions pro-
ducing up to 500,000 seeds
(with some sources saying
even higher) under ideal
conditions. However, under
field conditions, seed pro-
duction is much lower,
though seed production is
still a major concern.In addition to its natural
characteristics, Palmer has
developed herbicide resis-tance in recent years which
has made it tremendously
difficult to control in some
cases. In the U.S., popula-
tions of Palmer have devel-
oped resistance to group 2
(ALS), 3 (microtubule inhib-
itor), 4 (synthetic auxins), 5
(triazines), 9 (glyphosate), 14
(PPO), or 27 (HPPD) modes
of action as well as popu-
lations resistant to multi-
ple modes of action. Due
to this, a robust integrated
pest management system
using a mixture of multiple
effective modes of action is
an absolute must in Palmer
management.While it seems hard to
believe that pigweed could
be even more of a problem
in southeast Kansas, the ar-
rival of Palmer amaranth
may signal just that. If you
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ASA works to find answers on herbicide-related damage

Following reports of
dicamba-related damage to
soybean crops, American
Soybean Association (ASA)
president and Illinois farm-
er Ron Moore releases the
following statement com-
mitting the association's re-
sources to the pursuit of a
solution:"The issues surrounding
dicamba-related damage
to crops are serious ones,
and as the representativeorganization for the na-
tion's soybean farmers, ASA
is invested in bringing all
parties together to find an-
swers and solutions. To do
so, we remain in constant
contact with those compa-
nies selling dicamba-based
products, and we are co-
ordinating both with the
United Soybean Board and
checkoffs at the state level
to draw on the data gener-
ated by their research into
crop damage. We are also
working alongside state de-
partments of agriculture
and land-grant universities
as they investigate to un-
derstand what has happened ineach specific incident and
why."The first step in this pro-
cess is for all parties to de-
termine whether the report-
ed damage is from dicamba
or other potential causes. If
injury from dicamba spray
is indeed the root cause,
we next need to understand
how this happened. It is at
this point that we are con-
fronted with more questions
than answers. Investigation
and research is needed to
determine whether damage
stems from any number of
factors, including off-label
application, product perfor-
mance or other issues spe-cific to dicamba technology,
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lations more prone to vola-
tilization, unusual weather
or ground saturation con-
ditions that caused volatiliza-
tion, use of certain adjutants
or tank-mixes leading to vol-
atilization, or other factors.
We need all parties at the
table to establish answers
to these and other questions
so that proper action can be
taken to both protect crops,
and protect access to this
technology."We understand and sup-
port action to abate what
is a critical issue in many
soybean-growing states, and
we understand those actions
may include increased edu-
cation, enforcement, orrestrictions. It is important
however that we are able to
get answers to these ques-
tions and establish a path
forward as soon as possible
so that additional education
or other actions can be put
in place before next growing
season."It's important to note,
too, that this discussion is
larger than one specific
product; farmers need and
want new modes of action to
tackle the ongoing issue of
herbicide-resistant weeds.
At the same time however,
farmers need assurance that
their own and their neigh-
bors' crops aren't going to
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Agent addresses custom haying rates and Blue/Green algae

By Jody Holthaus, Agent, Meadowlark Extension District, Livestock and Natural Resources

Every now and then, we get questions about "what to charge for custom haying." This year the questions seem to have no season. Could be because haying season is like that Energizer bunny, it just keeps going and going. The cool season hay harvest ran right into the warm season hay harvest.

For those curious about the prices charged, you can find Kansas Custom rates at the KSU Ag Economics website: www.agmanager.info. There's a tab at the top, Custom Rates.

We are also getting questions about Blue/Green algae in ponds. You can find the do-it-yourself test instructions on our website: www.meadowlark.ksu.edu under Livestock and Natural resources. There is a jar and stick test that can give a pretty good in-

dication.

I did a bit of research and was surprised to learn there are 4493 ponds in Jackson county, 3773 in Jefferson County and 3292 ponds in Nemaha county. Of course Jefferson County has that one really huge one - Perry Lake.

With that many ponds - 11,558 in our district, and 241,295 in Kansas - we have the capability of holding 1.3 million acre/feet of water. Some best management practices for a pond are in order.

Any management practice that slows the flow of surface water with its accompanying silt and nutrients lengthens the life of a pond.

The single, most valuable management practice, before your pond begins to show signs of over-abundant nutrients, is the development of an unmown, vegetated buffer strip around the pond. This is an area 15-20 foot wide area surrounding a pond that

is left unmown or mowed only once or twice a year so that grasses and plants grow knee-high. This vegetation serves to slow the flow of surface water into the pond, allowing much of the silt and nutrients to drop out before they reach the pond.

This unmown area, called a riparian (meaning situated along the bank) buffer, may be enhanced by planting wildflowers and seasonal grasses to make the area attractive to butterflies, hummingbirds, dragonflies, and ground-nesting birds.

