

# Lyons Ranch reports on 31st Angus Bull Sale



The 31st Lyons Ranch Angus Bull Sale was held March 4.



The Lyons and Langvardt families welcomed people to their annual sale at the ranch south of Manhattan.

The Lyons and Langvardt families hosted their 31st Annual Lyons Ranch Superior Genetics Angus Bulls Sale at the ranch south of Manhattan, on Monday, March 4, 2019. When the gavel last fell, 92 fall yearling Angus bulls averaged \$5434.

The winter storm held some of the crowd away, but repeat customers on the seats and on-line through DV Auction kept the sale strong.

For more sale details, visit [www.LyonsRanch.com](http://www.LyonsRanch.com).

High selling bull:  
Lot 33, Lyons Tour of Duty  
7149, \$11,000

Top sire groups:  
3 sons of Basin Payweight  
1682 averaged \$9000

17 sons of Connealy Com-  
rade 1385 averaged \$6118

12 sons of KC Bennett For-  
tress averaged \$5833

14 sons of SAV Resource  
1441 averaged \$5678

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There was plenty of good help to make sure the attendees of the Lyons Ranch Angus Bull Sale were well-fed.

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We had a nice run of cattle and a very wet day for our sale Friday, March 29th. Many unweaned Fall calves were offered and were selling with good interest. Weaned grass weight were in very good demand at strong prices. Low dressing cows were selling higher and high dressing cows were selling steady.

**HEIFER CALVES — 300-550 LBS**

Manhattan	4	341@181.00
	5 blk	387@177.00
	16 blk	433@174.00
Oskaloosa	10 blk	399@174.00
Lyndon	4 blk	398@173.00
Cedar Point	4 ross	310@170.00
Harveyville	16 blk	456@169.00
Oskaloosa	5 blk	431@165.00
Manhattan	7 blk	470@164.75
Oskaloosa	30 blk	510@164.50
Netawaka	27 blk	545@162.00
Manhattan	13 blk	514@160.50
Ottawa	4 blk	375@160.00
Cedar Point	8 Cross	376@158.00
	14 blk	532@157.00
Ottawa	5 blk	447@156.00
Council Grove	7 Cross	485@150.00

Clay Center	1 blk	1710@50.00	Manhattan	1 Hols	2140@39.00
Oskaloosa	1 Cross	1320@50.00		<b>BABY CALF</b>	
Oskaloosa	1 blk	1135@49.00	St. George	1 blk	@300.00
Oskaloosa	1 blk	1405@48.50	Frankfort	1 Cross	@260.00
Onaga	1 blk	1295@48.00	St. George	1 blk	@200.00
Olsburg	1 blk	1695@48.00		<b>REPLACEMENT HEIFERS</b>	
Onaga	1 blk	1330@46.50	Lyndon	36 bwf	825@1160.00
Marysville	1 blk	1315@44.50	Lyndon	43 bwf	813@1140.00
Clyde	1 blk	1380@43.50	Concordia	7 Hereford	769@1020.00

**STEER CALVES — 325-550 LBS**

Tonganoxie	7 blk	367@206.00
Cedar Point	5 cross	341@192.00
	15 blk	452@190.00
Oskaloosa	7 blk	429@189.50
Oskaloosa	5 blk	438@186.00
Alta Vista	8 blk	453@186.00
Harveyville	4 blk	361@185.00
Manhattan	7 blk	505@182.00
Harveyville	15 blk	503@179.00
Beattie	8 blk	512@179.00
Manhattan	15 blk	502@178.50
Marion	9 blk	525@178.00
Cedar Point	4 Cross	355@177.00
Hillsboro	5 blk	433@176.00
Oskaloosa	7 blk	462@172.00
Oskaloosa	13 blk	524@170.00
	15	528@169.50
Council Grove	8 Cross	533@169.00
Ottawa	5 bwf	415@166.00
Oskaloosa	4 blk	532@161.00

**STEERS — 550-1,000 LBS**

Netawaka	34 blk	604@182.50
Lawrence	13 blk	598@182.00
Lawrence	6 blk	555@181.00
Washington	10 blk	553@180.00
Alta Vista	28 blk	632@178.50
Marion	6 blk	610@177.00
Beattie	8 blk	650@172.00
Oskaloosa	8blk	577@169.00
Harveyville	13 blk	613@167.00
Oskaloosa	8 blk	558@164.00
Netawaka	10blk	697@162.00
Oskaloosa	15 blk	1577@160.50
Hillsboro	6 Cross	565@159.00
Manhattan	17 blk	592@158.00
Alta Vista	20 blk	744@155.50
Junction City	9 Hereford	678@155.50
Oskaloosa	6 blk	669@155.00
Wamego	34 blk	732@154.50
Leonardville	5 blk	648@153.00
Onaga	7 mix	619@151.50
Oskaloosa	8 blk	619@150.00
St. George	8 blk	761@147.00
Manhattan	4 blk	643@144.00
Council Grove	5 Cross	644@140.00
Wamego	14 blk	814@138.75
St. George	20 blk	868@134.25
Wamego	37 Cross	842@132.50
Wamego	10 blk	979@128.50

