



Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

It was a pretty eventful week in the corn market for a change. The March contract closed above the 50-day moving average for the first time since October 24th. The market is now up against yet another critical resistance area between \$3.54 and \$3.54 ¼. The trading funds are still very short, but with only a couple more cents worth of gains, two months of shorts will be wrong, which should encourage some short covering.

Corn demand figures were good this week with

old crop export sales at 1.89 MMT and milo sales at 188,800 MT. Those numbers, on top of the large ethanol production figures, have the potential to keep the market supported. We are still a very long way from drawing down ending stocks my any significant amount, but we should have the potential to at least move the corn market back to where we were in September.

The wheat made a partial recovery from recent abuse, but the chart action wasn't enough to give

the bulls much confidence. Unfortunately it looks like the wheat is setting up to make a move back down to the contract lows. Hopefully the multi-year lows we have seen will encourage some buying in the wheat market, but after another week of terrible export sales, that just doesn't seem to be happening. The weekly low of \$4.20 ½ will be critical support and if that fails it will be a quick trip down to \$4.10.

The soybeans, and the soybean meal, ended up having the most impres-

sive gains of the week. The beans were able to build on Friday the 12th's reversal higher and we have now seen five consecutive positive closes in the March beans. There is a little bit more concern about the weather in Argentina and export sales were great this week for the entire bean complex, so we have some good underlying supportive news. Friday the March contract stalled out just below the 50-day moving average, but looking ahead, a move up to the 62% retracement of the move lower would take the market to \$9.95, and that looks likely right now.

Cattle futures spent most of the week climbing, but we ended the week with an outside day down on the chart, which was pretty disappointing. Traders seem to be looking back at the charts,

which show a clear pattern of trading lower into the Cattle On Feed Report and then rebounding after that. At some point traders will figure out to skip presuring the market ahead of the report, because it seems to be a mistake each time they do it.

With the exception of the reversal lower Friday, the longer term chart outlook is pretty solid. It wouldn't be surprising to see the March feeders at \$154 fairly quickly. Look for the April live cattle to pull back to \$121 and then make a run to \$127.

Schwieterman Marketing, L.L.C. specializes in risk management and cash grain and livestock marketing plans. For information on the markets or our marketing service you can contact Bret Crofts at 888-437-9131 or bret@swbell.net.

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Perdue rolls out Rural Prosperity Task Force recommendations

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue laid out recommendations for revitalizing rural America as part of the Inter-agency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity established by President Trump last April.

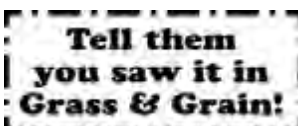
“With the voice of rural America leading

the way, and in close collaboration with local, state, and tribal leaders, 22 federal agencies, offices and executive departments accepted the challenge to make rural America great again,” said Perdue in a statement. “We traveled to 30 states, held two RV Tours cov-

ering over 2,200 miles, and most importantly, we listened to the people of rural America.”

The task force identified over 100 actions for the federal government to consider in order to achieve a vision of a better rural America. The task force report focuses on five areas

of rural economic improvement: e-connectivity, quality of life, rural workforce, technology and economic development. To read the full report, visit www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity.



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For our sale Friday, January 19 we had a good run of quality cattle. Light weight steers and heifers were selling fully \$5 to spots \$10 higher. Stocker feeder weight cattle were selling \$2-\$5 especially on the better kind. Quality and condition were a deciding factor. Cull cows and bulls were selling \$2-\$3 higher.

STEER CALVES — 450-550 lbs

Rantoul	27 blk	495@208.00
Elmdale	10 blk	516@200.00
Cttndw Falls	8 bwf	480@198.00
Strong City	14 rd Ang	471@195.00
Barnes	8 blk	481@190.00
Barnes	8 blk	488@187.00

STEERS — 550-900 lbs

Pomona	10 blk	550@199.00
Rantoul	82 blk	602@190.25
Strong City	12 rd Ang	567@184.00
Barnes	13 blk	601@180.50
Elmdale	38 blk	628@174.50
Council Grove	15 Heref	572@172.00
Rantoul	23 blk	706@169.25
Dwight	28 blk	682@168.75
Seneca	8 Cross	591@167.50
Wheaton	17 blk	694@167.50
Barnes	29 blk	677@167.00
Junction City	11 blk	660@166.00
Americus	10 rd Ang	668@163.50
Strong City	17 rd Ang	658@163.50
McClouth	13 blk	665@163.00
Marysville	8 Cross	648@160.00
Elmdale	32 blk	732@159.25
Mayetta	15 blk	700@159.00
Hanover	21 blk	712@157.25
Council Grove	38 Cross	683@154.25
Axtell	28 Heref	772@153.75
Dwight	14 blk	772@152.50
Mayetta	40 mix	796@151.25
Wheaton	21 blk	797@149.75
McClouth	34 blk	883@148.60
Axtell	45 Heref	888@147.60
McClouth	32 blk	773@146.75
St. George	8 blk	810@146.75
Hanover	32 blk	866@145.00

HEIFER CALVES — 400-550 lbs

Admire	9 blk	416@179.00
Rantoul	27 blk	490@172.00
Elmdale	10 blk	499@165.50
Seneca	11 Cross	521@165.00
Barnes	12 blk	500@163.00
Holton	8 blk	541@159.50
Council Grove	14 Heref	504@148.75

HEIFERS — 550-850 lbs

Rantoul	91 blk	577@167.00
Manhattan	29 Ang	568@165.50
Dwight	19 blk	577@161.00
Elmdale	22 blk	592@155.50
Manhattan	21 Ang	650@151.25
Alma	10 blk	618@150.00
McClouth	15 blk	634@148.00
Wheaton	18 blk	656@148.00
Holton	32 blk	637@174.25
Mayetta	13 blk	628@147.00
Elmdale	10 blk	629@147.75
Americus	10 rd Ang	643@145.00
Dwight	23 blk	662@145.00
	9 Heref	588@144.50

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 850-2,025 lbs

Prairie Village	1 rdAng	865@122.00
Linn	1 Cross	1010@116.00
Leonardville	2 blk	1130@114.00
Mayetta	1 blk	1210@100.00
Emporia	1 blk	1160@96.50
Longford	1 blk	1025@85.00
Leonardville	1 blk	1320@76.00
Leonardville	1 blk	1395@72.50
Westmoreland	1 blk	1260@64.50
Paxico	1 blk	1765@64.50
Frankfort	1 blk	1510@64.50
Frankfort	1 bwf	1695@64.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	1520@63.50
Topeka	1 blk	18520@63.50
Randolph	1 blk	1500@62.25
Shawnee	1 bwf	1380@61.50
Linn	1 blk	1065@61.00
Junction City	1 blk	1690@61.00
Manhattan	1 blk	2005@60.00
Glasco	1 Cross	1315@59.50
McClouth	1 blk	1585@59.50
Olathe	1 blk	1255@59.00
Alma	1 blk	1645@58.50
Spring Hill	1 blk	1435@58.50
Manhattan	1 blk	1290@58.00
Wheaton	1 blk	1625@58.00
Emporia	1 blk	1505@58.00
McClouth	1 blk	1460@58.00
Oskaloosa	1 Cross	1060@57.50
Randolph	1 bwf	1605@57.50
McClouth	1 blk	1240@57.00
Linn	1 blk	1415@56.00
Clay Center	1 blk	1110@55.00
Cedar Point	1 Hereford	1285@54.50
Wamego	1 blk	1375@53.50

For our special cow sale held Wednesday, January 17 buyers were paying close attention to quality, size and age. Following is a partial listing.

COW/CALF PAIRS

	AGE	BRED	
Seneca	8 blk	2 exp	@2450.00
Seneca	6 blk	2 exp	@2400.00
Goff	6 blk	2 exp	@2300.00
Seneca	8 blk	2 exp	@2200.00
Goff	4 blk	2 exp	@2150.00
Holton	6 bwf	2-3 exp	@2150.00
Seneca	9 blk	2	@2100.00

5 b blk @1950.00

10 rd Ang 2 exp @1875.00

5 blk 2-4 @1875.00

6 rd Ang 2 exp @1850.00

8 blk @1755.00

8 bwf 2 exp @1750.00

10 blk 3-4 @1750.00

4 blk 5 @1725.00

2 blk 2 exp @1700.00

7 blk 5 exp @1650.00

2 blk 2 @1625.00

2 Cross 2 @1585.00

3 blk 7-8 @1525.00

5 blk SS 2-4 @1125.00

BRED COWS

AGE BRED

Onaga	25 blk	2	7-8	@1800.00
Longford	4 bwf	2	6-7	@1775.00
Waterville	8 blk	2	7-8	@1725.00
Longford	9 blk	3	6-8	@1700.00
Baileyville	34 blk	2	7-8	@1700.00
Waterville	4 blk	2	7	@1675.00
Longford	5 Heref	2	5-7	@1675.00
Baileyville	5 blk	2	8	@1675.00
Wetmore	17 blk	2	8	@1675.00
Longford	4 bwf	2	6-7	@1650.00
Longford	4 blk	3	6-7	@1625.00
Onaga	2 blk	2	6	@1600.00
Onaga	5 blk	2	7	@1575.00
Eufaula, OK	4 bwf	2	7-8	@1550.00
Onaga	9 blk	3	6-7	@1550.00
Baileyville	5 blk	2	8	@1550.00
Wetmore	50 blk	2	7-8	@1550.00
Alma	10 blk	5	7-8	@1550.00
Longford	2 Cross	2	6	@1525.00
Eufaula, OK	11 rdAng	2	7-8	@1500.00
Randolph	6 blk	5-6	6-8	@1475.00
Prairie Village	15 Cross	3-4	7	@1450.00
Olsburg	14 rd Ang	2	7-8	@1425.00
Prairie Village	10 rd Ang	2	7-8	@1425.00