Prevention is easier than a cure. If your pond often has a heavy coverage of algae, this indicates that nutrients have already become a problem.

The best management practices will help limit additional nutrient input, but some type of weed control may be desired. There are two types of algae control: mechanical or chemical.

June results confirm strong first half for U.S. red meat exports

U.S. pork and beef exports continued to trend above year-ago levels in June, capping a very strong first half of the year. According to statistics released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), exports also achieved higher values on a per-head-slaughtered basis and accounted for a steady-to-higher percentage of total production.

June beef exports were the largest of 2017, reaching 109,554 metric tons (mt) - up 11 percent year-over-year and the largest June total since 2011. Export value increased 10 percent to \$602.5 million. For January through June, beef exports were up 12 percent in volume (606,876 mt) and 15 percent in value (\$3.35 billion) compared to the first half of last year.

Exports accounted for nearly 13 percent of total U.S. beef production in June and 10 percent for muscle cuts only - each about even with a year ago. The ratios were the same for January through June, which was also steady with the first half of last year. Export value per head of fed slaughter averaged \$264.51 in June, up 6 percent from a year ago. Through June, per-head export value was up 8 percent to \$269.21.

Pork exports totaled 200,229 mt in June, up 6 percent year-over-year and the largest June volume on record, valued at \$527.1 million, up 4 percent. This pushed the first-half total to 1.25 billion mt valued at \$3.21 billion - up 13 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Exports accounted for 27 percent of total pork production (up more than one percentage point from a year ago) in June and 22 percent for muscle cuts only (steady with last year). For the first half, with production at a record pace, both ratios increased significantly from a year ago. The percentage of total production jumped from 25.3 percent to 27.8 percent, and for muscle cuts the increase was from 21.4 percent to 23 percent. Export value per head slaughtered in June was up 1 percent to \$53.41 and the first-half average increased 12 percent to \$54.09.

"In this time of large red meat production, the upward trend in per-head export value and in the percentage of production exported is especially critical to the industry," said USMEF president and CEO Philip Seng. "These metrics confirm that we're not simply exporting more red meat because more is available - those exports are also generating excellent returns. It was also gratifying to see that the U.S. trade deficit narrowed in June due to an expansion of exports, knowing that the red meat industry made another solid contribution toward that effort."

Chilled beef to Asia drives first-half growth, but exports increased to most destinations

Beef exports to leading market Japan continued to gain momentum in June, with volume up 7 percent to 27,521 mt and value up 13 percent to \$174.4 million (the highest since 2000). First-half exports to Japan exceeded last year's pace by 23 percent in volume (150,812 mt) and 28 percent in value (\$905.8 million). This included a 40 percent increase in chilled beef exports to 70,807 mt, valued at \$511 million (up 38 percent), as the U.S. captured more than 50 percent of the chilled beef market. While demand for U.S. beef is very

strong in Japan's retail and foodservice sectors, frozen exports to Japan face a higher tariff rate through March 2018. See more details on this issue online.

June exports to South Korea were the largest since January at 14,701 mt, up 14 percent from a year ago, valued at \$92.4 million (up 20 percent and the highest of 2017). First-half exports to Korea were up 13 percent in volume (83,357 mt) and 21 percent in value (\$527.7 million). The U.S. also captured more than 50 percent of Korea's chilled beef market as chilled exports totaled 18,816 mt (up 83 percent year-over-year) valued at \$166 million (up 86 percent).

Other first-half highlights for U.S. beef exports included:

Exports to Taiwan totaled 20,376 mt (up 19 percent from a year ago) valued at \$179 million (up 26 percent). This included chilled beef exports of 8,178 mt (up 19 percent) valued at \$93.5 million (up 22 percent) as the U.S. captured more than 70 percent of Taiwan's chilled beef market.

After a slow start to the year, exports to Hong Kong rebounded to post double-digit first-half gains in both volume (56,846, up 11 percent) and value (\$357.4 million, up 17 percent).

Exports to Mexico increased 3 percent in volume (114,923 mt) while slipping 3 percent in value (\$459.7 million). But muscle cut exports to Mexico - mainly shoulder clods, rounds and other end cuts - fared better, increasing 9 percent in volume (61,782 mt) and 2 percent in value (\$353.8 million).

Led by a doubling of exports to Vietnam and Indonesia and strong demand in the Philippines, exports to the ASEAN region increased 85 percent in volume (20,532) and 61 percent in value to \$99 million.

Fueled by strong growth in Chile, Guatemala and Colombia, exports to Central and South America increased 11 percent in volume (19,137 mt) and 5 percent in value (\$83.8 million). Exports to Brazil, which began in late April, totaled 412 mt of muscle cuts and 651 mt of variety meat at a combined value of \$2.6 million.