**HEIFERS — 550-925 LBS**

Washington	16 blk	573@155.00
Washington	4 blk	557@150.00
Harveyville	14 blk	582@149.50
Netawaka	31 blk	624@149.00
Oskaloosa	5 blk	554@143.00
Manhattan	6 blk	602@142.50
Council Grove	8 cross	606@142.25
Lyndon	8 blk	670@140.50
Oskaloosa	8 blk	634@140.50
Onaga	5 Cross	563@140.00
Oskaloosa	11 blk	1667@138.00
Randolph	5 blk	702@135.50
Washington	6 blk	741@135.25
Oskaloosa	5 blk	629@135.00
Onaga	13 blk	703@135.00
Lyndon	16 blk	1778@134.50
St. George	9 blk	782@133.50
Onaga	4 blk	737@133.00
Wamego	11 bwf	711@132.00

**BULLS — 1,275-2,175 LBS**

Oskaloosa	1 blk	2160@77.50
Wamego	1 Angus	1335@73.00
Paxico	1 Cross	1685@72.50
Alta Vista	1 blk	1275@70.00
Frankfort	1 Char	1380@65.50

**COWS & HEIFERETTES — 875-2,150 LBS**

Manhattan	1 blk	950@114.00
Manhattan	1 blk	890@109.00
Netawaka	1 blk	1010@100.00
Oskaloosa	1 bwf	1035@88.00
Desoto	1 blk	1140@81.00
Oskaloosa	1 blk	1080@72.00
St. George	1 blk	1875@72.00
Olsburg	1 blk	1520@68.00
Manhattan	1 Angus	1665@65.50
Leavenworth	1 blk	1200@57.50
Onaga	1 bwf	1395@54.50
Morganville	1 blk	1235@54.00
Wheaton	1 bwf	1230@53.50

**SPECIAL STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SALE**

**WED., APRIL 10 • STARTING 11:00 AM**

- 1st CALF HEIFER PAIRS:**
- 20 choice Red Angus 1st calf hfrs w/ 40-60 day calves by side, all shots.
  - 5 blk bwf OCV 1st calf hfrs w/ 40-60 day calves by side, all shots.
  - 40 blk 1st calf OCV hfrs w/ 60-90 day blk calves by side. 2 rd Scourguard/black leg/ banded.
- BRED 1st CALF HEIFERS:**
- 15 Choice reputation gentle home raised Angus & Simm Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs, AI bred to LBW Angus bulls Dec. 3rd, cleaned up LBW Angus bull for 60 day calving period.
  - 6 blk Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs, bred blk Angus bull 8 months.
  - 10 choice home raised (8) Herf & (2) bwf Fall bred 1st calf hfrs, bred to LBW Jamison Herf bull after Dec. 14,
- REPLACEMENT HEIFERS:**
- 40 blk, blk Baldy OCV replacement hfrs pelvic examined, all shots, 750-800 lbs
  - 20 choice reputation gentle home raised Angus, bwf & SimmAngus replacement hfrs, 725-800 lbs.
- PAIRS**
- 10 blk & bwf cows, 6 yrs w/ Jan. thru late Feb. Red Angus sired calves by side, calved all worked.
  - 30 blk, bwf, Red Angus & few Char cross cows, 3-6 yrs w/ Angus & crossbred 2-3 week calves by side.
  - 15 home raised Angus SimAngus & Red Angus OCV cows 3-7 yrs, most w/ Angus sired calves, balance heavy Springers.
  - 8 Ohlde genetic Angus cows 3-6 yrs w/30 day Trask Herf F1 calves by side.
- BRED COWS:**
- **COMPLETE DISPERSAL CONSISTING OF:** 30 home raised AI sired OCV Fall calving Angus cows, 3yrs to broken mouth, bred to BJ Angus bull to start calving late Aug.
  - 30 blk, bwf & Red Fall bred cows, 3-5 yrs, Angus bull turned in Dec. 1.
  - 45 mostly Red Angus & bwf cows, 3-8 years w/ Angus sired, 10-60 day calves by side.
  - 80 Angus cows 5-6 yrs, blk Limo & blk Simm bulls turned in Oct. 25th for Aug. 1 calving.
  - 15 mix cows, running ages, bred Angus bulls for Fall calves.
  - 3 blk Angus cows, 3 yrs & older, bred blk Angus bull 5 months.
  - 40 blk Angus cows, 4 yrs & older, bred blk bulls for June-Sept. calves.
  - 40 blk Fall calving cows 3-6 yrs, running w/Angus & BkSimm bulls since Dec 1
  - 70 blk Fall calving cows 3-6 yrs, running w/Polled Herf & Angus bulls since Dec 1
  - 14 homeraised herf Fall calving cows 3-7 yrs bred to Herf or Ang bulls after Dec 14
- BULLS:**
- 2 registered purebred Angus yearling bulls.
  - 3 registered Balancer yearling bulls.
  - 3 registered LBW calving ease blk Angus bull, Wisdom breeding, all shots.
  - 3 purebred Angus bulls, 18 mo.
  - 4 Angus bulls, 14 mo., Capitalist & Ag Solutions blood lines.
- If you have any consignments for this special sale, please give us a call so we may advertise them for you!*

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 5**

- 31 blk str & hfrs, 1 complete rd shots, 500-600 lbs.
- 60 choice home raised blk replacement quality hfrs, 675-750 lbs.
- 55 Heref str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, long weaned, 500-600 lbs.
- 35 bwf & Heref hfrs, 2 rds shots, long weaned, 650-750 lbs.
- 45 choice blk str & hfrs, 2 complete rd shots, 450-600 lbs.
- 35 blk str & hfrs Spring shots, weaned 5 mo., 500-650 lbs.
- 75 blk hfrs green, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 550-650 lbs.
- 30 choice Gelv Ang cross str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, 500-600 lbs.
- 50 blk & bwf str & hfrs, Dec. shots, 450-550 lbs.
- 120 Red Angus & blk Angus str & hfrs, complete rd shots, 400-600 lbs.
- 22 blk str & hfrs, 1 rd shots, 450-600 lbs.
- 20 mostly blk few red hfrs, weaned/2 rd shots, 650-800 lbs.
- 18 Simm Angus replacement hfrs, 775-825 lbs.
- 7 Heref OCV hfrs, 2 rds shots, weaned, 500-600 lbs.

