USDA announces details of support package for farmers U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has announced further details of the \$16 billion package aimed at supporting American agricultural producers while the administration continues to work on free, fair, and reciprocal

In May, President Trump directed Perdue to craft a relief strategy in line with the estimated impacts of unjustified retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural goods and other trade disruptions. The Market Facilitation Program (MFP), Food Purchase and Distribution Program (FPDP), and Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) will assist agricultural producers while President Trump works to address long-standing market access barriers.

"China and other nations have not played by the rules for a long time, and President Trump is the first President to stand up to them and send a clear message that the United States will no longer tolerate unfair trade practices," Perdue said, "The details we announced today ensure farmers will not stand alone in facing unjustified retaliatory tariffs while President Trump continues working to solidify better and stronger trade deals around the globe.

"Our team at USDA reflected on what worked well and gathered feedback on last year's program to make this one even stronger and more effective for farmers. Our farmers work hard, are the most productive in the world, and we aim to match their enthusiasm and patriotism as we support them," he added.

Details of USDA's Market Facilitation Program (MFP)

MFP signup at local FSA offices will run from Monday, July 29 through Friday, December 6, 2019.

Payments will be made

by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under the authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act to producers of alfalfa hay, barley, canola, corn, crambe, dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils. long grain and medium grain rice, millet, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton, and wheat. MFP assistance for those non-specialty crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm's total plantings of MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per-acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. A producer's total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. County payment rates range from \$15 to \$150 per acre, depending on the impact of unjustified trade retali-

ation in that county. Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15,

MFP payments will also be made to producers of almonds, cranberries, cultivated ginseng, fresh grapes, fresh sweet cherries, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. Each specialty crop will receive a payment based on 2019 acres of fruit or nut bearing plants, or in the case of ginseng, based on harvested acres in 2019.

Acreage of non-specialty crops and cover crops must be planted by August 1, 2019 to be considered eligible for MFP

The MFP rule and a related Notice of Funding Availability will be published in the Federal Register on July 29, 2019, when signup begins at local FSA offices. Per-acre non-specialty crop county payment rates, specialty crop payment rates, and livestock payment rates are all currently available on farmers.gov.

MFP payments will be made in up to three tranches, with the second and third tranches evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate. If conditions warrant, the second and third tranches will be made in November and early January, respectively. The first tranche will be comprised of the higher of either 50 percent of a producer's calculated payment or \$15 per acre, which may reduce potential payments to be made in tranches two or three. USDA will begin making first tranche payments in mid-to-

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for

non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 of less than \$900,000 or, 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's average AGI for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

Many producers were affected by natural disasters this spring, such as flooding, that kept them out of the field for extended periods of time. Producers who filed a prevented planting claim and planted an FSA-certified cover crop, with the potential to be harvested qualify for a \$15 per acre payment. Acres that were never planted in 2019 are not eligible for an MFP payment.

In June, H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 was signed into law by President Trump, requiring a change to the first round of MFP assistance provided in 2018. Producers previously deemed ineligible for MFP in 2018 because they had an average AGI level higher than \$900,000 may now be eligible for 2018 MFP benefits. Those producers must be able

to verify 75 percent or more of

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their average AGI was derived from farming and ranching to qualify. This supplemental MFP signup period will run

parallel to the 2019 MFP sig-

nup, from July 29 through De-

cember 6, 2019.

For more information on the MFP, visit www.farmers. gov/mfp or contact your local FSA office, which can be found at www.farmers.gov.

Herefords make history on the hill

The 2019 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) made history as the last youth exhibition to be hosted in Stadium Arena at the National Western Stock Show facility in Denver, July 6-13. The event was hosted by the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA), the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and several host state Hereford associations including Oregon, Washington, California-Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado.

This year's JNHE showcased the talents of NJHA members both in the showring and in various contests. Bailey Clanton, the national shows coordinator and youth activities assistant for the American Hereford Association (AHA), emphasized how the activities and family atmosphere of this year's JNHE truly made Hereford's time on the Hill historic.

"The 2019 JNHE was a great opportunity for all of our exhibitors to experience the National Western Complex and show in Stadium Arena," said Clanton. "Not only did the western states do a great job hosting a JNHE closer to home, but the entire junior membership made history as the last group of exhibitors to compete at a junior national held in Stadium Arena. Looking ahead decades from now, I think our young exhibitors are going to realize how monumental Herefords on the Hill was."