After reopening in 2016, South Africa quickly emerged as the fourth-largest destination for U.S. beef variety meat, with first-half exports (mainly livers) reaching 7,849 mt - an increase of nearly 500 percent from a year ago - valued at \$6 million.

First-half pork export growth led by Mexico, Korea, South America

Pork exports to leading volume market Mexico remained on a record pace in June, increasing 19 percent year-over-year in both volume (64,712 mt) and value (\$124.9 million). This pushed the first-half total to 398,565 mt (up 23 percent) valued at \$731.6 million (up 29 percent). A major factor behind this increase is that Mexican consumers are eating significantly more pork, both imported and domestic. Over the past ten years, Mexico's annual per-capita pork consumption has increased by about one third, and is expected to reach 18 kilograms this year (carcass weight equivalent), based on USDA estimates. Over the same period, Mexico's pork production has increased by 30 percent.

June exports to leading value destination Japan were below year ago levels, dipping by 8 percent in volume (30,401 mt) and 10 percent in value (\$124.3

million). But first-half totals remained higher than a year ago at 200,175 mt (up 4 percent) valued at \$810.6 million (up 8 percent). Chilled pork exports to Japan declined 2 percent to 107,032 mt, but value increased 5 percent to \$501 million. The U.S. holds 55 percent of the chilled pork market in Japan and continues to face growing competition from Canadian pork.

Other first-half highlights for U.S. pork exports included:

Capitalizing on rapid growth in home meal replacement items and other foods that emphasize convenience, as well as duty-free status for most cuts under the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, pork exports to South Korea climbed 31 percent from a year ago to 94,545 mt, valued at \$258.5 million (up 38 percent). With a strong second half, exports to Korea could exceed the record set in 2011, when Korea was facing a domestic pork shortage due to foot-and-mouth disease. This year Korea's imports have been driven by strong consumer demand, as Korea's domestic pork production is slightly ahead of last year's pace.

While exports to China/Hong Kong fell below last year's pace in volume (271,297 mt), value still increased 3 percent (\$558.4 million). This reflected the strong price commanded for pork variety meat, as first-half variety meat exports to the region climbed 19 percent in volume (172,269 mt) and 28 percent in value (\$367.2 million).

Led by exceptional growth in Colombia and Chile, pork exports to Central and South America were up 51 percent in volume (81,930 mt) and 56 percent in value (\$200.3 million). Exports also doubled to Peru and solid increases were achieved in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Strong growth in the Dominican Republic pushed pork exports to the Caribbean up 36 percent in volume (26,984 mt) and 35 percent in value (\$63.7 million). Exports also increased to the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti and Barbados.

Larger shipments to the Philippines and Singapore helped drive exports to the ASEAN region up 20 percent in volume (23,207 mt) and 28 percent in value (\$59 million).

Led by the above-mentioned success in China/Hong Kong, pork variety meat exports achieved exceptional growth in the first half, increasing 19 percent year-over-year in volume (286,787 mt) and 32 percent in value (\$580.3 million). Additional markets contributing to this growth included Mexico, Canada, Chile, Colombia and the Philippines. Variety meat export value averaged \$9.78 per head slaughtered in the first half, up \$2.10 from a year ago.

Lamb exports continue to show improvement

U.S. lamb exports exceeded year-ago levels for the second straight month in June, reaching 642 mt (up 40 percent) valued at \$1.75 million (up 58 percent). First-half lamb exports were still down 13 percent from a year ago in volume (3,755 mt) but increased 10 percent in value to \$9.6 million. For lamb muscle cuts only, first-half exports were up 20 percent in both volume (1,079 mt) and value (\$6.6 million) including year-over-year growth to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and Taiwan.

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RCLA Summer Tour planned for August 27

The annual Riley County Livestock Association Summer Tour will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2017, starting at 5:00 p.m. at Shannon Creek Lamb, 5025 Hwy. 16, Olsburg.

Shannon Creek Lamb is a new confinement lambing operation owned by Joseph Hubbard. In addition to touring the sheep facility, participants will also tour and learn about Hubbard's beef cattle rotational grazing system.

From the Hwy. 24 & 13 junction in Manhattan, Hubbard's operation is located 15 miles north on Hwy. 13, then 4 miles

west on Hwy. 16. From Randolph, Shannon Creek Lamb is 9.6 miles east on Hwy. 16.

A free supper provided by the Riley County Livestock Association will be served following the tour. Food and table service are provided.

Reservations to attend the RCLA Summer Tour are needed by Wednesday, August 23. Register online at www.riley.ksu.edu, or call the Riley County Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

Spotlight on flowers, veggies, soils and water in Hays on September 19

The K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays will host its annual fall Horticulture Night for the public on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Daylight in the autumn evenings is short, so presentations will be brief.

The cooler days of September provide a chance to step back and enjoy the results of the university's and research center's labors in the flower beds and vegetable gardens, plus it's an opportunity to evaluate what prospered or did not perform so well.