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 19**

- 32 Sim cross str & hfrs, weaned 30 days, 2 complete rd shots, 500-550 lbs.

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# Saddle up for the 2019 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest

Cowboys and couplets, riders and rhyming will all be part of the 2019 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest which begins with two regional contests and culminates with the finals at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

“Current and aspiring cowboy poets are invited to enter our regional contests,” said poetry contest chair Ron Wilson of the Lazy T Ranch

near Manhattan. “The top four qualifiers at each regional contest can advance to the finals which will be held at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan on June 14.”

Qualifying contests will be held as follows: Friday, April 26, 7 p.m., J. H. Robbins Memorial Library, 219 N. Lincoln Street, Ellsworth; and Friday, May 3, 7 p.m., Rollin ‘Red’ Vandever Memorial Park,

home of the “Wilson County Old Iron Club,” 10392 Jade Road, Fredonia.

To enter, contestants should go to [www.cowboypoetrycontest.com](http://www.cowboypoetrycontest.com) to print out an entry form. Contestants can recite a serious poem, humorous poem or both. Awards will be presented in both categories. The finals will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 at the Discovery Center on the night before the

Symphony in the Flint Hills.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend all of these events. State champions at the finals will receive the Saddlejack Bradrick Award, the coveted Governor’s Buckle, discounts and gift certificates from leading western wear stores, and two tickets to the Symphony in the Flint Hills plus an opportunity to present their

poems in the story circle after the symphony. In addition, the state winners will be invited to compete in the National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo. It is not necessary to go through the state contest to enter the national rodeo because anyone can enter the National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo directly and are encouraged to do so, but the Kansas winners will have their entry fees paid by the Kansas contest.

to enter a regional contest, go to [www.cowboypoetrycontest.com](http://www.cowboypoetrycontest.com).

State contest committee members include: Orin Friesen, president, Kansas Chapter of the International Western Music Association, Benton; Jeff Davidson, Eureka; Brad Hamilton, Hoyt; Geff Dawson, Alma and Ron Wilson, Manhattan. For more information, visit [www.cowboypoetrycontest.com](http://www.cowboypoetrycontest.com).

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# Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade activity is light to moderate. Demand is moderate and prices have remained steady for all hay types. Conversations with producers on new crop indicate a hesitation to report, with most only being speculation on where this hay market will start off. The jury is divided as to whether the recent flooding in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri will affect the hay market. Although more hay is becoming available, most grinders have indicated that they are pretty well bought up until May, leaving some with a few extra loads they did not expect. Widespread light precipitation again occurred over the central plains, adding to farmers' and ranchers' frustrations. Long range predictions indicate above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures through May. On the positive side, it is officially spring and Kansas did see some warm and sunny days, allowing some farmers to get into the drier and sandier fields to get some much-needed work done. If you have hay, feed stuffs, fencing materials, equipment, etc. that you are willing to donate, please contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 1-800-831-0550. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: [www.hayexchange.com/ks.php](http://www.hayexchange.com/ks.php).

## Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 270.00-290.00. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow 190.00-200.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 170.00-180.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 195.00-205.00 with an instance at 210.00-220.00; Bluestem, premium small squares 140.00-150.00; Sudan:

large rounds 70.00-80.00; Cornstalks: Large rounds 65.00-75.00, ground and delivered 85.00-90.00; Wheat straw: large rounds 65.00-70.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 9,076T of grinding alfalfa and 750T of dairy alfalfa were delivered.

## South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, grass hay steady, ground/delivered 5.00 lower, alfalfa pellets mixed; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 200.00-210.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-215.00, Premium 175.00-200.00, Good 165.00-175.00. Stock cow, 185.00-195.00 delivered. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 150.00-160.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 175.00-185.00 with an instance at 195.00-200.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 215.00-220.00, 17 pct protein 220.00-230.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 265.00-275.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00/bale, large squares 130.00-140.00; Sudan: large rounds 75.00-85.00 with an instance at 100.00-110.00; Wheat Straw: large rounds 65.00-75.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 5,686T of grinding alfalfa and 1,025T of dairy alfalfa were delivered.

## Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 220.00-245.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 180.00-190.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 165.00-175.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, premium small squares 140.00-150.00. Good, mid squares 125.00-135.00, large squares, good quality 110.00-115.00, better quality, 130.00-140.00, large rounds 110.00-125.00 with an instance at 130.00. Brome, good, small squares 150.00-160.00, mid squares 140.00-150.00, large squares 145.00-155.00, large rounds 125.00-135.00; Sudan: large rounds 80.00-90.00; Oat hay, mid squares 150.00-160.00; Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 75.00-100.00. Mulch: large rounds 50.00-60.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 1,180T of grass hay was delivered.

## Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, move-

ment slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 220.00-230.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 160.00-165.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 140.00-150.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 150.00-160.00; Alfalfa/oat mix, large rounds 100.00-120.00.