11 rd Ang 2 7-8 @1350.00

2 blk 6 7 @1350.00

9 Cross 5-6 7-8 @1340.00

7 blk 2 7-8 @1325.00

3 Cross 2-3 7-8 @1325.00

6 Char 2 7-8 @1285.00

6 blk 7-8 6-8 @1285.00

3 rd Ang 2 6-7 @1275.00

8 mix 3 8 @1275.00

4 blk 2 7-8 @1250.00

5 blk 7-8 6-8 @1250.00

2 blk 2-5 8 @1250.00

8 Cross 5-6 6-8 @1220.00

2 blk 6 6-8 @1200.00

2 Cross 6-7 8 @1200.00

4 Cross 2 7-8 @1175.00

3 blk 2 5-6 @1175.00

4 Cross 2 8 @1175.00

5 blk SS 7-8 @1175.00

5 blk 7-8 7-8 @1160.00

2 blk SS 8 @1100.00

4 Cross 7-8 @1070.00

2 Heref 5 6 @1040.00

4 Cross SS 7-8 @1025.00

4 blk SS 7 @1025.00

2 rd Ang SS 7-8 @1000.00

6 blk SS 6-7 @975.00

6 mix SS 7-8 @970.00

7 mix SS 7-8 @960.00

3 Cross BM 7 @950.00

11 Cross 8 6 @950.00

3 blk SS 7 @950.00

7 blk BM 6-7 @950.00

10 mix OO 7-8 @940.00

3 blk SS 7 @930.00

2 blk BM 7 @900.00

4 blk OO 8 @900.00

9 blk OO 7-8 @900.00

4 mix 7 7 @900.00

2 Cross 5 3-4 @900.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JAN. 26

- 10 blk 1st calf hfrs w/ 2 week - 30 day old SimmAngus calves by side.
- 190 blk strs & hfrs, 2 complete rds shots, weaned mid Oct., 600-800 lbs
- 57 Angus, 45-strs & 12-hfrs, long weaned, 3 rds shots, no implants, 650-800 lbs
- 90 blk SimmAngus cross strs & hfrs, weaned 60+ days, bunk broke, 2 rds shots, wormed, implanted, 650-800 lbs.
- 35 choice reputation shorthorn strs & OCV replacement quality hfrs, long weaned, all shots, 500-700 lbs
- 40 choice blk strs & hfrs, weaned, 2 rds shots, 650-800 lbs
- 70 rd Angus cross strs & hfrs, 500-600 lbs
- 30 choice blk strs & hfrs, 2 rds shots, 600-800 lbs
- 20 blk strs & hfrs longtime weaned, bunk broke, 2 rds shots, 475-600 lbs

SPECIAL COW & BRED HEIFER SALE

WED., FEB. 21 starting at 11:00 AM

- 20 big fancy blk bwf 1st calf hfrs, AI bred to Conneally Comrade for March 10 calving, then cleaned up with Harms Comrade son, all shots.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market activity moderate; demand moderate to good for alfalfa and moderate for grass hay. Prices steady for all classes. Hay usage for all types seems to have picked up due to this colder weather. Although Kansas picked up a little snow and sleet over the last week, the U.S. Drought Monitor reports that dryness over the last three months continues to be a concern. Moderate drought conditions were expanded over all of western and central Kansas. Severe drought was also expanded over southwest Kansas while a new area of extreme drought was introduced along the Oklahoma border where less than 10 percent of normal precipitation has been recorded over the last 90 days. The abnormally dry (D0) category is at 100 pct, moderate drought (D1) is at 52 pct, severe drought (D2) is at 17 pct and extreme drought (D3) is at 1.5 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 and ground/delivered steady; movement moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 240.00-250.00. Dairy, .85-.95/point RFV, Supreme 155.00-175.00, Premium 155.00-165.00, Good 135.00-155.00. Stock or Dry Cow alfalfa, 110.00-120.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 120.00-135.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 145.00-155.00. Grass hay: Bluestem large squares 80.00-90.00. Brome, none reported. The week of 1/7-1/13, 12,063T of grinding alfalfa and 845T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Cornstalks: large round 55.00-65.00, ground and delivered 70.00-75.00. The average paid by feedlots on January 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 132.15, up 5.17 from last month, usage was 805.5T/day, up 3.59 pct, and total usage was 24,985.5T.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 5.00 higher; movement moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 240.00-245.00. Dairy, .85-.90/point RFV. Supreme 155.00-165.00, Premium 150.00-160.00, Good 130.00-150.00. Stock cow alfalfa, 130.00-135.00 delivered. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 105.00-115.00 with instances at 120.00-130.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 135.00-145.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 175.00-180.00, 17 pct protein 180.00-190.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 207.00-217.00. The week of 1/7-1/13, 4,582T of grinding alfalfa and 740T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Grass hay: bluestem, large squares 80.00-90.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00; Brome: large rounds none reported, small squares 105.00-115.00. Oat hay, large squares 95.00-100.00, Sudan large rounds 70.00-75.00. Teff, small squares 6.25-6.75 per bale, large squares 115.00-125.00 delivered, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Cornstalks: large rounds 55.00-60.00, cornstalks ground and delivered 60.00-70.00, Straw large squares 50.00-60.00, mid squares 60.00-65.00. Milo stalks 50.00-55.00. The average paid by feedlots on January 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 132.83, down 1.04 from last month, usage was 333T/day, up .60 pct, and total usage was 10,333.5T.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 210.00-220.00. Dairy .80-.90/point RFV. Stock cow alfalfa 120.00-130.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered, 110.00-120.00. Grass hay: bluestem, premium small squares 110.00-120.00 with instances at 130.00-140.00. Good, mid and large squares 80.00-100.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Brome: small squares 6.00-8.00/bale. Good, mid and large squares 100.00-120.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00. Oat hay, large squares 120.00-130.00. The week of 1/7-1/13, 1,682T of grass hay were delivered. Straw, mid squares 50.00-60.00. Mulch, large rounds 130.00-150.00.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: small squares, 5.00-6.00/bale. Horse or goat, 175.00-200.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme .80-.95/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 110.00-120.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 105.00-110.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 9.00-10.00/bale. Dairy .95-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 175.00-195.00, Premium 170.00-185.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock Cow, good 110.00-120.00. Fair/Good, grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00 with an instance at 120.00. Ground and delivered, 125.00-140.00 Grass hay: bluestem, small squares 5.00-6.00/bale, large squares 95.00-105.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Brome: Good, small squares 6.00-7.00/bale delivered, mid and large squares, 110.00-120.00, good large rounds 75.00-80.00. Sudan large rounds 70.00-75.00; Milo Stalks: large rounds 40.00-55.00; Straw: small squares, 4.00-5.00/bale, large squares 75.00-85.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Certified weed-free grass much small squares 4.00-5.00/bale, large rounds 45.00/bale.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

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*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

**TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709

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Women in Agriculture Series to be held in Concordia next month

The Women in Agriculture educational series is open to all ladies involved in agriculture in any way. The program is designed to provide information and training on a wide variety of farm management topics that are catered directly to farm women. Participants are provided a comfortable environment where they feel free to ask questions and learn critical skills. Women with any level of experience in farm management or with any degree of farm involvement are invited to attend; there is something

for everyone to learn. You must sign up to attend the entire series. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 1st, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. at CTI Meeting Room, 1441 Union Rd, Concordia. Topics include:

Session 1- February 1st: True Colors (personality profile), Telling Your Ag Story

Session 2- February 8th: Ag. Marketing and Risk Management, Cost of Production, Global Ag Economy

Session 3- February 15th: Horticulture Produc-

tion, Farm Tech/Dicamba Control, FSA and NRCS Programs

Session 4- February 22nd: QuickBooks for Farm Record-keeping, Working with Your Lender

Session 5- March 1st: Livestock Management, River Valley Leases, Developing Equitable Farm Leases

Session 6- March 8th: Family Communication, Farm Succession and Estate Planning

The last session will also be open for family members of participants to attend at no additional cost. Registration for the series will continue until a maximum of 25 participants is reached. You must register to reserve your

seat. Please contact any River Valley Extension District office for more information or to register. The Concordia office can be reached at 785-243-8185.

Sponsors to make this educational series possible include K-State Research and Extension, Tallgrass Veterinary Hospital, Clay Hills Ag, Wilbur-Ellis, Citizens National Bank, AgMark, Kansas Crossroads RC&D, Nelson Seed Sales, FMSI, Cloud County Farm Bureau, Cloud County Co-op, Concordia Terminal LLC. A special thank you goes out to the organizing committee of Tamie Buckley, Tatum Couture, Carrie Fraser, Stacey Forshie, Katelyn Brockus, and Kelsey Hatesohl.

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U.S. pig farmers receive outstanding 25:1 return on pork checkoff investments; annual producer survey also shows 91 percent support

U.S. pork producers receive a positive return on their Checkoff investment, according to a 2017 study conducted and released by Harry Kaiser, the Gellert Family Professor in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University.