This is the 20th and final year for the Prairie Star Flower bedding plant trials at the center in Hays. More than 1,800 varieties have been trialed at the Hays site with only 421 selected as worthy of being on the Prairie Star list of annual flowers that have performed well in the state. The Prairie Star list includes flower varieties available on the market and that perform well throughout Kansas. The aim is to find varieties that thrive with low

maintenance, insect and disease tolerance, and are appealing in appearance. The weather this summer has thrown a challenge for some in the Hays location. The varietal additions to the 2018 Prairie Star List will be announced at the evening event. Come see how they have performed – you'll be the first to know the best bedding plant cultivars for the Hays area coming on the 2018 market.

Augustine Obour, soils scientist based at the center, will present a segment on collecting a representative soil sample of your garden will be presented by. He will discuss the interpretation of test results and what soil amendments may be needed.

Holly Dickman, the new water conservationist for the City of Hays, will address water-smart landscaping. She will provide information sources for grass, tree, and shrub varieties recommended for both home and business property owners in Hays.

During the evening you

can compare the different varieties of low-water use turf grass in a demonstration plot developed and maintained in conjunction with the Turf Conversion Program promoted by the City of Hays. The program encourages homeowners to convert their full-sun exposure lawns currently planted to a cool-season turf to a low-water use turfgrass. The advantages of established warm-season grasses are water conservation and less maintenance.

The Ellis County Extension Master Gardeners will report preliminary harvest results of their performance vegetable trials, including 11 tomato, 24 pepper, and five zucchini-squash varieties. Terry Pfeifer and Pat Phillips will be the presenters. Sampling tables will be available so participants can taste the varietal differences to help determine what to include in their home garden.

This is the first year for the Extension Master Gardener Backyard Demonstration Garden. Ellis County

Master Gardener Mary Lou Mastin will share the experience of establishing and maintaining a sustainable garden. She will discuss how even a small garden can provide year-round production.

Participants are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors. Property and homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions about flowers, vegetable gardening and soil tests will be addressed but are not limited to these topics. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. The K-State Agricultural Research Center is located south of Hays at 1232 240th Ave. For more information call 785-625-3425 or check Facebook or Twitter.

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Kansas Corn Listening Tour is making stops in August

Kansas Corn's District Listening Tour is making six stops this month in Towanda, Atchison, Atwood, Scott City and Ellsworth. This is the second year for the listening tour that takes Kansas Corn farmer leaders and staff to each of the nine crop reporting districts in the state. Three districts were visited earlier this year.

Each breakfast or dinner meeting features an update on the programs of the Kansas Corn Commission as well as an issues update from the Kansas Corn Growers Association. However, the goal of the tour is to receive input from growers.

"We will give updates on the activities of Kansas Corn, but our main interest is to hear from corn farmers. We want to visit with growers across the state to discuss issues and to hear their ideas on how to make our corn industry better," Kansas Corn CEO Greg Krissek said.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 - 7 a.m. - Atchison Event Center- 710 S. 9th St., Atchison

Monday, Aug. 21 - 7 a.m. - SureFire Ag - 9904 Highway 25, Atwood

Monday, Aug. 21 - 6 p.m. - William Carpenter 4H Building- 608 N Fairground Rd, Scott City

Tuesday, Aug. 22 - 7 a.m. - Carrico Implement- 1104 E 8th St, Ellsworth

The meetings and meals are free and walk-ins are welcome. For more accurate meal counts, Kansas Corn requests farmers to preregister for the meetings. For more information and to register, call Kansas Corn at 785-448-6922 or register online at kscorn.com/events.



Isaiah Thibodeaux showed the reserve champion dairy goat at the Morris County Fair.

4-H jumpstarts STEM program for Native American youth

A last-minute opportunity has led to what Kansas 4-H leaders believe can be a long-term partnership to teach important life skills to Native American youth in northeast Kansas.

In June, 25 youth from the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Tribal Nations received an invitation to attend the Education Experience Camp at Kansas State University. The camp focused on teaching science, technology, engineering and math skills, commonly known as STEM.

The camp was originally planned for 50 youth from southwest Kansas, but when half of those kids were not able to attend, organizers hurried to find replacements.

"We were able to invite kids from the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Tribal Nations to come to the STEM camp," said Aliah Mestrovich Seay, a Kansas 4-H specialist for new youth and adult audiences.

While the on-campus, overnight experience was especially valuable to the youth participating, it has since led to broader programs for more Native American youth.

"The Boys and Girls Clubs for the Kickapoo Tribal Nation were wanting to implement STEM education into their group," said Matt Young, the 4-H agent for K-State Research and Extension in Brown County, where the Kickapoo and Iowa tribes are located.

"We've been working with both of those tribes over the years in a lot of different ways, and this was an area we thought we could help them with. It was kind of a win-win for both groups."