## North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.00-10.00/bale. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock Cow, 195.00-200.00. Fair/Good, grinding alfalfa, 140.00-150.00 with an instance at 160.00. Ground and delivered 165.00-175.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00-8.50/bale, large squares 120.00-130.00, large rounds 100.00-110.00 with an instance at 125.00 to 135.00. Brome, small squares 9.00-10.00/bale, large squares 150.00-165.00, large rounds 115.00-125.00 with an instance at 140.00-150.00; Sudan: large rounds 80.00-90.00; Wheat Straw: small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, large squares 100.00-110.00, and large rounds 85.00-95.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 760T of grinding alfalfa and 350T of dairy alfalfa were delivered.

**\*\*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.**

\*CWF Certified Weed Free

\*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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# Consider soil temperature and seeding rate as planting time nears

By James Coover, Crop Production Agent, Wildcat Extension District

Corn planting is nearly upon us. However, this year has been much colder and wetter than usual and a delay to planting is expected. Last year, the year before, and on the five-year average, corn planting begins in the southeast the last week of March. However, last year the soil temperatures were a little warmer and it was sure a whole lot drier. Regardless, corn planting should ideally follow soil temperatures more than calendar dates.

## Importance of Temperature

The ideal soil temperature for corn germination is between 55 to 60 degrees. According to the K-State Extension corn production handbook, "Corn emergence at 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit may take 18 to 21 days, while at 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit, corn emerges in eight to ten days. Below 50 degrees Fahrenheit little, if any, germination can be expected." Even if soil temperatures get to 55 degrees on one warm day, the temperature needs to stay near this level for the germination duration. Corn sitting in the soil for weeks is subject to diseases, insects and a good germination rate is directly correlated with yields in corn. According to the Parsons Mesonet station, last year

we had some above 55-degree soil days in late March, but then an early April cold event dropped the temps well below that. This year it looks like we are getting close to good germination temperatures as well, if we don't get the same cold front event.

The reason for pushing the planting dates so early is to get the full season corn through its tasseling and pollination stage before the summer dry heat. There is some research to show that this is an effective strategy, but there are some differences among varieties. Recently, there has also been some research to show that later planted corn, as late as mid-June, can have comparable yields, sometimes even better yields. This, however, was dependent on the season and how the heat stress and rainfall patterns occurred with later planted corn out performing when the spring was colder and mid-summer had favorable temperatures and rainfall. Basically, the best corn yields are for those that can predict the future. Unable to predict the future, all I can tell you that NOAA is expecting this summer to be warmer and wetter than usual with an officially declared El Nino in effect.

## Importance of Seeding Rate

As stated by K-State Re-

search and Extension cropping specialist, Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti, "The optimal corn seeding rate for any situation will depend on the anticipated environment and how the hybrid responds to that environment." Some of this environment can be expected, like soil type and fertility, while some of it is unknown, like rainfall. Ignacio explains that if 5% of corn is barren at the end of the season, then the planting rate was too high, while if there are more than 600 kernels per ear and the second ear is contributing to yield, then the planting rate was too low. The planting rates on the southeastern side of Kansas tend to be closer to 26,000 to 30,000 range, which does a reasonable job with lining up with the yield expectations. Variable rate applications and seeding rates have given rise to many fields being planted to a number of seed-

ing rates depending on yield expectations on that specific soil quality. Still, a large part of the "yielding environment" depends on climate of that season. Much like the best planting timing, getting the perfect seeding rate means predicting the future.

Sources for this article include Dr. Ciampitti's eUpdate article, KSRE Corn Planting Guide, and the K-State Climate Office weather data library. If you have any questions over corn planting rates,

please contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, [jcoover@ksu.edu](mailto:jcoover@ksu.edu) or (620) 724-8233.

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The 25th Annual Herb Day will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in 4-H Hall at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 21st Street North and Ridge Road in Wichita. You will learn about selecting, planting, maintaining, and cooking with herbs! The National Herb of the Year for 2019 is Agastache, which will be featured in the demonstrations and seminars.

The featured chef is Chef Matt Wallen, executive chef for the Hyatt Regency, Wichita.

In addition, seminars by members of the Herb Society, Extension Master Gardeners, and Extension Agents will cover topics relating to growing and cooking with herbs.

Plant vendors from around the region will have herbs and other plants for sale.

Herb Day Events:

- Seminars in the Sunflower Room and the Demonstration Garden
- Master Gardener Plant Sale
- Herb Society Brunch & Lunch Sale
- Children's Activity
- Garden Magazine and Book Sale
- Vendors selling herbs and other garden related items
- Door Prizes
- Kansas Grown! Farmers' Market will be going on in the parking lot.
- Seminars in the Sunflower Room:
  - 8:30 Anise Hyssop & other Agastaches for Your Garden: Herb of the Year
  - 9:30 Pesto & Beyond (preserving your basil harvest this summer)
  - 11:00 Featured Speaker-Chef Matt Wallen, executive chef for the Hyatt Regency, Wichita
  - Seminars in the Demonstration Garden:
    - 8:00 Composting demonstration & talk
    - 9:00 Planning a Tea Garden & Making Refreshing Beverages this Summer
    - 10:00 How to Attract Pollinators with Herbs
    - 11:00 Thyme for a Terra Cotta Pot Wreath (demonstration)
    - 11:30 The Mint Family has Square Stems-Identifying and exploring the diverse plants in the mint family.