Additionally, 91 percent of pig farmers who took part in the annual producer survey in November acknowledge their overwhelming support of the Pork Checkoff, with a record-low opposition of just 3 percent.

Return on Investment Study Highlights

An economic analysis of Pork Checkoff programs is commissioned every five years by the National Pork Board. The study quantifies the returns generated by Pork Checkoff investments in research, pork promotion and producer education programs. The latest results, published in 2017, cover 2011 to 2016 programs.

"It's important to pro-

ducers – those who directly fund the Pork Checkoff – to understand and quantify the value of their investments," said Terry O'Neel, National Pork Board president and a pig farmer from Friend, Nebraska. "The results indicate a positive impact of all aspects of the Pork Checkoff, from conducting production-focused research to growing consumer and export demand for pork."

Specifically, the study documented a growing return on investment through defined benefit-cost ratios across several key program areas from 2011 to 2016:

Production Research: Each dollar invested in production research to benefit on-farm practices yielded \$83.30 in producer value.

Foreign Market Development: Each dollar invested in developing foreign markets yielded \$24.70 in producer benefits.

Advertising and Non-advertising Promotion: Other pork promotion resulted in benefits of \$14.20 for advertising and \$12.40 for non-advertising promotion.

Research to Grow Demand: Research on market drivers returned \$8.30 for each \$1 invested.

Net Result: Collectively, the overall return of Checkoff program activities is \$25.50 for each dollar invested.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture requires a return on investment analysis every five years. The 2001 to 2006 study showed an overall return of \$13.80 to \$1 invested, and the most previous study, released in 2012 for the time period of 2006 to 2011, found a return of \$17.40 to \$1 invested.

"This analysis provides a comprehensive review of program development, and more importantly, efficiency of our Checkoff program administration," O'Neel said. "The net re-

turn of 25 to 1 on Checkoff investments demonstrates that we are meeting producer needs in the areas that drive sustainable production and grow consumer demand."

Annual Producer Survey Results

The Pork Checkoff also reports findings from a study that gauges producer support of the Pork Checkoff. Since 2002, the National Pork Board surveys producers annually to gain insight about the condition of the industry, general attitudes on pig farming and their support of the Checkoff. The most recent survey of 550 pork producers, conducted Nov. 6-16, 2017, showed that for the eighth consecutive year, pig farmer support for the Checkoff has improved.

Support for the Checkoff remained at 91 percent, while opposition declined to a record low of 3 percent, which is down from 4 percent in 2016.

Other Highlights

per acre.

In north-central Kansas, Ryan Stewart, Washington, won the district conventional-tillage, dryland competition with 61.15 bushels per acre. Curtis Kohman, Solomon, won the district no-till, dryland competition with 68.71 bushels per acre. Gregg Sexton, Abilene, placed second with 61.30 bushels per acre. Lee Pifer, Washington, placed third with 49.66 bushels per acre.

In east-central Kansas, Meats Farms and Ryan Louia, LeRoy, won the district conventional-tillage, dryland competition with 77.51 bushels per acre.

In southeastern Kansas, Chester Hobbs, Bufalo, won the district conventional-tillage, dryland competition with 74.58 bushels per acre. Bob Timmons of Timmons Bros. Farms, Fredonia, placed second with 73.70

Right direction/wrong track: Producers grew in their industry optimism despite market supply pressure and other issues they face. In 2017, 78 percent of producers said that the industry was heading "in the right direction," up from 76 percent in 2016. Only 12 percent said that the industry was "on the wrong track," an improvement from a 2016 score of 19 percent.

Support for the Pork Checkoff and general optimism of the industry was strongest among larger producers, or those that marketed more than 80,000 pigs in 2017. Support from this group was 95 percent.

The No. 1 challenge facing producers was "managing hog health and disease," which was a change from 2016's No. 1 concern of "too many rules/regulations."

Regarding awareness and support of the strategic plan, the primary Pork Checkoff goals resonated with the random sample of

producers surveyed. On a ten-point scale:

Build Consumer Trust rated a mean score of 8.95, up from 8.91 in 2016.

Grow Export Demand rated a mean score of 8.69. This was a new category this year since "Grow Consumer Demand" was broken into two elements - export and domestic demand.

Grow Domestic Demand rated a mean score of 8.64, down from 8.70 in 2016.

Drive Sustainable Production rated a mean score of 8.28, up from 8.18 in 2016.

"These are the most positive results we have seen since we began the producer survey 15 years ago," O'Neel said. "The findings underscore the value that the Pork Checkoff team delivers day-in, day-out to the pig farmers who fund the Checkoff. The results demonstrate that the board's strategic goals are aligned with producers' interest."

Kansas Soybean 100-bushel club has its first member

The best farming practices, wisely selected varieties and favorable growing conditions helped Kansas farmers produce high-yielding, valuable soybeans in 2017.

"The annual Kansas Soybean Yield and Value Contests recognize outstanding Kansas farmers and provide fun incentives for them to improve," said Doug Shoup, Ph.D., Parsons, K-State Research and Extension Southeast Area agronomist, who is completing his fourth year as the contests coordinator. "They also allow the Kansas Soybean Association, with checkoff funding from the Kansas Soybean Commission, to share what participants learned to benefit all Kansas soybean farmers."

The yield contest included 40 entries, down 12 from 2016. The 26 winners in 13 categories had verified yields averaging 78.11 bushels per acre, compared to the reported state average of 40 bushels per acre in 2017. The contest winners' average decreased by 2.9 bushels per acre, while the state average decreased 8 bushels per acre from 2016.

The value contest had 31 entries, nine more than in the previous year. For their protein and oil contents, the top three entries averaged 93.8 cents (10 percent) in increased value over the \$9.18 base cash price. In 2016, that average was 77.6 cents (8 percent) above a \$9.68 cash price.

The only award winner from northwestern Kansas, Meier Farms, Rexford, topped the statewide irrigated division with a

conventional-tillage entry that made 100.67 bushels per acre – the first entry ever to document more than 100 bushels. Kenny Wilson, Horton, led the dryland division with a conventional-tillage entry of 93.34 bushels per acre. Brandon Geiger, Denton, won the value contest with 97.8 cents per bushel of increased value (10.7 percent over the cash price).

In north-northeastern Kansas, Nancy Babcock, Hiawatha, and Ryan Patton, Sabetha, won the district conventional-tillage, dryland competition with 90.99 bushels per acre. Geiger (Denton) placed second with 83.92 bushels per acre. Henry Farms Inc., Robinson, placed third with 82.72 bushels per acre. Michael Oltjen, Robinson, won the district no-till, dryland competition with 84.69 bushels per acre. RST Farms, Highland, placed second with 82.87 bushels per

acre. Precision Farms, Hiawatha, won the statewide no-till, irrigated competition with 96.77 bushels per acre.

From northeastern Kansas, Wilson (Horton) repeated as the district conventional-tillage, dryland winner. William (Alex) Noll, Winchester, placed second with 79.02 bushels per acre. Mike and LaTona Eiberger, Holton, placed third with 73.89 bushels per acre. Derek Gigstad, Valley Falls, won the district no-till, dryland competition with 85.24 bushels per acre. Summit Farms, Morrill, placed second with 74.36 bushels per acre. Craig Gigstad, Valley Falls, placed third in the statewide conventional-tillage, irrigated competition with 91.18 bushels per acre. Chris Bodenhausen, Muscotah, placed second in the statewide no-till, irrigated competition with 91.42 bushels



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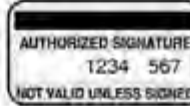
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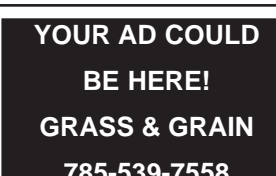
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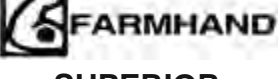
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From the Land of Kansas, the state's agricultural trademark program, is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018. The program will kick off its celebration at the Kansas State Capitol on Tuesday, January 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members of the From the Land of Kansas program will be offering samples of their products and showcasing their businesses. In addition, Gov. Sam Brownback has proclaimed January as From the Land of Kansas month.

The trademark program began in 1978 within the state's agriculture agency, now the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and was designed to promote and celebrate agriculture experiences and products grown, raised or produced in Kansas. Since its inception, the program has grown to include 374 businesses across the state, as well as 85 retail partners where Kansas products can be purchased. These businesses span the breadth of the agriculture industry, from restaurants, agriculture equipment manufacturers, farmers and ranchers, to food processors, agritourism, wineries, breweries and distilleries.

Chef Alli of Alli's Farm Fresh Kitchen in Mayetta is the program's brand ambassador. Over the years, the trademark program has also worked with Kansas natives Jordy Nelson, renowned wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers, and the Peterson Farm Brothers to promote Kansas

Soil health will be highlighted at February agronomy meetings

So what's the big deal with "soil health"? What does soil health mean? Come find out! K-State Research and Extension will be hosting several meetings throughout the area discussing soil health and how it pertains to agriculture – productivity, profitability and sustainability. Listed are the dates and locations of the various meetings.

The Mechanics of Soil Health

February 1 Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Presentations 8:30 a.m.