Mestrovich Seay went right to work to provide materials and other resources from the state 4-H program, and Young helped provide contact with Boys and Girls

Club staff members who were then trained to teach STEM lessons.

"The training included information on how they could use different programs with the kids that were culturally relevant," Mestrovich Seay said. "And they really liked that because all of the staff was indigenous at the Boys and Girls Club."

Kansas 4-H is providing 'Tech Kits' that provide hands-on activities in aerospace, robotics, food science, agriculture and entomology. As of mid-July, 75 youth are participating in the weekly STEM lessons.

"It's exciting to see the kids try things and make mistakes, but then try again and experiment and learn that it's not just about the end result but rather how you get there," Mestrovich Seay said. "It has been an eye-opening experience for all of us."

Young said that including the June camp on the Kansas State University campus, many of the youth are getting at least one STEM lesson every week this summer.

"The directors have been really pleased and the kids have had good comments

about the program," Young said. "I think one of the biggest indicators that they like it is that the kids will say that the 'STEM guys' are here this week."

He added: "The program's been important to me. I have a passion for youth education and helping kids. These are under-served audiences in our county that need some help. Their directors were limited on funding to provide this, and that's what we were able to help with. It's worked out well."

Mestrovich Seay hopes to add regular STEM programming with youth on the Pottawatomie reservation. She said she plans to invite youth from all three tribes to next summer's Education Experience Camp at K-State.

"The sky's the limit at this point, because if this is how far we've come since April, then I think there's a lot more than we can do," she said.

In addition to Kansas 4-H and K-State Research and Extension, groups that have been instrumental in making the program work have been the university's College of Education and the Center for Engagement and Community Development.



Anna Schrader was the 4-H'er exhibiting the reserve champion breeding heifer at the Morris County Fair. Judge for the contest was Susan Mackey.

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2016 farm production expenditures down 13 percent

Farm and Ranch Production Expenditures in Kansas totaled \$17.7 billion in 2016, down 13 percent from a year earlier, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Livestock expenses, the largest expenditure category, at \$6.00 billion, decreased 23 percent from 2015. Feed, the next largest expense category, at \$2.50 billion, decreased 23 percent from 2015.

Rent, the third largest total expense category at \$1.54 billion, increased 5 percent from 2015.

Livestock expenses accounted for 34 percent of Kansas's total production expenditures. Feed accounted for 14, Rent 9, and farm services 8 percent.

The total expenditures per farm or ranch in Kansas averaged \$296,980 in 2016, down

11 percent from 2015. The livestock expense category was the leading expenditure, at \$100,671 per operation, over five times the national average. Feed expenditures, at \$41,946 per operation, were \$14,854 above the national average. Fertilizer and soil conditioners, at \$16,443, were \$4,992 above the national average. The average rent expenditure, at \$25,839, was \$11,318 above

the national average.

These results are based on data from Kansas farmers and ranchers who participated in the Agricultural Resource Management Study conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were contacted in January through April to collect 2016 farm and ranch expenses.

Researchers refute Heritage Foundation's farm policy attacks

Three researchers who presented at the International Sweetener Symposium criticized a controversial Heritage Foundation attack on farm policy. The

Heritage plan, they said, would seriously injure farmers dealing with depressed prices, natural disasters, and foreign countries' predatory trade practices.

John Gilliland, a trade attorney with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, discussed a study he published earlier this summer as a rebuttal to Heritage's "Farms and Free Enterprise: A Blueprint for Agricultural Policy."

Heritage argued that America should unilaterally eliminate its farm policy and crop insurance system in hopes that other nations would reciprocate and drop their farm subsidies and trade protections, Gilliland said.

"I think this is counterproductive," he explained. "Unilaterally eliminating our farm policy without first securing commensurate gains from our trading partners would leave U.S. farmers and ranchers vulnerable to high and rising foreign subsidies, tariffs,

and non-tariff barriers."

He pointed to sugar as a prime example of a market grossly distorted by foreign subsidies and noted the irony of Heritage opposing a plan sponsored by Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL) to eliminate America's no-cost sugar policy in exchange for other nations ending their subsidies.

"It must be puzzling for U.S. sugar farmers that proponents of free trade would deride a zero-for-zero proposal that targets the complete elimination of domestic subsidies and tariffs," Gilliland said. "Is this not essentially what the Heritage Foundation would consider as the desirable outcome for all U.S. commodities? Is this not what the United States proposes to do on tariffs in every free trade agreement it negotiates?"

Heritage's suggested approach to agriculture is unlikely to gain much traction in Congress, he said, as lawmakers begin debate of the 2018 Farm Bill.

"Our current farm policy is necessary to ensure competitiveness during the period in which global trade rules are still evolving," Gilliland explained. "Congress will not turn its back on America's farmers and ranchers."

Brandon Willis, the former head of the USDA's Risk Management Agency, agreed. He said U.S. farm policy is essential for the country's food security and economic health, and said Heritage is playing loose with the numbers.