For more information: sedgwick.ksu.edu

**Second AgCon2019 brings business, government together to discuss ag futures markets**

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Kansas State University will offer AgCon2019 on April 11-12, 2019 to explore a range of current questions and topics facing the agricultural futures markets. The meeting is a follow up to last year's conference.

AgCon2019 will include a robust lineup of presentations and discussions by leading academic researchers, as well as distinguished voices from the private and governmental sectors. Panels and participants will explore a range of current questions and topics facing the agricultural futures markets.

The full agenda and registration information for AgCon2019 can be viewed at the AgCon2019 website.

Program highlights include a keynote from Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. There will also be a roundtable featuring CFTC Commissioners Brian Quintenz, Rostin Behnam, Dawn DeBerry Stump, and Dan Berkowitz.

This year's panels will be:

- Getting Your Fill: Futures Trading Matching Algorithms – Alternatives, How They Function, and Effect on Market Performance
- Back to Basis: Grain and Oilseed Futures Convergence – Storage-Rate Structure, Delivery Methods, and Delivery Accessibility
- Known Unknowns: Futures Markets' Responses to Scheduled Market Reports – Release Timing, Access, Timeouts, and Market Reactions
- Unknown Unknowns: Futures Markets' Responses to Significant News Events
- Hot Topics: Risk Management Across the Dairy, Pork, and Energy Sectors

"Kansas State University is proud to co-host the second annual agricultural commodity futures conference with the CFTC. The conference aligns perfectly with our Land Grant Mission to provide leadership in research and outreach to the agricultural and food industry," said Kansas State University President Richard Myers. "We look forward to an engaged forum among academic experts, government leaders, and industry executives to continue advancing our immensely important derivative market instruments."

Speakers from the government, academic research and business sectors will offer presentations and discussions over meals, as well.

Registration fees are: Industry \$600; Academe/Government \$300; and Student \$100. Media contact is Jennifer Merrill at jlmerrill@ksu.edu to register.

Full conference details can be found at https://www.k-state.edu/riskmanagement/conference1.html

**Broadleaf weed control awaits EPA registration**

Corteva Agriscience, the ag division of DowDuPont, unveiled DuraCor™ herbicide as its newest anticipated broadleaf weed-control product for pastures and rangeland. Pending EPA registration, the product would be the first new active ingredient for pastures and rangelands in nearly 15 years.

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400-500#	\$161.00-\$133.00				
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"I'm w-eally good at that, w-ight, Mom?" At two, that sureness is endearing. A few decades older, not always.

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16	567	170.00	20	655	141.25
9	659	169.00	69	722	134.00
4	683	153.00	18	748	131.00
8	725	148.50	21	811	124.50
17	793	139.75	17	931	122.00
18	868	136.50			
30	926	131.00			
15	955	128.25			
HEIFERS		TOP BUTCHER BULL:			
9	537	160.50			

## U.S. pork exports remain steady in 2018 despite challenges

Despite numerous challenges for most of 2018, sales of U.S. pork abroad remained relatively steady compared with 2017. For the year, U.S. pork and pork variety meat exports totaled 5.37 billion pounds, unchanged from 2017, and were valued at \$6.392 billion, which was down 1 percent from 2017.

"Without a doubt, 2018 was a difficult year for U.S. pork exports," said Bill Luckey, a pork producer from Columbus, Nebraska, and chair of the Pork Checkoff International Marketing committee. "Market-access challenges were the main reason."

Pork exports accounted for 25.7 percent of total 2018 U.S. pork and pork variety meat production. Export value per head averaged \$51.37, down 3.9 percent from 2017.

Despite market access challenges for many markets, 2018 export growth was strong in a few countries, including tremendous growth in South Korea and Colombia. Pork and pork variety meat exports to Korea were up 40 percent in volume and 41 percent in value, while exports to Colombia were up 39 percent in volume and 32 percent in value.

"With projections for increased pork production this year, the Pork Checkoff is committed to strengthening its partnership with its international customers," Luckey said. "The National Pork Board increased Checkoff funding by 12.7 percent over 2018 to increase exports around the globe. In fact, since 2014, the Checkoff has increased international marketing funding by more than 30 percent."

During 2018, more than 100 countries imported U.S. pork.

The top five U.S. pork export markets in total pounds were: Mexico (1.71 billion pounds), Japan (869 million pounds), China/Hong Kong (775 million pounds), South Korea (534 million pounds) and Canada (453 million pounds).

The top five U.S. pork export markets in total value were: Japan (\$1.62 billion), Mexico (\$1.31 billion), China/Hong Kong (\$851 million), Canada (\$764 million) and South Korea (\$670 million).