The event also debuted the inaugural Bridging the Gap College and Career Fair, which allowed NJHA members to connect with collegiate and industry professionals. Events throughout the week included scholarship interviews, public speaking, a 5K race, sales and marketing demonstrations, a cook-off and networking opportunities. The livestock show included bred-and-owned females, cow-calf pairs, steers, bredand-owned bulls and owned females.

An impressive 1,179 entries were exhibited at this year's JNHE. These entries represented more than 800 exhibitors from 38 states and Canada.

"An event of this magnitude takes many, many teams working together and it is so rewarding to see this teamwork produce what I would consider the best Junior National Hereford Expo to date," said Amy Cowan, AHA director of youth activities and foundation. "History was definitely made as NJHA members exhibited their Hereford genetics and hard work in Stadium Arena and even got to tie out in the Yards. Our gracious sponsors, the Western States Host Committee and the National Western Stock Show put their best foot forward for exhibitors and their families as we showcased Herefords on the Hill and the 2019 JNHE became a part of the National Western's iconic history."

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calving cows which were finding good interest on the better kind.

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Grass & Grain, July 30, 2019

K-State field day to celebrate 30 years of subsurface drip irrigation research Through drought and wind, hail and rain, for 30 years Kansas State University researchers have studied subsurface drip irrigation technology for field crop production. To mark the anniversary, K-State's Northwest Research-Extension Center at Colby will host a special anniversary SDI Technology Field

105 Experiment Farm Road

"This is where growers can come to have their questions answered," said Freddie Lamm, research irrigation engineer with K-State Research and Extension. "We've built in plenty of opportunities for this to be an interactive day.'

The field day, from 2:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., features presentations by K-State Research and Extension specialists in engineering and agricultural economics, plus field tour stops, refreshments, poster presentations on SDI-related topics, a trade show and an evening meal. Additionally, there will be speakers from South Dakota State University and from the USDA-ARS CPRL. Producers

who are using SDI technology will give their perspective in a panel discussion.

The event is free and open to the public but pre-registration is requested for meal planning purposes. Online preregistration is available at https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/ sdi/events/ or by contacting Vicki Brown at vbrown@ksu. edu or 785-462-6281 and indicate the number of people registering.

Tour topics include:

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By David G. Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension Agent, Crops & Soils/Horticulture

Day on Wednesday, Aug. 7 at

You can have a really nice pasture with good perimeter fence, the opportunity for cross-fencing or rotational grazing, and even no weeds or brush to speak of – and not have a lot if you don't have

water. Without it, the type of

matter. It's going to be an uphill battle without a good water source.

That's why All About Water is the focus of the third (and final) in our Tailgate Talk forage education series scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. northeast of Valley Falls. Jim and Susan Phillips will be our

just northeast of Valley Falls, one and a half miles east of the junction of Highways K-4 and K-16 (watch for signs). We'll meet at their commodity storage site on the north side of Highway K-16 and kick off the evening with a light supper sponsored by the Jefferson County Conservation District.

After supper, it's All About

Water. K-State watershed specialists Will Boyer (Northeast Kansas) and Herschel George (Southeast Kansas) will share some of their ideas for enhancing the availability of water on your farm, in hopes of making existing water sources potentially even more valuable. Their focus will be on moving water from an existing source to other areas of the pasture, whether needed in a single location to keep animals out of a water body or in multiple

(AP) - Chinese companies

are willing to import more

U.S. farm goods, the Ministry

of Commerce said Thursday,

as envoys prepared to meet in

Shanghai this week for talks

peared to be aimed at defusing

President Donald Trump's crit-

icism that Beijing was back-

sliding on a promise to narrow

its trade surplus with the Unit-

ed States by purchasing more

Feng, confirmed that trade en-

voys Tuesday will hold their

first face-to-face talks since

A ministry spokesman, Gao

American farm products.

The announcement ap-

aimed at ending a tariff war.

sary in a rotational grazing system. They will be demonstrating some of the work they have been doing with solar and bilge pumps, as well as other ideas - and limitations - for moving water from one location to another. Their presentation will demonstrate some of these tools, with plenty of time for questions and interaction.

To help with meal arrangements, please RSVP to the Oskaloosa Office of the Mead-

Chinese importers looking at

buying more U.S. farm goods

Tuesday, August 6th by calling (785) 863-2212. You can also RSVP via e-mail to me at dhallaue@ksu.edu . Special thanks to the Jefferson County Conservation District for making the meal possible.