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Cover Crops, Soil Health and Weed Control

February 5 Presentations 8:30 a.m. Lunch following

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Cover Crops, Soil Health and Grazing

February 28 Presentations 8:30 a.m. Lunch following

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Presenters at the meetings will include: Anita Dille, KSU Professor of Weed Ecology, "Using Cover Crops for Weed Control," Jaymelynn Farney, KSU Area Beef Specialist, "Do's and Don'ts with Cover Crop Grazing – From a Livestock Perspective," Doug Spencer, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist, Gretchen Sassenrath, KSU Cropping Systems Specialist, "Managing Soil Spatial Vari-

ability for Profitability,"

Mark Mathis, graduate student in Civil Engineering, talking about the mechanics of water movement in claypan soil, and other county Extension agents. For a list of the program at each location please contact your local Extension office.

Soil health has been defined by NRCS as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. For a farmer or rancher, soil health determines how productive the ground is. Changes in management practices can improve soil health, and ultimately productivity and profitability. These workshops will explain various aspects of soil health, and what management changes can be made to improve soil health for better productivity.

Increasing the organic matter in the soil can increase both the amount of water the soil can absorb, and the amount of water that is available to the plant. It has been estimated that for every 1% increase in organic matter in the soil, the plant-available water in the soil increases by 25,000 gallons per acre. During the rapid growing phase, corn in southeast Kansas uses about ¼ inch of water per day. So every 4 days, a corn crop needs an additional 1" of soil water. Soils with

greater amounts of organic matter would both increase the amount of water held in the soil and increase the water available to that growing corn crop.

Living in an area with limited topsoil, being able to increase the water holding capacity of our soil is a tremendous advantage. Increased microbial activity in the soil also enhances the plants ability to absorb needed nutrients. So how do we increase organic matter and microbial activity? One option is reducing tillage to the soil. Every time the soil is tilled, it reduces organic material, breaks down soil structure, and disrupts plant root and fungal hyphae networks. Adding organic material to the soil such as compost, litter, manure, etc. can increase organic matter. However, those materials can be loaded with nutrients, which may be problematic. Adding nutrients to the soil is not bad, but just like eating too much candy will give you a stomach ache, overloading the soil with certain nutrients can cause issues for plants as well. The use of cover crops is another way of improving soil health and structure. Cover crops can be utilized for weed and erosion control plus add organic material back to the soil. However, is the use of cover crops cost effective and can they be profitable to the operation?

To continue the discussion about soil health, please plan on attending the upcoming meetings. For any questions please contact the Cherokee County Extension Office at 620-429-3849.

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Learning by doing: Growing Growers accepting apprenticeship applications

Would-be farmers interested in learning about growing and selling fresh produce have until March 1 to sign up for the 2018 Growing Growers apprenticeship program of Kansas City. Through the program, participants attend educational workshops and gain hands-on experience working with established sustainable farms in the area. Farm location options include Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Douglas counties in Kansas and Clay, Jackson, St. Clair and Lafayette counties in Missouri. Early sign-ups are encouraged so apprentices can work with farms in locations most convenient for them. Part-time or full-time apprenticeships are available. The apprentice pay rate is dependent on experience and farm locations. The cost to enroll is \$500 and includes at least 12 workshops and industry events at different locations throughout the year, plus educational materials on such topics as sustainable farming, soil health and fertility, yearly production schedules, business planning and more. Scholarship funds are available for qualified applicants. The Growing Growers' workshop series is also available to the general public. Growing Growers Kansas City is a collaborative effort of K-State Research and Extension, University of Missouri Extension, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension, the Kansas City Food Circle, Cultivate KC, KC Healthy Kids and the Kansas Rural Center. More information is available at www.growinggrowers.org or email growers@ksu.edu.

Kansas Limousin Breeders to host second annual sale and activities

Kansas Limousin Breeders Association will again be sponsoring the Flint Hills, Choice Sale on March 10th, 2018 at the El Dorado Livestock Auction barn. The KLBA Board of Directors have added to the sale another way for cattlemen to offer Limousin genetics to other cattlemen. There will still be the registered Full-blood, Purebred and Lim-Flex sale, but the sale will be offering commercial cow/calf (calf must be out of registered full-blood, purebred or lim-flex bulls), commercial bred heifers (must be bred to registered full-blood, purebred, or lim-flex bulls), commercial open heifers (50% or greater registered Limousin). Consignors of commercial females must provide a copy of the registration paper of the bull that sired the calf, bred the heifer, or sire or dam of open heifers. These lots will be cat-

alogued differently from the registered bulls and females. They also must meet the other sale rules. 1. Females must be born after June 1, 2009. 2. Breds must be vet checked sale in calf. 3. Bred females must be bred to calve by 30 months of age. Opens are to be under 20 months of age. The sale commission on the commercial females will be a flat 5%. If you have interest in putting commercial females in the sale and you have any questions, give Randy Corns, K.C. Youngblood, Kyle Dye or Jerry Meek a call, their numbers are listed on the KLBA website www.kansaslimousin.org. Along with the sale the KLBA will be having their 2018 Annual Meeting on Friday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the sale barn facility. It will include a Silent Benefit Auction to help fund activities for the association through-

AFB re-elects president Zippy Duvall, sets agenda for 2018

Delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF's) 2018 Annual Convention Jan. 9 unanimously re-elected AFBF president Zippy Duvall. Delegates also approved measures to help assure a prosperous agricultural and rural economy in the coming year and beyond. Resolutions approved by farmer and rancher delegates from across the nation ran the gamut of issues, from trade to regulatory reform, crop insurance, biotechnology and more. "Today's actions give us a clear roadmap at a time when farmers are on the verge of their fifth consecutive year of shrinking net farm income," Duvall said. "Despite these difficulties, we remain optimistic: official Washington feels more like a partner than it did just a short time ago. We have real opportunities to make progress in policy that we have not had in the past." Among other things, delegates approved measures supporting: An improved Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program to decrease risk-management disparities across counties, A flexible cotton support program that considers cotton seed, cotton lint or both to help beleaguered cotton growers, Strengthened and more flexible risk management and safety-net programs for dairy farmers.

The highs and lows and their effect on cattle

By Jody G. Holthaus, Meadlowlark District Extension Agent, Livestock and Natural Resources They say that this temperature thing will all even out. So when we were having a 60-degree day on Thanksgiving, we should have known we would pay the price! Severe wind and cold can cause significant problems for livestock and their owners. Evidence of such problems – the blizzard that struck South Dakota on October 4-5 of 2013. The wind, snow, and cold resulted in major cattle loss. The storm caught many by surprise and the loss was estimated to be approximately 5% of the region's cattle herd. Preparations under way: Having abundant and accessible feed will help animals maintain body temperature and survive cold temperatures. Livestock need extra feed in severe and prolonged cold weather in order to keep up body heat and maintain body condition. A good rule of thumb is to up the amount of feed by 10%. As wind and the wind chill factor increase, abundant feed alone will not be enough to keep ani-

mals warm. Make sure stored winter feed is of good nutrient quality for the type of livestock you are feeding. Make sure you have enough stored winter feed to meet the demands of your livestock for the winter, with plenty to last you in case of prolonged winter storms. If a storm lasts for more than two days, emergency feeding methods may be required. Pelleted cake or cake concentrates are examples of emergency feeds. Be prepared if cold weather or power outages cause mechanized feeders to become inoperable. Regularly check water tanks. Make sure water is clean, free of ice, and in adequate supply. Make sure you have portable watering equipment or a way to maintain water for your livestock in case of extreme cold and ice. If feasible, use heaters in water tanks to provide livestock with adequate water. Make sure you have tools, rope, blankets, lights, and a portable generator with extension cords and fuel ready to use in case of emergency. Make sure tractors and vehicles are maintained and

protected so that they will be ready to use in extreme cold weather and snow/ice. Make sure you have bedding available to be deployed so that you can create a warm and protected place to keep livestock off ice and mud so that they can stay dry. Care for young animals first, since they are more vulnerable than larger animals. Livestock will often move away from the force of an oncoming storm, unless they are moving toward shelter that is well known to them. Older animals may follow or try to stay near young animals that are being moved or treated, due to herd and/or maternal instinct. Livestock may avoid traveling directly into the force of an oncoming storm (wind, snow, sleet, etc...). Livestock may resist or be hesitant to leave even limited shelter behind during storm conditions. Make sure animals are in good body condition and vaccinated. Livestock that are larger and in good body condition can handle winter weather and extreme conditions better than smaller or weaker animals.