Willis, who is working on his own detailed rebuttal, said Heritage's entire plan is built on the premise that farmers have high incomes and don't face unique risks.

He pointed out that the think tank counted lots of non-farm income in its analysis and pulled data from non-farm households to exaggerate farm income.

"The fact is, farmers are really struggling right now with falling incomes and low prices," he said. "If you look at the unbiased data

from the USDA, you see that farmers lost money on the crops they grew 70 percent of the time over the past two decades."

These economic realities necessitate a strong Farm Bill, which is exactly what Willis believes Congress will deliver.

"I think they are going to come down on the side of common sense, and I think they are going to say that the one-quarter of 1 percent we spend on a farm safety net is money well spent and has gone a long way in helping farmers manage risk," he said.

Dr. Joe Outlaw of Texas A&M rounded out the panel, and said he and another researcher are in the process of quantifying the economic pain that Heritage's plan would cause.

That study is expected to be completed later this year, and early results, he said, are eye opening.

"If the Heritage plan were ever enacted, we would lose more than 80,000 jobs with one-half coming from the ag labor workforce," he concluded. "There would also be a major drop in asset values that will vary by region."



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K-State Beef Stocker Field Day scheduled for Sept. 21

The beef cattle outlook, early stocking strategies for optimized marketing and a panel discussion on how cover crops have helped producers improve their operations are among topics planned for the 2017 Kansas State University Beef Stocker Field Day on Thursday, Sept. 21.

The day is designed to provide the latest practical information for producers to aid decision-making in the current dynamic beef industry environment.

"There will be applied information presented that attendees can apply to their operation," said Dale Blasi, K-State Animal Sciences and Industry professor and Extension specialist.

Hosted at the K-State Beef Stocker Unit (4330 Marlatt Avenue, Manhattan), the event starts with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10:15 a.m. A barbecue lunch is provided and the day ends with an evening social, the "Cutting Bull's Lament

2017" at 5:30 p.m.

Topics on this year's agenda include:

Beef Cattle Outlook
 Producer Panel: Implementing Cover Crops: How They Have Helped My Operation

Setting Up Calves for Success This Fall

A Different Intensive Early Stocking Strategy for Optimized Marketing Opportunities

Proper Dosing at the Chute

Why Vaccines Sometimes "Seem" to Fail

Stocker and Backgrounding Budgets

Cover Crop Decision Tool

The pre-registration fee for the Beef Stocker Field Day is \$25 if paid by Sept. 15. More information and on-line registration is available at KSUbeef.org. After Sept. 15, attendees must pay at the event.

For more information, contact Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu.

FMCSA publishes new guidance on hours of service ag exemptions

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has posted a new guidance document on their website clarifying the hours of service (HOS) agriculture exemption in relation to the use of an electronic logging device (ELD). Federal regulations provide exceptions from the HOS rules, during planting and harvesting periods as determined by the state, for the transportation of agricultural commodities within a 150-air-mile radius from the source of the commodities. The new guidance clarifies that the HOS regulations do not apply to the transportation of agricultural commodities operating completely within the 150-air-mile radius. Therefore, time spent driving and working (including loading and unloading) within the 150 air-mile radius does not count toward the driver's daily and weekly limits, and the driver is also not required to use an ELD. However, the driver must work and drive within the limitations of the HOS rules when operating beyond the 150-air mile radius and must maintain logs using an ELD.

TCFA, NCBA and a coalition of other livestock and trucking groups have been working with the FMCSA and Congress to provide clarity and flexibility for livestock haulers with regard to ELD's rule.

To read the FMCSA guidance, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ybwqtksd>.

FDA gives nod to first pain control medication for food-producing animals

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the approval of Banamine Transdermal (flunixin transdermal solution), an animal drug approved for the control of pain associated with foot rot and the control of fever associated with bovine respiratory disease (BRD), reports *Feedstuffs*.

Banamine Transdermal is the first new animal drug approved in the U.S. for controlling pain in food-producing animals (i.e. cattle). This non-steroidal anti-in-

flammatory medication is approved for use in steers, beef heifers, beef cows, beef bulls intended for slaughter and replacement dairy heifers under 20 months of age. It is not for use in beef bulls intended for breeding, dairy bulls, female dairy cattle 20 months of age or older (including dry dairy cows) or suckling beef calves, dairy calves and veal calves.

To learn more, go to <http://tinyurl.com/PainControlMedication>.