If you need ideas about getting water from point A to point B - you will want to be in attendance to check out what Herschel and Will have to demonstrate.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019 9:00 AM LOCATION: 9312 N. Willison Rd. — BUHLER, KS 67522. 1 mile west & 1 mile north of Buhler.

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& boomers; 2 trailers w/misc. farm supplies. Lawn & Garden, Household & Collectibles: 2-man Paddle Boat; JD LX 188 Riding Mower-48"; portable lawn sprayer; Professional Back Pak sprayer, Lawn & Garden Tools, Stihl tiller (mini); Western Flyer wagon; bicycles; firewood; Weber grill; Char-Broil In fared grill; ice cream freezers: old milk cans: license plates: coal buck ets: pitcher pump; hav track carrier; wooden pul levs; Royal Racer sled; bushel baskets; wooder wheelbarrow; pumpkin wagon; dresser & chest of drawers; misc. chairs & rockers; desk-hutch combo; china hutch; night stands; lamps; parlor chairs; copper boiler & tea kettle; Bernina em broidery machine; Singer sewing machine; sew ing supplies; large selection of decorating items large selection of greenery; wreath & baskets misc. figurines; wire baskets; rollaway organizers old quilts; apron collection; old childrens games & toys; Lincoln Logs; vintage baby shoes; doll bed; Fisher Price toys; lots of pictures & frames wooden signs & crafts; misc, shelving; canners & cookers; roasters; pots & pans; granite pots & pans; vintage kitchen utensils; fans; flower vases; West Bend & Bunn coffee makers; misc. glassware; silverware; World Books; glass & clay flower pots: crocks: Coca Cola memorabilia: old wooden boxes; plus more.

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that has battered exporters and rattled financial markets. U.S. Treasury Secretary

Steven Mnuchin said earlier in Washington that he and Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer would meet Chinese officials.

Gao said Chinese importers will negotiate with U.S. suppliers of farm goods, though he said there was "no direct relationship" with the talks. "Chinese companies have

the willingness to continue importing some agricultural products from the United States.' Gao said at a news conference. "They have already inquired and will negotiate contracts with U.S. suppliers."

Beijing blocked imports of U.S. soybeans and raised tariffs on other farm products in response to Trump's duty increases on Chinese goods in response to complaints about China's technology develop-

China agreed last year to buy more American agricultural goods, natural gas and other exports but scrapped that after one of Trump's tariff

The Chinese government said in June that any purchases must be at a reasonable level, suggesting Beijing was becoming more cautious about making commitments before it sees what Washington offers in exchange. Trump recently accused Beijing of backsliding, saying on Twitter that "China is letting us down."

Asked whether Washington must lift curbs on technology sales to Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei for talks to make progress, Gao said Beijing wants the United States to "stop using erroneous government measures to suppress Chinese enterprises."

He gave no details. Trump imposed curbs last month on exports of U.S. components and technology to Huawei Technologies Ltd., China's first global tech brand. The company has warned its sales of smartphones and network equipment will be badly

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North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered

Hay market trade and demand remains slow, in part because everyone is in the hay field baling hay, but also supplies are good, particularly for grinder hay. This market seems to be still trying to find itself; pinning down new crop hay prices has proven difficult this season. There has been a wide variety in price being reported, even within the same region, and the feeling is that Mother Nature and her unpredictable weather patterns are to blame. Most alfalfa producers are in the middle to end of their second cutting, and some have started their third. Grass hay producers report that, over all, the brome crop preformed nicely but prairie hay is a bit lighter than normal, whatever normal is these days. Hot, dry weather was the norm this past week with only a few isolated showers reported but a cool down is forecast. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hav Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered, steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 225.00-235.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-226.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow new crop 160.00-180.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, new crop 120.00-140.00, with instances at 145.00-155.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, new crop 150.00-170.00, with an instance at 180.00-185.00; Grass Hay: buffalo/bermuda mix small squares 6.50-7.50/bale,

Finalists selected for Four finalists have been selected for the prestigious 2019 Kansas Leopold Conservation

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The finalists are:

Ted Alexander of Sun City in Barber County. Native plant and wildlife diversity have flourished thanks to conservation practices implemented at Alexander Ranch. Removing thousands of acres of invasive Eastern Red Cedar trees through cutting and prescribed burning has improved water quality in the ranch's creeks. Researchers have documented an influx of reptiles, amphibians and diverse vegetation to the ranch. Habitat for lesser prairie chickens have been restored, and the ranch's beef cattle benefit from a managed-intensive rotational graz-