NASS releases 2017 annual crop production summary

Corn for grain production in Kansas based on year-end surveys is estimated at 686 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 132 bushels per acre is down ten bushels from last year. Area harvested, at 5.20 million acres of corn for grain, is up 6 percent from 2016. Corn for silage production, at 5.38 million tons, is up 84 percent from last year. Silage yield of 21.5 tons per acre is up 2.0 tons from last year. Producers harvested 250,000 acres of corn for silage, up 67 percent from last year. Corn area planted for all purposes, at 5.50 million acres, is up 8 percent from last year. Sorghum for grain production in 2017 is estimated at 201 million bushels, down 25 percent from 2016. Yield, at 82 bushels per acre, is down 9 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 2.45 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2016. Sorghum for silage production, at 1.11 million tons, is down 25 percent from last year. Silage yield, at 13.0 tons per acre, is down 2.5 tons from last year. Area harvested for silage, at 85,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from last year. Sorghum area planted for all purposes, at 2.60 million acres, is down 16 percent from last year. Soybean production for 2017 totaled 189 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2016. Yield, at 37.0 bushels per acre, is down 11 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at a record high 5.11 million acres, is up 27 percent from 2016. Soybean area planted, at a record high 5.15 million acres, is up 27 percent from last year. Alfalfa for hay production, at 2.05 million tons, is down 32 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 3.60 tons per acre, is down 0.70 tons per acre from 2016. Area harvested for dry hay, at 570,000 acres, is down 19 percent from 2016. Alfalfa for haylage or greenchop production, at 200,000 tons, is down 17 percent from last year. Alfalfa haylage yield, at 10.00 tons per acre, is up 2.00 tons from last year. Area harvested for alfalfa haylage, at 20,000 acres, is down 10,000 from last year. Seedlings of alfalfa during 2017 totaled 65,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the year earlier. All other hay production, at 3.99 million tons, is up 24 percent. The average yield, at 1.90 tons per acre, is up 0.20 tons per acre from last year. Area harvested for other dry hay is 2.10 million acres, up 11 percent from 2016. All other haylage production, at 630,000 tons, is up 5 percent from last year. Other haylage yield, at 7.00 tons per acre, is up 1.00 ton from last year. Area harvested for other haylage, at 90,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from last year. Oil sunflower production in 2017 is 71.0 million pounds, up 23 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,420 pounds per acre, is up 50 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 50,000 acres, is up 19 percent from 2016. Area planted, at 52,000 acres, is up 7,000 acres from last year. Non-oil sunflower production of 17.8 million pounds is down 29 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,460 pounds per acre, is down 110 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 12,200 acres, is down 3,800 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 13,500 acres, is down 4,500 acres from last year. Canola production of 62.0 million pounds is up 33 percent from last year. Yield of 1,320 pounds per acre is down 620 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 47,000 acres, is up 23,000 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 50,000 acres, is up 25,000 acres from last year. Cotton record high production of 185,000 bales is up 161 percent from last year. Yield of 987 pounds per acre is down 112 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 90,000 acres, is up 59,000 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 93,000 acres, is up 61,000 acres from last year. Summer potato production is 1.56 million cwt, up 24 percent from 2016. Yield, at 380 cwt per acre, is up 80 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 4,100 acres, is down 100 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 4,100 acres, is down 100 acres from last year. Access the national report for this release at: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProdSu//2010s/2018/CropProdSu-01-12-2018.pdf> Access the National Crop Production Executive Briefing at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/ExecutiveBriefings/2018/01-12-2018.pdf> Find agricultural statistics for your county, state, and the nation at www.nass.usda.gov

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Sorghum Checkoff seeks applicants for Leadership Sorghum Class IV

The Sorghum Checkoff is accepting applications for Leadership Sorghum Class IV, a program designed to develop the next generation of sorghum leaders.

During the 15-month leadership program, class members will be exposed to various aspects of the sorghum industry in addition to personal development and networking opportunities. Class members will participate in both hands-on and classroom-style learning experiences to gain an understanding of how sorghum moves through the value chain, how checkoffs and stakeholder organizations

interact on behalf of the industry and what the future holds for sorghum.

"Leadership Sorghum is a unique opportunity to develop strong leaders with a desire to learn and develop a passion for this industry," said Florentino Lopez, Sorghum Checkoff executive director. "This program is a way to invest in the future of our industry by equipping growers with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to become advocates for sorghum."

Eligible applicants must be farmers actively engaged in sorghum production in the United States. Fifteen growers

will be accepted into the program's fourth class.

"It is so fulfilling to see our class members grow, learn and experience new things," said Shelee Padgett, Leadership Sorghum program director. "Our goal is to equip them to be leaders and advocates for sorghum, taking their knowledge back to their communities and furthering the industry by becoming involved locally, in their state and nationally."

Full consideration will be given to all applicants, regardless of age, gender, race or occupation. Every effort will be made to select a class, based on the applicant pool, which is

representative of the entire sorghum industry, its diversity and rural community interests.

Applications for the program are available at LeadSorghum.com and are due by 5:00 p.m. March 16, 2018. Following the application deadline, all applications and references will be reviewed by a selection committee. Finalists may be contacted via phone to arrange an interview. Class members and alternates will be notified of acceptance by May 1, 2018. More information on the class schedule and program criteria can be found at LeadSorghum.com.

K-State's Winter Ranch Management Series set for February around state

"Corrals, Calcium, Costs and Cows: Management and Profit Strategies for 2018" is the theme of the 2018 Kansas State University Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series. Hosted at four sites across the state of Kansas, the meetings will feature presentations and comments by extension educators on profit-enhancing strategies.

The meetings will also feature a popular 'town-hall' style question-and-answer session between Kansas' cattle producers and extension specialists. The series has a history of being a successful stretch of meetings, which are hosted throughout the state of Kansas, said Bob Weaber, K-State Research and Extension cow-calf specialist. Weaber, along with other state, district and local extension staff, will take part in the series to help answer producers' questions. The specialists will answer a wide range of questions on beef cattle issues including animal health, nutrition, management, genetics and reproduction.

"Over the past few months we've received quite a few questions from producers looking for profit tips and tools," Weaber said. "The Winter Ranch Management series provides another great oppor-

tunity for state and local specialists to take our expertise out in the country for a series of impactful face-to-face meetings. During the last few years producers have experienced price volatility and increased costs. We believe that producer profit margins will continue to narrow over the next couple of years. Our Extension team is here to help with reliable information."

Topics to be discussed are facility improvements and Bud Box cattle processing systems; mineral supplementation strategies; cost; production and profit benchmarking; and optimizing the cow herd through female selection. The Hepler location will feature a talk by Dr. K.C. Olson on late season burning as a method to aid in the control of sericea lespedeza.

"Early in the year is a great time for producers, to think and plan for the coming year," Weaber adds. "Certainly, it is a good time of year to think about opportunities to reduce costs and enhance revenue streams."

Meeting times and registration fees vary by location but all will include a meal. Participants are asked to RSVP for a select-ed location by the close of business one week prior to the event. Interested par-

ticipants should contact their local host contact for registration and RSVP details.

2018 Winter Ranch Management locations and contacts include:

Beloit

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: NCK Technical College, 3033 U.S. Hwy. 24, Beloit

RSVP by January 30, 2018, to:

Barrett Simon, Post Rock Extension District
785-378-3174; barrett8@ksu.edu

Katelyn Brockus, River Valley District
785-325-2121; kbrockus@ksu.edu

Clint Lafin, Midway Extension District
785-483-3157; cllafin@ksu.edu

Olsburg

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: McCormick Elementary, 109 N First St., Olsburg

RSVP by January 31, 2018, online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu or call Pottawatomie Co. Extension Office at 785-457-3319.

For more information contact:

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Greg McClure, Riley Co. Extension

785-537-6350; gmclure@ksu.edu

Shannon Blocker, Pottawatomie Co. Extension
785-457-3319; sblocker@ksu.edu

Dighton

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Lane County Fair Grounds, Dighton
RSVP by February 1, 2018, to:

Jared Petersilie, Walnut Creek Extension District
620-397-2806; jaredp11@ksu.edu

Hepler

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Community Building, Hepler

RSVP by February 6, 2018, to:

Chris Petty, Southwind Extension District
620-223-3720; cgp@ksu.edu

Keith Martin, Wildcat Extension District
620-784-5337; rkmartin@ksu.edu

More information about the K-State Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series is available at KSUB-eef.org.

Congress working to fix co-op tax provision

An unintended consequence of a provision in the new tax law incentivizes farmers to sell grain to co-ops rather than to independent grain companies or directly to end users. Section 199A, which replaced the Section 199 domestic production deduction, gives farmers the ability to deduct up to 20 percent of their total sales to co-ops, but only 20 percent of income if they sell grain or other farm products to privately held or investor-owned companies.

U.S. Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.) and John Hoeven (R-N.D.), who helped draft Section 199A and vigorously fought for its inclusion in the tax bill, are now working on language to address the situation.

The House and Senate leadership are aware of the issue, and House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine a suitable remedy and the appropriate legislative vehicle.


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Record amount of land hits the market through Farmers National Company

Data released by land grant universities and industry organizations points out that there has been less farm and ranch land for sale than usual the past few years. Despite today's slow land market, Farmers National Company is experiencing a 50 percent increase in the land it has for sale over its previous high volume.

The historic run-up in land prices during the decade leading up to and including 2013 faded into the background as the past four years instead witnessed a steady and measured decline in values for crop and grazing land throughout the Midwest and Great Plains. Some regions experienced the decline sooner with a larger drop-off in land prices, whereas other regions saw less of a decline. Good quality land generally declined less while lower quality tracts saw weak demand and a bigger price decline. At this time, the market for quality land is steady to slightly stronger. So, what's next for land values, up or down?

Randy Dickhut, AFM, senior vice president of real estate operations for Farmers National Company, said there are a number of positive factors supporting current land values.

"The industry has experienced a post-harvest bump in land prices in most grain producing areas. With above average crop yields in most locations, farmer optimism has increased as has the bidding for quality crop land. The supply of land on the open market remains low

while the number of buyers and demand is adequate for what is on the market at this time," Dickhut said.

Other factors also are providing support for today's land prices, Dickhut noted. Continued low interest rates are helping create a demand for ag land as a long-term investment for individuals and institutional funds.

"In general, there is still enough purchasing power in the hands of farmers to compete for good land or land that helps grow one's operation. We are also seeing a small increase in 1031 tax-deferred exchange buyers as they move to trade into different land or to diversify out of other real estate holdings and into cropland," Dickhut said.