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17 bkbwf.....478@144.00	12 mix.....565@163.00
10 blk.....543@161.00	6 blk.....598@148.00
11 mix.....595@156.00	21 mix.....628@172.00
6 bkbwf.....501@154.00	10 bkbwf.....659@168.25
21 mix.....596@153.00	45 blk.....624@168.00
17 blk.....501@150.00	29 wf.....626@161.00
11 mix.....575@145.00	11 mix.....635@160.00
7 mix.....543@140.00	13 bkbwf.....679@160.00
7 blk.....618@155.00	34 mix.....690@149.00
10 bkbwf.....619@150.00	10 bkbwf.....761@151.00
7 mix.....651@145.50	8 mix.....751@150.50
8 bkbwf.....681@144.00	18 blk.....716@148.50
7 wf.....689@129.00	10 blk.....701@143.00
9 blk.....698@126.25	8 blk.....718@141.50
7 mix.....695@125.00	35 mix.....734@140.75
6 mix.....697@122.50	26 mix.....701@140.50
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15 mix.....742@127.50	8 wf.....756@137.00
9 mix.....736@127.00	10 blk.....731@135.00
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6 blk.....743@125.50	33 mix.....804@135.00
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9 blk.....853@125.50	11 bkbwf.....896@128.00
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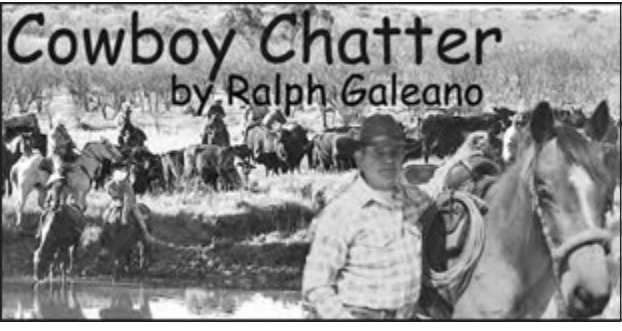
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# Cowboy Chatter

by Ralph Galeano

## The Lewis & Clark Expedition, Part I St. Louis to the Mandan Villages

President Thomas Jefferson had a deep interest in the vast stretch of land known as Louisiana. It was a huge area of 820,000 square miles west of the Mississippi River owned by France. Jefferson knew that his young nation needed more territory to expand and the prospect of an overland route across the continent to the Pacific Coast could create commerce that would be lucrative to the nation. It would also promote the profitable fur trade with Indian nations along the route.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 15 million dollars and more than doubled the size of the country. The cost amounted to three cents per acre. Congress authorized an expedition, planned by Thomas Jefferson, to explore the Louisiana Territory and proceed to the Pacific Ocean by way of the Missouri River east of the Rocky Mountains and the Columbia River west of the Rocky Mountains.

The overland expedition of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery, as the expedition was called, came to be known as one of the greatest feats of land exploration known to man.

Thomas Jefferson chose Meriwether Lewis as the commander of the expedition. Lewis was sent to Philadelphia for instruction in botany, zoology, celestial navigation and medicine from the nation's leading scientists. Lewis also began buying supplies to outfit the expedition.

Lewis chose William Clark, a former army comrade, to share the command of the expedition. They have a 55-foot keelboat built in Pittsburgh and take it down the Ohio River to the Mississippi where they establish a camp on the east side of the river, upstream of St. Louis.

Their keelboat had a three to four-foot draft, a 32-foot sailing mast, 22 oars, a rudder, and a tiller for steering. One swivel cannon was mounted on the bow with two smaller guns called blunderbusses. The boat had a cabin and lockers for storage that also served as walkways for poling, and had a total carrying capacity of around 12 tons. Two 40-foot planked boats called pirogues were purchased for the expedition and could hold around nine tons of cargo. Propulsion of the boats was by sail, oars, poling or being pulled by ropes from the shore or wading.

They set out in May of 1804 from the camp on the Missouri River near St. Louis. Travel on the Missouri was against the current and the magnitude of the effort needed to move the boats upstream was incredible. The entire crew consisted of less than four dozen men, the actual number is unknown.

Jefferson's instructions to the expedition were to survey the water route up the Missouri and to keep journals of the botany, zoology and accounts of different tribes of Indians encountered on the trip. Clark was the better river

man and was usually on the boat. Lewis spent much of his time walking on shore, hunting and making notes of the topography and studying the flora and fauna. The expedition relied on hunting to keep them in fresh meat and other foods such as berries, edible roots and wild fruits. Their boats were loaded with gunpowder, provisions, tools and material necessary for the journey. The cargo also included tons of goods used for trade with the Indian tribes they would encounter. Those goods also included many presents for the chiefs and other dignitaries of different tribes.

They found the going very hard against the current. Sudden storms endangered the boats and the many snags in the river required the men to man tow lines and pull the heavy boats across shallows and rapids. In late June, they reached the Kansas River, the future site of Kansas City. Here the river turns north and the party toiled on to where the Platte River entered the Missouri.

A few miles above the Platte, the party made a camp and met with Indians. By means of sign language and help from French trappers, they informed the Indians the white father in Washington wishes them to make peace with all tribes and not war on white men. They distributed gifts and medals of friendship.

In August, hunters kill their first buffalo as they near the land of the Teton Sioux Indians. They are near the James River and are eager to parlay with the notorious Sioux. The Sioux have caused trouble robbing and bullying traders and trappers from St. Louis. They have established themselves as trade monopolist in this region and have closed the river almost to St. Louis. They demand heavy tribute from those they allowed to pass and have terrorized neighboring tribes.

The party moves up the Missouri and nears the Teton River where they have a confrontation with the Teton Sioux who are war-like and known for brutality to trappers and traders. Lewis and Clark meet the Teton Sioux and arrange for a meeting with the chiefs. They hand out presents and tobacco and inform the chiefs of their friendly intentions. The Indians demand more presents and Lewis refuses. Many warriors arrive and it appears the Indians are preparing to stop the boats from moving up the river. Lewis and Clark order all their men to arms and assign guards to protect their boats.