Vance and Louise Ehmke of Healy in Lane County. To remain profitable while conserving soil and water, these fourth-generation farmers experiment with crops like triticale. This cross between wheat and rye is popular as cattle feed and produces enough crop residue to protect fields from soil erosion. With more than 50 playas on their land, the Ehmkes are involved in research, education and outreach on playas' contribution to recharging the Ogallala aquifer. They have also enrolled hundreds of acres into conservation program for migratory bird, butterfly and pollinator

Dwane Roth of Manhattan

large rounds 65.00-75.00. Wheat straw: large rounds 50.00-60.00. The week of 7/14-7/20, 7,914T of grinding alfalfa and 175T of dairy alfalfa was reported delivered.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, alfalfa pellets, steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 200.00-210.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-225.00, Premium 175.00-200.00, Good 165.00-175.00. Stock cow, 140.00-160.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, new crop 90.00-110.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots new crop 140.00-150.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 200.00-210.00, 17 pct protein 210.00-220.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 305.00-315.00; Teff hay, mid squares 135.00-145.00. The week of 7/14-7/20, 4,106T of grinding alfalfa and 245T of dairy alfalfa was reported delivered.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 220.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00-1.10/point RFV. Stock cow 150.00-180.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, none reported. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: new crop bluestem, Good, mid to large squares, 85.00-110.00, large rounds 80.00-100.00. New crop brome, good, small squares 130.00-140.00, mid to large squares 120.00-150.00, large rounds 90.00-100.00, lesser quality 75.00-85.00; Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 75.00-90.00. The week of 7/14-7/20, 1,280T of grass hay was delivered.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 215.00-225.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 2019 Kansas Leopold

in Riley County. Roth owns

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servation Award will be presented at the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts' 75th Annual Convention in Wichita in November. The award recipient will receive \$10,000 and a crystal depicting Aldo Leopold. "Kansas Association of Conservation Districts is ex-

cited to recognize these outstanding landowners who are committed to conservation on their land," said Dan Meyerhoff, KACD Executive Director. "We are proud to partner with Sand County Foundation and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas to give these families the recognition they deserve."

"The Ranchland Trust of Kansas would like to congratulate this year's finalists for the 2019 Leopold Award. Sharing their stewardship successes is critical to spreading the word about how sound

"Leopold Conservation Award recipients are at the forefront of a movement by America's farmers and ranchers to simultaneously achieve economic and en-Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation President and

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to sustain a 1,200-head bison corn silage Specialist gives tips to or alfalfa. Crops like corn si-

University of Missouri Extension dairy specialist Ted Probert says this is a good time to review management practices to harvest good quality silage.

He offers the following

- Prepare the storage structure. Empty, clean and inspect bunkers and towers for structural damage. If storing in bags, choose and prepare a hard-surface site in a welldrained area. This preserves the silage's quality and make it easier to feed.
- Harvest at the right stage. Harvest when dry matter (DM) content is right. Chop corn at the following dry matter content percentages for best results: 30-35% for bunkers, 32-37% for conventional tower silos, 40-45% for limited-oxygen silos and 35% for silo bags. Estimate DM content by looking at the kernel milk line, says Probert. The best level is when kernels reach the 1/2 to 2/3 milk line stage.
- For more accuracy, chop ten corn plants and run them through the chopper. Measure DM with a moisture tester or microwave oven. Silage harvested too soon (moisture too high) results in poor fermentation, nutrient loss through seepage and poor animal performance due to low consumption. Dry plants, caused by delayed harvest, result in difficult packing, molding and • Chop at the proper length.
- Chop length should be short enough for easy packing but not short enough to compromise effective fiber in animal diets. Probert suggests an average length of cut range from 3/8 to 3/4 inch for unprocessed silage and 3/4 inch with a 1-2 mm roller clearance for processed silage.
- Fill correctly. This is a critical step, especially for

bunkers, says Probert. Line

the inside walls of the silo with

plastic prior to filling to reduce seeping and spoilage. Fill the silo quickly and pack well. Packing increases the density of the pile. Tighter packing results in greater oxygen exclusion and better fermentation. Shoot for a target packing density of at least 14 pounds per cubic foot. Consider fill rate and vehicle packing weight. To calculate packing weight for filling a bunker, use this equation: Optimum packing vehicle weight (lbs.) = filling rate (tons/hour) 800.