However, there also are factors on the horizon that could negatively affect land values, Dickhut noted. Current farm economics are not conducive to strength in the land market. Low grain prices are keeping overall farm income levels depressed. That means that lower incomes are reducing the cash flow necessary to finance crop inputs, equipment needs and land payments, leaving less cash for land purchases.

"Individual and institutional investors are well aware of the lower grain prices and incomes. The resulting reduction in the return on investment for land has kept some investors out of the land market during the past few years," he said.

Another factor that may weigh on land prices is that

lenders are being more cautious in the amount of money they will lend for agricultural land purchases. This could dampen demand as farmers and ranchers are the predominant buyers of crop and grazing land, Dickhut pointed out.

"Cash flow and equity concerns of farmers could generate additional land for sale in the market as some producers liquidate either land or equipment to shore up their finances. The magnitude of these additional land sales will probably be small and vary by region, but the potential for an increase in the supply of land on the market bears watching," he said.

The final factor that could have a downward effect on land values are the outside influences. This could include negative outcomes for trade that U.S. agriculture depends upon, unexpected consequences from tax laws and potential changes in the next Farm Bill.

"The next six months will determine the direction of land values. Economic and financial factors will become more evident for producers and lenders. The factors and the outside influences will become better defined as we move through 2018. Now more than ever, professional advice and representation are critical to receiving a fair market price for agricultural land no matter if values move up or down. And more and more landowners are putting their trust in Farmers National Company to sell their land," Dickhut said.

KDA and Extension offer morel mushroom identification session

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension are offering two sessions to help people earn the necessary approval to sell wild morel mushrooms. The sessions will take place during Farmers' Market Regional Workshops in Olathe on Feb. 9 and in Chanute on Feb. 10. The Olathe workshop will take place at K-State Olathe at 22201 W. Innovation Drive in Olathe. The Chanute workshop will be held at Mid-West Fertilizer at the Chanute Agronomy Center, 3030 S. Santa Fe Ave. in Chanute. Onsite registration for both events will open at 8:30 a.m. and the workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m.

The morel identification session is one of several sessions which will be offered as part of the farmers' market workshops. Registration for the workshops is now open and is \$20 per participant. Registration includes lunch; however, lunch will only be guaranteed to those participants who register by February 1.

The morel identification session is intended to help ensure that wild harvested mushrooms sold as morels in the state of Kansas are safe to consume. Current regulations under KDA's food safety and lodging program require that mushrooms picked in the wild for sale must be individually inspected for safety by an approved mushroom identifier. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be recognized as approved morel identifiers in order to meet this regulation. However, attendance at this workshop is not required to be added to the identifier registry.

Registration forms for the workshops can be found at FromTheLandofKansas.com/FMWorkshop or at local extension offices.

For more information, please contact Londa Nwadike with K-State Research and Extension, at 913-307-7391 or lnwadike@ksu.edu.

High oleic soybeans achieve final global regulatory milestone

High oleic soybeans have crossed their final regulatory hurdle, clearing the way for farmers to plant more acres of them in 2018. Full global regulatory approval can help expand the market for high oleic soy and create opportunities to increase U.S. soybean value and competitiveness in the global marketplace.

"Achieving high oleic global regulatory approval enables us to meet end-user needs with a product they want and increase the use of U.S. soybean oil," says Lewis Bainbridge, United Soybean Board chair and farmer from Ethan, South Dakota. "We encourage farmers to talk with their seed representatives about high oleic soybean variety options

for 2018 planting to help keep pace with growing demand for this high-functioning oil."

The soy checkoff has invested in research to ensure that high oleic soybeans deliver the qualities required by oil end-users. These varieties produce a more stable oil for food industry use in restaurants and packaged goods. The oil also expands uses for non-food applications, such as synthetic motor oil and automotive lubricants.

For farmers, check-off-supported research has helped ensure that high oleic soybeans perform the same as other soybean varieties and that variety development expanded to a wider range of maturity groups.

"For high oleic soybeans to be successful, we can't sacrifice performance in the field or limit the geographies where they are grown," says Bainbridge. "Farmers who plant high oleic soybean varieties consistently report that their high oleic varieties yield as well or better than their other soy-

bean varieties."

In order for end users to convert to high oleic soybean oil, they need a reliable, consistent supply. The checkoff has been working with industry partners to ramp up acreage of high oleic soybean varieties to meet growing demand. High oleic soybean varieties were initially grown in three states and are now grown in 13 states. Acreage of high oleic soybean varieties has grown from 50,000 acres in 2013 to more than 625,000 acres in 2017.

Given this regulatory milestone, its proven performance and anticipated continued growth in market demand, high oleic soybeans are expected to become the fourth-largest grain and oilseed crop in the U.S., with a goal of planting 18 million acres of high oleic soybeans.

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9	667	156.50	17	1008	125.50
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14	725	153.25	\$62.00 @ 1,738 lbs.		
14	849	144.00	TOP BUTCHER BULL		
30	912	136.50	\$83.50 @ 2,030 lbs.		
HEIFERS			PAIRS: NO TEST		
1	340	177.00	HOGS: NO TEST		
5	486	160.00			
4	566	156.50			
11	599	143.50			

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9	543	181.50	5	816	129.00
8	583	172.00			
42	653	155.00	TOP BUTCHER COW:		
75	759	151.10	\$54.00 @ 1,485 lbs.		
50	842	141.50			
21	931	134.60	TOP BUTCHER BULL:		
HEIFERS			\$66.50 @ 1,765 lbs.		
11	467	176.50			



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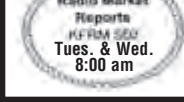
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8 bkbwf	496@165.00	5 Char	539@170.00
7 bkbwf	790@164.00	7 mix	596@165.50
5 blk	556@155.00	13 mix	589@161.00
21 blk	549@153.50	8 mix	639@168.50
20 mix	567@153.00	13 blk	612@166.00
20 bkbwf	590@152.50	3 blk	618@164.50
3 wf	563@152.00	9 bkbwf	645@159.50
4 kkbwf	590@146.00	17 blk	631@158.00
7 bkbwf	610@145.00	18 red	646@158.00
16 mix	642@143.50	22 mix	666@158.00
6 blk	611@139.00	17 blk	698@156.00
9 bkbwf	710@140.00	7 bkbwf	671@155.50
16 mix	710@139.50	8 blk	657@153.50
17 bkbwf	714@139.00	3 red	652@151.50
13 bkbwf	715@138.75	4 blk	674@150.00
7 blk	704@137.50	4 blk	606@147.00
13 bkbwf	785@137.00	3 blk	737@151.00
11 mix	747@136.00	20 mix	744@147.50
64 blk	788@136.00	8 blk	726@146.50
14 mix	790@136.00	9 red	746@146.50
5 blk	739@135.50	8 mix	798@145.25
6 bkbwf	784@133.50	20 blk	750@145.00
12 blk	820@136.00	11 mix	777@145.00
8 mix	819@135.00	7 red	762@143.50
STEERS		4 mix	798@133.00
5 mix	471@186.00	9 blk	816@144.75
7 mix	507@186.00	4 blk	851@138.50
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- 300 blk & blkwf str & hfrs, longtime weaned, 650-875#
- 150 blk & blkwf str, longtime weaned, fancy, 650-900#
- 100 blk & blkwf str & hfrs, longtime weaned, 650-900#
- 14 blk str, 700-750#
- 40 blk hfrs, longtime weaned, 700-750#
- 8 blk hfrs, 750-800#
- 62 blk & red str, 750-825#
- 63 mostly blk str, 775-825#
- 25 blk red & char str, 775-825#
- 550 blk red & char str, 775-875#
- 87 blk & blkwf str, 800-1000#
- 45 blk & blkwf str & hfrs, 800-1000#
- 10 blk str, 800-825#
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Angus Foundation heifer and featured packages raise \$278,000

Since 1980, the Angus Foundation has sold high-end heifers in the Heifer Package to generate funds for Angus youth, education and research efforts. The tradition continued at the 2018 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday, Jan. 10 during the Angus Bull Sale. Angus breeders continued to exceed the challenge of pushing the breed further through their generous support of the Foundation Heifer and confirmed heifer pregnancies. This year, the Angus Foundation raised \$278,000 in support of the Angus breed's future.

Dan and Patricia

Vergith of Lylester Ranch, Martell, Nebraska, bought the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, Vintage Blackbird 7184, for \$215,000 in a packed historic Stadium Arena.

“Dan always has been very generous in his support of the Foundation, and he knows his support goes to a great cause – future improvements in the industry,” said Dick Hollman, Lylester Ranch beef consultant. “We are looking forward to getting her bred, getting a calf and making the heifer a great donor. She's a perfect addition to the elite pedigrees and great numbers at Lylester Ranch.”

Vintage Blackbird 7184 headlined the 2018 Angus

Foundation Heifer Package. She was donated by Vintage Angus Ranch of Modesto, California.

“This year's Angus Foundation Heifer Package continued a legacy of being the premier fundraiser to increase opportunities for Angus youth, education and research,” said Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “Through scholarships and leadership development activities, educational events for Angus breeders and funding important research that will impact the Angus industry, the unrestricted funds raised will have an impact that far outreaches this single event. We sincerely appreciate all contending

bidders on the Foundation Heifer and confirmed heifer pregnancies, and their generous support of the Angus Foundation.”

The Angus Foundation has raised more than \$2.3 million since the inception of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, and this year continued to add to the total. Members of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) presented this year's heifer package before the start of the National Angus Bull Sale.