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Market Report - Sale Date 8-10-17. Head Count: 3,458.
 300-400 lb. steers, \$125-\$180; heifers, \$120-\$166; 400-500 lb. steers, \$120-\$180; heifers, \$120-\$150; 500-600 lb. steers, \$115-\$176.50; heifers, \$115-\$149; 600-700 lb. steers, \$115-\$163.50; heifers, \$115-\$143; 700-800 lb. steers, \$115-\$148.75; heifers, \$110-\$134; 800-900 lb. steers, \$115-\$145.25; heifers, \$110-\$130; 900-1,000 lb. steers, \$110-\$134.50; heifers, \$105-\$122.50. Trend on Calves: Choice steer & heifer calves, steady. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Feeder steers 850 lbs. & down, steady to \$3 lower; 850 lbs. & up, \$5-\$8 lower; Feeder Heifers, \$5-\$10 lower. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows: \$70-\$78; Avg. dressing cows: \$60-\$70; Low dressing cows: \$45-\$60. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Butcher Cows, steady; Butcher Bulls, no test.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 — 11:00 AM
EXPECTING 1,000 HEAD

- 100 mix calves, homeraised
- 120 mix steers & heifers, weaned, 500-650 lbs.

Special COW Sale

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 — 11:00 AM

Gilmore Creek Ranch - Frank Harper, El Dorado, KS
 Complete Fall Cow Herd Dispersal

- 120 3-4 year black cows
 - 75 5-6 year black cows
 - 55 7-8 year black cows
 - 60 3-8 year Angus/Charolaise cross cows
- These cows are the result of generations of management. All the black cows have been AI bred to Ribeye Polled Hereford & cleaned up with Finks Angus or Harms Angus bulls for a 60 day calving period. The Charolais cows are bred to Finks Charolais or Harms Red Angus bulls for a 60 calving period. These cows should all start calving Sept 10th. This is a rare opportunity to buy quality breeding & genetics offered by a local ranch.

- Maddux Cattle Company, Wauneta, Nebraska**
- 50 hd of ranch raised (Maddux Cattle Co.) Red Angus based composite, bred heifers, bred to low birth weight, Red Angus based composite bulls. All bulls have birth weights 77 pounds and less and matching heifers had less than 8% assist rate. Heifers were synchronized and bred natural service for 45 days. Begin calving Sept 1.
- 100 hd of ranch raised (Rush Creek Cattle Co.) Angus (Ohlde based), bred heifers, bred to low birth weight Angus bulls. (Wagonhammer and Baldridge Bros). Heifers were synchronized and bred natural service for 45 days. Begin calving Sept 1.
- Open Consignments**
- 135 mostly blk cows, 3-5 years old, bred to Angus Bulls. Due to start calving Sept 6th for 70 days. Cows weigh 1200-1300lbs. Nice set of young cows.
 - 25 mostly blk cow/calf pairs. 3-5 years old, will sell open. Calves weigh 150-300lbs
 - 45 blk cows, 3-5 years old, bred to Angus bulls. Will start calving Sept 1st for 60 days
 - 90 3-5 year old blk cow bred to Angus bulls & due to calve Sept 5th for 60 days. Cows weigh 1250lbs
 - 50 blk 3-5 year old cows bred to Angus or Charolais bulls to calf Sept 5th for 100 days.
 - 20 blk cow/calf pairs weigh 1200lbs with Angus or Charolais calves at side.
 - 80 blk 3yr cows bred to Angus bulls to calve Sept 1st for 60 days. Cows weigh 1200lbs
 - 80 Charolais & red cows, 3-6 years old bred to calve in Sept or October. Cows weigh 1250lbs

We welcome your consignments!
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Hay Auction- Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
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 Hog/Sheep/Goat Auction- Every 3rd Saturday
 Horse/Tack Auction- Every 1st Saturday

Results From August 8th Sale:

Steers:		Heifers:	
300-400#	\$177.00-\$211.00	300-400#	Light Test
400-500#	\$179.00-\$202.50	400-500#	\$156.00-\$179.00
500-600#	\$145.00-\$169.00	500-600#	\$140.00-\$150.00
600-700#	\$142.00-\$160.00	600-700#	\$133.00-\$146.50
700-800#	\$135.00-\$154.50	700-800#	\$136.00-\$141.50
800-900#	\$142.75-\$145.50	800-900#	\$126.00-\$136.75

Bred Cows- \$1,100-\$1650 per head
 Pairs- \$1,200-\$1,800 per pair

Sat., Aug. 19th- Hog/Sheep/Goat Sale
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Sat., Sept. 2nd- Horse & Tack Sale
Tues., Sept. 12th- Calf/Yearling Special

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MARKET REPORT FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017
 RECEIPTS: 1276 CATTLE