Further parlay fails and the Sioux insist on more goods. They send warriors to hold the tow lines preventing the boats from moving away. The Indians string their bows and show a few firearms. After four days of negotiations, the

Indians refuse to let the party continue up the river. Captain Lewis orders the men to arms again and he personally loads and mans the swivel gun on the bow. Lewis informs the chiefs that his men are not squaws and they are ready to fight. The Teton Sioux retreat and the boats moved away and continued up the river.

The Sioux had met a new breed of white man. They could not be bullied or bluffed and were prepared to fight against overwhelming odds. Word spread among the tribes faster than the expedition traveled and the party had no more trouble with the Sioux.

North of what is now Bismarck, North Dakota, the Corps of Discovery reaches the villages of the Mandan and Hidatsa Indians. Some 4,500 people live in this area of the Missouri. That's more

than live in St. Louis or even Washington, D.C. at the time. The captains decide to winter near the villages and build Fort Mandan across the river from the main village. It is here that they hire the frontiersman, Touissant Charbonneau as an interpreter. Charbonneau's wife, Sacajawea, is a Shoshone and was captured five years earlier by the Hidatsa near the Three Forks of the Missouri. She tells of her people's summer camps near the mountains and that they have many horses.

Ice blocks the river and the Corps settles in at Fort Mandan for the winter. In December they record a temperature of 45-degrees below zero.

To be continued.  
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5 bkbwf 434@190.00	31 bkred 858@133.25	..... 646@139.00		
10 bkbwf 535@184.00	5 bkred 841@128.75	38 bkSim 742@127.75		
34 bwrfbf 589@176.75	3 blk 945@127.00	9 bkred 737@127.25		
HEIFERS				
16 bkbwf 628@170.50	13 bwrfbf 536@166.25	34 bkSim 818@125.50		
12 bkLim 500@166.50	6 blk 538@166.00	22 bkred 790@123.75		
13 bkLim 582@163.00	10 bkbwf 518@165.50	8 bwrfbf 916@118.75		
11 bkGry 678@162.00	31 bkbwf 466@165.00	8 bwrfbf 822@118.75		
9 bkLim 677@160.00	10 blk 487@164.00	3 bkbwf 1000@117.00		
8 bkbwf 650@157.50	23 bkLim 467@156.00	5 bkred 1209@96.00		
7 Ang 678@151.00	10 bkLim 550@153.00	BULLS		
41 bkbwrfb.....	20 bwrfbf 594@152.25	3 blk 418@156.00		
..... 749@143.50	18 bkbwf 568@149.00	3 blk 528@140.50		
10 Chr 745@139.50	4 wf 516@147.50	9 mix 791@120.00		
14 redrnf 689@138.00	7 blk 659@143.00			

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2 blk 1208@62.00	1 blk 1860@77.50	1 blk 1795@75.50	
1 blk 1675@62.00	1 blk 1645@74.00	1 blk 1400@73.50	
1 blk 1625@62.00			
1 Gelv 1630@61.50			
1 Sim 1555@61.50			
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- 60 blk bwf red cows, 3-8 yrs, half have Angus calves at side, Bal Springers. Bred to Angus bulls.
- 11 blk pairs, 10 yrs old w/ Fancy Angus calves at side.
- 15 blk Fall calving cows, 3-6 yrs old bred to Angus bulls.
- 125 bk bwf rbf Char X str & hfrs, 700-900 lbs, home raised, long time weaned and dbl. vac., running out.
- 70 blk str & hfrs, 600-800 lbs, home raised, long time weaned, dbl. vac., running out.
- 70 blk Char str & hfrs, 500-700 lbs, home raised, long time weaned, dbl. vac., running out.
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- 60 fall calving 5-6 year old pairs, calves will weigh 3-400, cows weaned and exposed for 90 days to Consensus sons
- 12 red & black fall pairs bred back to Red Angus bulls
- 16 red & black 5-6 year old spring pairs
- 15 black fall heifer pairs, calves are worked & weigh 3-400lbs, cows bred back to Angus bulls, FANCY
- 30 black/bwf fall bred heifers bred to Angus bulls, heifers have been pelvic measured & repro tract scored, will start calving 9/1, FANCY
- 12 black & red 2-3 year old pairs
- 20 black & red 3-5 year old pairs
- 12 red & black home raised first and second calf cows, bred to black bulls calving now
- 35 mostly black 3-5 year old pairs
- 35 black 5-6 year old heavy bred cows, bred black, Colorado origin
- 10 black heifer pairs
- 15 black bred heifers, calving now to black bulls
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8 blk bwf str 501@186.00	7 hols str 761@54.50		12 blk hfrs 527@158.75		
14 blk str 535@185.50			11 blk hfrs 589@153.00		
13 blk bwf str 412@184.00			8 blk bwf hfrs 619@148.25		
4 blk str 487@182.00			11 blk bwf hfrs 629@146.25		
4 blk str 570@178.00			26 blk hfrs 645@144.75		
8 blk str 560@177.00			7 blk hfrs 655@144.00		
5 blk bwf str 612@172.50			5 blk gry hfrs 666@136.50		
13 blk str 610@171.00			43 blk hfrs 774@136.00		
6 blk bwf str 624@170.50			39 blk bwf hfrs 690@133.00		
9 blk str 639@167.00			65 mix hfrs 772@132.25		
20 blk red str 662@163.75			7 blk hfrs 805@132.00		
15 blk str 531@160.00			65 mix hfrs 758@131.75		
20 blk bwf str 711@156.75			8 herd hfrs 687@127.00		
15 blk bwf str 605@153.00			9 herd hfrs 796@127.00		
13 blk str 714@152.50			5 blk hfrs 1005@120.00		
20 blk str 719@151.00					
49 blk red str 792@143.60					
8 blk str 810@139.75					
179 blk red str 872@135.60					

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# NRCS announces ranking deadline for Agricultural Conservation Easement Program in Kansas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (ACEP) to provide funding for the purchase of conservation easements to help productive farm and ranch lands remain in agriculture and protect critical wetlands. Completed application packets must be submitted by May 17, 2019, to be considered for 2019 funding.