In addition to the heifer, Lylester Ranch will receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Illinois; free transportation to their

ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Illinois; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics and its cloning division, ViaGen, Sioux Center, Iowa.

Five heifer pregnancies from notable Angus breeders also were auctioned off during the sale to benefit the Angus Foundation. Those pregnancies included:

· Crazy K Ranch, Michie, Tennessee — Purchased for \$8,000 by Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Arkansas

· Linz Heritage Angus, Crown Point, Indiana — Purchased for \$15,000 by Ingram Angus, Pulaski, Tennessee

· Pasture View Angus, Dunlap, Illinois — Purchased for \$13,000 by Ingram Angus, Pulaski, Tennessee

· Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, Michigan — Purchased for \$19,000 by Lakeview Angus, Mead, Colorado

· Silveira Brothers, Firebaugh, California — Purchased for \$8,000 by 7 Bar O Cattle Company LLC, DBA Richburg Angus, Amarillo, Texas

For more information about the Angus Foundation or the sale of the annual heifer package, contact Jenkins, or visit angusfoundation.org for more information.

Dates set for Cattle Reproduction Workshop Series

K-State Research & Extension: Frontier District and Douglas County have partnered together to host a series of Cattle Reproduction Workshops. The first workshop is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 p.m. February 15, 2018 at Grace Community Church

in Overbrook. A sponsored meal will be provided. Please RSVP by February 12 to Roberta Wyckoff at 785-843-7058 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/EXLduB1GRM-wIKdSI2>.

“Economics of Reproduction, Are You Leaving

Money on the Table?” will be the focus for the first workshop. Topics covered will be, “Transitioning to a Shorter Calving Season using Natural Service or Artificial Insemination(AI)”;

“Pregnancy Testing, Why, When and How?”; and “Making Technology Work for You, Beef Apps on Your Phone.”

Sandy Johnson, K-State Research & Extension beef specialist and Dr. Bob Larson, DVM, Beef Cattle Institute will discuss reproductive performance issues and how they impact a herd's prof-

itability.

The second meeting in the series will be an Artificial Insemination Refresher. It will be hosted March 26, 2018 at a location near Baldwin City. Both beginner and experienced users of AI will benefit from this hands-on

activity.

If you have questions about the workshop series please contact Roberta Wyckoff at rwycckoff@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058, or Rod Schaub at rschaub@ksu.edu or 785-828-4438.

USDA rule allows pork imports from Mexico

On January 12 the USDA finalized a regulation that will allow all Mexican states to export pork to the United States, a move supported by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC).

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is implementing a science-based risk assessment that determined Mexico is free of Classical Swine Fever (CSF), a highly contagious viral disease in pigs. It was eradicated from the United States in the late 1970s. APHIS in 2016 concluded that the risk of CSF from pork imports from Mexico is negligible.

“The U.S. pork industry is a strong supporter of free trade and of using epidemiological science and risk analyses to determine if trade can be safely conducted between countries,” said NPPC president Ken Maschhoff, a pork producer from Carlyle, Ill. “Mexico in 2017 was our No. 2 export market, so maintaining our good relationship with that country by ensuring fair and reciprocal trade is paramount for our producers.”

Through November last year, the United States shipped \$1.4 billion of pork to Mexico.

Mexico in late 2007 requested market access to the United States for pork from the eight states in its central region but later amended that request to include all Mexican states.

AVMA takes steps to address antimicrobial resistance

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is taking significant steps to help the veterinary profession prevent antimicrobial resistance in both animals and people, according to an AVMA news release.

Recently, the association's House of Delegates approved the Definition of Antimicrobial Stewardship and Core Principles of Antimicrobial Stewardship in Veterinary Medicine.

This adoption is an important first step in fulfillment of the association's commitment to provide resources and tools for veterinarians that support conscientious decision-making in the use of antimicrobials, the group said.

Core principles adopted by the group include: a clearly-stated commitment by veterinarians to stewardship; support for systems of care that include a multi-pronged approach to preventing common diseases; judicious selection and use of antimicrobial drugs; ongoing evaluation of the efficacy of antimicrobial drug-use practices; and a commitment to professional education research that expands the profession's knowledge base and supports good decision-making.

“Adherence to these core principles is key to preserving the effectiveness and availability of antibiotics,” said Dr. Michael Topper, AVMA president. “However, the actions veterinarians will need to take to implement them

go beyond the responsible use of antibiotics to improving disease prevention and treatment strategies overall. This further increases the value of their adoption for our patients and our clients.”

To read more from AVMA, visit tinyurl.com/AVMA-Principles.



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- 95 steers, 750-850 lbs.
- 25 steers & heifers, 350-500 lbs.
- 65 black steers & heifers, homeraised, 650 lbs.
- 48 black steers, no implants, 900 lbs.
- 100 black steers & heifers, homeraised, 700-750 lbs.
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5 blk str	481@177.00			
4 blk bbf str	455@170.00			
6 red rwf str	507@170.00			
6 blk str	640@162.50			
61 blk str	624@161.75			
6 blk bwf str	641@158.50			

HEIFERS		BULLS	
3 char hfrs	405@164.00	1 blk bull	1695@87.00
6 blk bwf hfrs	302@160.50	1 blk bull	1860@81.50
2 blk hfrs	440@160.00	1 blk bull	1995@81.00
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Steers:

395 . blk NI cake & range 160 main @ 700#..... 575-750#

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330 . blk grass type .. 550-700#..... Sunny Slope Rn

220 . blk, few bwf thin fleshed 500-650#..... Lazy Trails Rn

100 . blk, bwf (F-1)NI 625-750#..... Duane Tate

75 ... blk top end hay fed .650#..... Mark Johnson

150 . blk, blk-x NI Triangle J genes..... 650-850#..... Denny & Vicki Libolt

90 ...angus NI running out, hair Upward, Final Answer, Hoover Dam 700-800#

Rick O'Neill

80 ...angus NI Windy, Thunder, Upward genes. .600-825#.... Brad & Kim Warnke

100 . angus NI Varilek & Pfaff genes. .600-775#..... Virgil Warnke

85 ... ang, blk NI sired Matt Peters angus. .750#..... Barb Sebesta

70 ... blk..... 725-775#..... L & C Cattle Co

70 ... angus & bwf NI 600-775#..... Jared Warnke

80 ... rd angus NI 600-650#..... Gordon & Michael McLeod

Heifers:

185 . blk B.V. Risse sired- not topped. 650-800#..... Mike Mosher Family

64 ...ang, blk NI B.V. not topped -Matt Peters Ang. .550-675#..... Barb Sebesta

80 ... angus NI Windy, Thunder, Upward genes. .600-700#.... Brad & Kim Warnke

110 . blk B.V. NI breedable Risse & Nichols genes. 600-675#.... Kevin Vandermay

73 . angus NI breedable- Minert, M Sitz & Green Valley sired.....635-725#

..... Clayton & Cole Gurney

100 . angus NI Varilek & Pfaff genes breedable. .600-775#..... Virgil Warnke

50 ...angus B.V. Connealy genetics breedable..... 700#..... Hop Vinton Rn

140 . blk 75 breedable Risse Half Box genes.....550-650#..... Vandermay C & G

110 . blk, blk-x NI Triangle J genes..... 600-725#.....Denny & Vicki Libolt

200 . angus & blk NI Mill Bar, Marcy, Joseph genes . .525-675#.....Jim Lee Rn

105 . blk, bwf NI 500-625#..... Bachelor/Eagle Valley

140 . blk NI cake & hayfed475-550#..... Craig, Joy & Caleb Miles

75 ... angus NI 625#..... Greg & Trudi Woods

75 ...angus & blk NI A.I. genes..... 700-750#.....Rod & Shawn Klein

70 ... blk NI top end -breedable..... 575-700#..... Jim Mansfield Family

52 ... blk NI tame 650-700#..... B & K Ranch (Cwach)

50 ...angus & bwf NI not topped.....600-775#..... Jared Warnke

50 ...angus NI Upward, Final Answer, Hoover Dam. .650-700#..... Rick O'Neill

25 ... blk..... 700#..... Don & Jolene Grunhaupt

20 ... blk replacement quality..... 700-750#..... Ken Hollolpeter

20 ... blk & angus NI B.V. 700#..... Hanging S Rn (Schumacher)

Steers & Heifers:

120 . angus (70s-50h) hfrs breedable on 30 hd purebred genes- cow makers 550-700#..... Nick & Gina Risse

190 . blk (110s-80h) NI angus sired cake & range 550-650#..... Pat Coffman

300 . blk..... 475-600#..... Steve & Brock Moreland

140 . ang, blk (90s-50h) NI..... 550-675#..... Travis & Brad Mundorf

211 . blk (59s-152h) NI..... 550-650#..... Burney Rn

80 ... char-x..... 600-700#..... Arch & Jimmy Ferguson

65 ... angus (35s-30h) NI..... 600-775#..... Tim Warnke

50 ... rd angus NI hayfed..... 550-650#..... Chuck Lebeda

45 ... blk, bwf (35h-10s) NI Logterman genes- hfrs not topped.....550-650#

..... Ronnie Sharkey

50 ... blk, few bwf NI 600-750#..... Hicks & Ulmer

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Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef names new president

OSI Group chief sustainability officer and senior vice president Nicole Johnson-Hoffman has been named the new president of The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB).