STEERS	6 hols str	409@82.00
5 blk red males	7 hols str	780@81.00
5 blk bwf bulls	HEIFERS	
2 blk str	2 bwf hfrs	342@165.00
5 blk bwf str	21 bwf rwf hfrs	562@157.25
5 blk bwf str	9 blk hfrs	555@154.25
7 blk str	2 blk hfrs	552@153.00
27 bwf rwf str	19 blk hfrs	633@153.00
8 blk bwf str	13 rwf bwf hfrs	555@151.25
9 blk str	3 blk hfrs	565@150.00
6 blk str	8 blk bwf hfrs	673@150.00
22 bwf rwf str	44 bwf rwf hfrs	667@150.00
10 blk str	11 blk red hfrs	644@148.50
10 blk str	18 blk hfrs	663@146.75
7 blk str	6 blk hfrs	492@146.50
37 bwf rwf str	43 rwf bwf hfrs	717@146.50
18 blk red str	19 blk hfrs	721@145.75
29 blk bwf str	25 blk hfrs	737@145.75
6 blk str	18 blk hfrs	670@144.50
9 mix str	10 blk hfrs	747@143.00
21 blk bwf str	10 blk bwf hfrs	794@142.00
9 blk str	11 blk bwf hfrs	848@138.00
30 blk red str	129 mix hfrs	833@137.00
63 blk bwf str	COW/CALF PAIRS & BRED COWS	
28 blk str	1 bwf blk pair 3yr	1245@1,400.00
46 bwf rwf str	8 blk cows 3-6yr 3pr	1336@1,575.00
16 blk str	8 bk cws 4-6yr 2-3pr	1470@1,440.00
14 mix str	8 bk cws 4-6yr 2-3pr	1128@1,400.00
11 blk str	1 red cow 5yr 3pr	1325@1,375.00
10 blk bwf str	7 blk cows 3pr	1156@1,275.00
6 hols x str	8 blk cows 7-8yr 3pr	1304@1,200.00
13 hols str	10 bk cows 7-8yr 3pr	1327@1,200.00

AUGUST 22-REGULAR WEEKLY AUCTION-12 NOON
 40 blk bwf cows 4-5 yrs. bred blk simm for October 12 calves for 45 days

AUGUST 29-REGULAR WEEKLY AUCTION-12 NOON
 450 mostly blk str. 800-900. Off grass

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430-550 lbs. \$169-\$175	410-500 lbs. \$152-\$162
570-700 lbs. \$153-\$173	515-650 lbs. \$136-\$153
701-825 lbs. \$142-\$152	675-800 lbs. \$132-\$138
834 lbs. unweaned \$145	825-1,000 lbs. \$118-\$133
910-1,050 lbs. \$132.10-\$137	

NO CATTLE SALE Friday, August 18

CATTLE, SHEEP & GOAT SALE
FRIDAY, AUG. 25:
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On Thursday, August 10 we had 1,518 head of cattle on a much lower market. All but packer cows and bulls selling steady.

STEERS	7 bkbwf	833@138.75	
4 bkrd	476@173.00	8 bkSim	
4 blk	496@169.00	22 blk	
7 bkbwf	601@162.50	11 bkbwf	
13 bkbwf	637@159.00	11 rdChar	
7 blk	556@158.00	62 mix	
15 mix	606@158.00	34 xbred	
19 blk	630@157.00	48 blk	
16 blk	613@156.00	13 xbred	
13 blk	639@154.50	STEER CALVES	
58 bkrd	728@154.50	19 bkSim	929@130.00
16 bkrd	603@151.00	19 bkbwf	901@130.00
12 blk	683@150.50	HEIFERS	
27 bkChar	740@150.00	9 blk	453@160.00
6 blk	732@147.50	9 blk	603@151.00
11 bkbwf	766@145.50	13 bkbwf	558@149.50
9 bkbwf	661@145.00	11 bwfrbf	655@145.50
32 bkbwfrbf	816@141.00	8 blk	506@145.25

Butcher Cows: \$49-\$80.50, Mostly \$68-\$77.00, steady, very active.
 Butcher Bulls: \$76-\$107.00, Mostly \$95-\$104.00, steady, very active.
 Preg Cows: \$80-\$1,200.

BUTCHER COWS	8 mixed	1379@75.00	
4 bkbwf	1066@80.50	7 blk	
1 blk	1115@80.00	BUTCHER BULLS	
1 blk	1245@79.50	1 blk	2100@107.00
1 blk	1270@78.50	1 blk	2075@105.00
2 bkbwf	1485@77.50	1 blk	1915@104.50
1 blk	1410@77.00	1 blk	2130@104.50
2 blk	1060@77.00	1 blk	1950@103.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 17

- 35 fancy Angus & few bwf cows, 3-6 yrs old, start calving Sept. 1, bred to Angus bulls. From the Adams Ranch.
- 20 blk Char cows, 5-8 yr old Springers bred to Angus bull
- 90 blk red Char str & hfrs, 600-800 lbs, Fall calves
- 77 blk Char str & hfrs, 650-750 lbs, weaned June 1, dbl. vac., off grass
- 60 blk str, 800-900 lbs, home raised
- 60 blk str & hfrs, 600-750 lbs, home raised & dbl. vac., off the cow
- 50 mostly blk str, 850-900 lbs

We appreciate your business!

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