"Conservation easements provide many public benefits to Kansans, including protection of open spaces, wildlife habitat, and wetland restoration and protection," said Karen A. Woodrich, Kansas state conservationist. "We encourage private landowners, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organizations to contact their local NRCS office to obtain information on how to apply."

Through the ACEP, NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to secure easements for both working agricultural lands and for wetlands. The program has two components: one for Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) and one for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE).

The ACEP-ALE component protects the long-term viability

of the nation's food supply by preventing conversion of productive croplands and grasslands to nonagricultural uses. The ACEP-WRE component restores wetlands to provide habitat for wildlife, including threatened and endangered species; improve water quality by filtering sediments and chemicals; reduce flooding; recharge groundwater; and protect biological diversity.

Eligible landowners can choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year easement. Tribal landowners also have the option of enrolling in 30-year contracts.

NRCS staff and partners will work with applicants to help them through the application process for ACEP-WRE. Land Trusts and other eligible entities in Kansas will work with landowners to help them through the application process for ACEP-ALE and provide one-on-one assistance to create the conservation easement that works best for their farming or ranching operation.

It is important that applicants provide accurate records of ownership and ensure they have established a record of ownership with USDA's Farm Service Agency. Application informa-

tion is available at your local USDA Service Center and at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted).

Completed application packets must be received by May 17, 2019 to be ranked and considered for funding for both ACEP-ALE and ACEP-WRE. There are multiple steps and items that are needed for landowners to complete an application packet. Go to the Kansas NRCS website or stop by the local NRCS office for more information on the ACEP-WRE application process. The local NRCS office can also provide contact information for Land Trusts and other eligible entities for those landowners interested in ACEP-ALE. Completed application packets submitted after May 17, 2019, for ACEP-WRE or ACEP-ALE will be deferred to the next funding cycle.

For more information, visit the Kansas NRCS website at: [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs) or your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center. To find a service center near you, check on the Internet at [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov). Follow us on Twitter @NRCS\_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

# Inviting the world to farm through a video game

**By Katherine Mundorf**

There's a new video game in town – one that educators actually want students to play.

The "AgPocalypse" game helps students understand agriculture, and natural resources and make decisions that affect outcomes of both. Jeyam Subbiah, Kenneth E. Morrison Distinguished Professor of Food Engineering, Biological Systems Engineering and Food Science and Technology, formed the game idea, then created a team of University of Nebraska-Lincoln colleagues to pull it all together.

**Collaborators**

Assistant professors of biological systems engineering Ashu Guru and Jenny Keshwani, assistant professor Colleen Syron of the university's School of Art, Art History and Design, recent university graduate Jacob Eiserman and students from the Raikes School of Computer Science and Management combined their diverse skills to create AgPocalypse 2050.

The game focuses on the corn, water, beef and ethanol systems in Nebraska, but Subbiah is hopeful that it can be expanded to other crops and

livestock to match other states' and countries' agricultural practices. The game provides a scenario in which each player has a farm and must make decisions that affect the farm and its success.

**Systems and Decisions**

Jenny Keshwani is in charge of the educational component of the game and makes sure the objectives for each level reflect the concept of systems thinking, which teaches students about cause and effect through agricultural systems.

"If a system changes, let's say, how much I water my crops, it's going to affect lots of things down the road," Keshwani explained. Throughout the game, students are given multiple opportunities to make decisions for their farm, like when to irrigate and what crop to plant. Students are given various models and resources to help influence their choice for the best possible outcome. This way, students from both urban and rural backgrounds have the knowledge necessary to be successful at this game.

**Creating the Game**

Guru works with the game's function, while Syron and her students are in charge

of the graphic design and visual aspects of the video game.

"The best thing that came out of this project is the collaboration between the engineering students and the art students," Subbiah noted. Student Jacob Eiserman came up with the name AgPocalypse and helped guide the other students working on the graphics to be sure the game has visual appeal.

Guru is a teaching and learning specialist at the university. He guided the students creating the graphics with his experience of more than a decade in computer science and software development. Guru worked with the game platform and game logic associated with the game's levels. Since the audience can range from middle school students to high school students to university undergraduate students, the video game has to be educational and challenging for all age groups.

"We are developing some board games which allow you to think strategically while physically interacting with the objects," Guru explained.

**Game Launch**

The game was launched during 4-H summer camps in the summer of 2018. The game will be more widely released by the summer of 2019.

AgPocalypse also will be implemented into the curriculum for the Urban Agriculture and Natural Resources Academy at Omaha's Bryan High School, which currently is the only agricultural program in the

Omaha Public Schools district. Subbiah and the rest of the team hope that other schools will adopt the game into their curriculum so that urban students have the opportunity to learn more about agriculture

and the decision-making process that farmers go through every day. The video game will start out online, but will be moved to a mobile app to make it easier for users to play.

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