Johnson-Hoffman has helped lead beef sustainability discussions both in the U.S. and globally. In the 2015-2016 timeframe, she served as the initial Chair of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.

"GRSB brings together people from around the world who represent all segments of the beef value chain, including in-

dividual producers, who ultimately agree there's massive value in sharing knowledge and who want to partner to drive exciting new levels of performance in areas impacting GRSB's Principles and Criteria of Sustainable Beef," said Johnson-Hoffman. "The GRSB focuses on continuous improvement, regardless of region, production system, scope of operation, or past performance. I'm pleased to be leading a growing membership-based organization that believes there are many paths to sustainability."

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U.S. Corn Supply/Demand

	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
	USDA	USDA	USDA	USDA	USDA
Planted Acres	95.42	95.42	95.42	95.42	95.42
Harvested Acres	83.12	83.12	83.12	83.12	83.12
Yield in Bu.	170.8	170.8	170.8	170.8	170.8
Initial Stocks	2,395	2,395	2,395	2,395	2,395
Production	14,296	14,296	14,296	14,296	14,296
Imports	92	92	92	92	92
TN Supply	16,684	16,684	16,684	16,684	16,684
Feed/Residual	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
Feed/Stocks	1,892	1,892	1,892	1,892	1,892
Exports	8,478	8,478	8,478	8,478	8,478
TN Demand	12,434	12,434	12,434	12,434	12,434
Exports	1,825	1,825	1,825	1,825	1,825
TN Usage	14,409	14,409	14,409	14,409	14,409
Ending Stocks	2,275	2,275	2,275	2,275	2,275
Stock/Use Ratio	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%

U.S. Soybean Supply/Demand

	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
	USDA	USDA	USDA	USDA	USDA
Planted Acres	90.21	90.21	90.21	90.21	90.21
Harvested Acres	89.47	89.47	89.47	89.47	89.47
Yield in Bu.	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.4
Initial Stocks	301	301	301	301	301
Production	4,911	4,911	4,911	4,911	4,911
Imports	25	25	25	25	25
TN Supply	5,237	5,237	5,237	5,237	5,237
Crush	1,845	1,845	1,845	1,845	1,845
Seed	101	101	101	101	101
Residual	33	33	33	33	33
TN Demand	2,079	2,079	2,079	2,079	2,079
Exports	2,258	2,258	2,258	2,258	2,258
TN Usage	4,338	4,338	4,338	4,338	4,338
Ending Stocks	999	999	999	999	999
Stock/Use Ratio	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%

What's Ahead After being pressured all week, soybeans bounced late because of the modest rise of its ending stocks and short-covering ahead of the 3-day weekend. Wheat's limited WW seeding cut hung over it and the corn market, but ongoing SW dryness makes 2018 harvested area iffy. The trade's focus will now be switching to S. America's weather. March swings to \$9.73-\$9.85 should be used for 10% sales for cash needs.

Market Analysis
The USDA's January reports provided some surprises again this year. Instead of hefty output jumps that were whispered within the trade this past week, both corn and soybeans had modest 2017/18 production changes on their final crop reports. Both crops didn't have any big ending stock changes either. US wheat producers provided the biggest surprise when they reported 1.5 million higher wheat seedings than the trade's estimate. This is only the 2nd time in 30 years the USDA's survey was substantially above the trade's median and range. We'll cover this important change in a separate report.
Corn's final US yield did rise by 1.2 bu. to 176.6 bu. from November, but the USDA also cut its harvested area by 416,000 acres (mostly in Midwest) resulting in just a 26 million bu. increase to a 14.6 billion bu. crop. 2017's strong yields came from the eastern US, led by the ECB up 5.2 bu. to 185 and the SE region being up 14.3 bu. to 147.9 bu. boosting this year's national yield by 2 bu. Last fall's December 1 stocks of 12.516 billion bu. were 85 million higher than expected. Given export and ethanol usage being known, this suggests last fall's feed level was a very modest 1.1% higher (25 million) at 2.3 billion bu. than last year. This prompted 25 million sliced from feed usage, but overall the US ending stocks rose just 40 million to 2.477 billion bu.
The USDA did lower the US bean crop by 33 million to 4.392 billion bu. last week when the yield was reduced by 0.4 bu. to 49.1 bu. Yields were slightly lower across most regions of the US except in the Delta. Last week's Dec 1 stocks were 24 million lower than expected, despite heavy rumors of 100 million cut in soybean exports because of slow sales vs. last year. Instead, the USDA cut exports by 65 million and upped the crush by 10 million bu., resulting in 470 million revised stocks vs. whispers of mid-500 level that pressured beans all week.

January Winter Wheat Seedings vs. Average Trade Estimate

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EPD	CE	BW	WW	YW	DOCILITY	SCR	MILK
Index	+11	+1.8	+81	+144	+18	+39	+22
Ranking	10%	40%	1%	1%	80%	35%	6%

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Index: +53 +.79 +.72 +77.57 +161.53

Ranking: 10% 20% 10% 1% 5%

Grass & Grain Weather Report Jan. 24, 2018

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 29

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 32

FRIDAY
Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 36

SATURDAY
Scattered Snow
High: 43 Low: 31

SUNDAY
Sunny
High: 46 Low: 34

MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 36

TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 42

In-Depth Local Forecast

Tuesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 53%. Southwesterly wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high temperature for today is 73° set in 1981. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 29°. Southwesterly wind 6 to 9 mph.

Last Week's Almanac

Date	H/L	Normals	Precip
1/17	27/9	41/19	0.00"
1/18	21/13	42/19	0.00"
1/19	38/21	42/19	0.02"
1/20	19/3	42/19	0.00"
1/21	18/-1	42/19	0.00"
1/22	30/-1	42/19	0.00"
1/23	-46/18	42/20	0.00"

Rainfall: 0.02"
Normal rainfall: 0.09"
Departure: -0.07"
Average temp: 18.3°
Average normal: 30.5°
Departure: -12.2°

Today's Local Outlook

Washington 46/33
Blue Rapids 39/27
Seneca 38/27
Clay Center 41/29
Mahattan 41/29
Ogden 42/31
Wamego 40/28
Junction City 42/29
Athlete 43/29
Council Grove 41/30

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

First	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
1/24	Wednesday	7:39 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	11:54 a.m.	12:12 a.m.	1/27
	Thursday	7:38 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:17 a.m.	
	Friday	7:38 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	1:11 p.m.	2:23 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:37 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	1:58 p.m.	3:31 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:36 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	2:52 p.m.	4:39 a.m.	
	Monday	7:35 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	3:54 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	
	Tuesday	7:35 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	5:02 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	1/28

Local UV Index

0-2 Very High, 11+ Extreme Exposure

Weather History

Jan. 24, 1916 - The temperature at Browning, Mont. plunged 100 degrees in just 24 hours, from 44 degrees above zero to 36 degrees below zero. It was a record 24-hour temperature drop for the United States.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
1/12	0	1/16	0
1/15	0	1/17	0
1/14	0	1/18	0
1/13	0		

Sell At St. Marys

Sell Or Buy Cattle By Auction STARTING TIME 10:30 AM Tuesdays

Due to frigid temperatures we had a short run of cattle January 16. There wasn't a good test of the market.

STEER CALVES

3 blk str 358 @ 187.00
10 blk str 447 @ 187.00
3 blk/sim str 483 @ 180.00
1 blk str 465 @ 170.00
1 blk str 320 @ 163.00

HEIFER CALVES

2 blk str 903 @ 133.50
5 Inghn str 556 @ 55.00
21 blk/bwf hfr 436 @ 172.00
2 blk/bwf hfr 328 @ 170.00

STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS

7 blk str 579 @ 164.00
1 blk str 635 @ 145.00
3 blk str 732 @ 140.50
61 mix str 880 @ 140.10
4 blk str 799 @ 135.00

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

1 char hfr 620 @ 135.50
6 blk/red hfr 667 @ 135.00
4 blk/red hfr 653 @ 133.00
24 blk/bwf hfr 787 @ 131.00
4 blk hfr 763 @ 130.00

8 blk/bwf hfr 794 @ 130.00

1 blk hfr 790 @ 127.50

3 blk hfr 860 @ 125.00

1 blk hfr 985 @ 116.00

COWS

1 blk cow 1000 @ 61.50
1 blk cow 860 @ 55.00
1 blk cow 990 @ 55.00
1 blk cow 1105 @ 55.00
1 blk cow 920 @ 54.50

BRED COWS & HEIFERS

10 blk hfr @ 1775.00
9 blk hfr @ 1775.00
6 blk hfr @ 1700.00
1 blk cow @ 790.00
1 blk cow @ 650.00

BULLS

1 red bull 2130 @ 78.00
1 blk bull 1950 @ 77.50
1 blk bull 1360 @ 66.50

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 23:

- 60 Angus str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 52 blk bwf str & hfrs, 450-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 125 Angus str & hfrs, 450-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 35 blk str & hfrs, 600-700 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 105 blk str & hfrs, 600-750 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 130 black steers & heifers, 750-900 lbs.
- 75 black heifers, 700-725 lbs.
- 50 black heifers, 775-800 lbs.
- 65 Angus steers, 800-825 lbs.
- 60 black steers, 900-950 lbs.
- 61 black crossbred steers, 925-950 lbs.
- 60 black Charolais steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 62 black Charolais steers, 850-875 lbs.
- 62 black Charolais steers, 850-900 lbs.

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