• Cover the silo. Cover the

some wood flooring).

many assorted items

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silage quality. There are two types of silage inoculants fermentation aids and spoilage inhibitors. Fermentation aids rapidly lower pH. They work best with crops with low amounts of fermentable carbohydrate, such as grass

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the silage making process. "Data of this kind can be valuable in identifying aspects of harvest and storage practices that could be improved in future harvest seasons," says

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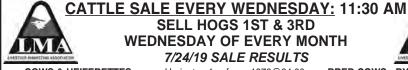
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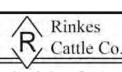
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sistive technology, help from

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provement in the health of U.S.

seniors in recent decades have

helped them remain productive

well into their 60s, 70s and

longer can restrict land options

of younger farmers, making it

harder for beginners to crack

into the industry, experts say.

They worry that without the

older farmers, there might not

be enough younger people in-

terested in agriculture to sup-

port America's food produc-

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"When it comes to machine work, climbing in and McManus says he's still able to hop on the tractor and maintain out of the (tractor) is about the 160 acres of cherry trees at as much energy as it requires to do things. And in terms of

steering, auto guidance has just

been a freaking game chang-

er," says John Phipps, 71, a

commentator for Farm Journal and Top Producer magazines who maintains more than 2,000 acres of farmland with his son in eastern Illinois. McManus says cellphones have also been "a big help to keep track of the help and what's going on," though a recent car accident and subsequent back surgery have forced

him to more actively consider

stepping away from the op-Many farmers who need help because of aging or disability turn to Agrability, a partially government-funded program that helps them more easily maintain their farms. Bill Field, a professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University and the project director at Agrability's national hub in Indiana, says more than 1,500 consultants were sent to individual farms last year to assess the need

and determine what resources

might be available. For farmers with considerable mobility issues, Agrability may recommend equipment manufacturers of assistive technology. For others who are battling arthritis or the wear and tear of age, options include different watering or harvesting methods, rigging additional lighting to tractors for improved visibility. The program also may recommend using more automated equipment or installing handrails to help workers better navigate the farm.

"Our biggest-single call which data was available. The we get tends to be related to age has ticked up by half a year mobility because of arthritis and aging," he says. "It's since 2012, despite the median age of the entire labor force sometimes little things. When you're working in the afterfalling slightly over the same noon, (we tell older farmers to) keep your windshield clean. Nearly 29 percent of farmers were at least 65 years of age We lose about a third of our last year, and less than 13 perlight-capturing ability by the time we're 70." cent were under the age of 35. Experts say steep equipment Field, 70, owns more than costs, limited land availabilitwo dozen head of cattle and nearly a dozen tractors and ty and competition from older farmers are among the reasons

says he has no plans to walk younger workers struggle to away from farm life. He says he isn't surprised by the grow-"With the cost of land and ing number of older workers reaching out to the program, equipment, I don't know how and he's encouraged older you can make it work (as a young farmer). It'll cost \$1 farmers are opting to stick million to get into it," McMa-Mark Hosier, a 58-year-old Agriculture's age imbalfarmer and Alexandria, Indi-

ance and the barriers to entry ana, native who farms corn, for young farmers have not beans and cash crops while gone unnoticed by U.S. lawbreeding and selling show pigs, called on Agrability after makers. A House panel held a 2,000-pound bale of hay a hearing recently to start adfell from the forks of Hosidressing the challenges faced er's tractor in 2006, leaving him paralyzed from the waist "It's important and it's my job to ensure Congress and this down. He's been able to keep administration hear these stohis operation running thanks ries loud and clear," said Demto assistive lifts on his tractor, ocratic Rep. Abby Finkenauer on the back of his truck and on of Iowa, who leads the House his combine that he says have Small Business subcommittee

been instrumental in keeping him on the farm. "It does make you feel like a productive citizen. You go out here, and you're earning

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says.

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released details recently of the 2019 Market Facilitation Program (MFP) payments announced by the administration in May. MFP will provide up to \$14.5 billion to producers, including soybean farmers, in up to three tranches starting with a first round of payments this August.

Payment rates vary by county from \$15 to \$150 per acre based on USDA's calculated damages from tariffs in each individual county affected - most in the \$50 to \$75 range per acre, according to USDA. That single-county rate will be multiplied by a farm's total planted acreage for all MFP-eligible crops in aggregate for 2019, not to exceed total 2018 plantings.

Davie Stephens, president of the American Soybean Association (ASA) and soybean grower from Clinton, Kentucky, said, "The county rate for farmers in areas with a higher percentage of crops suffering from negative trade impacts will receive a higher offset for the damages we have seen because of the tariffs. We appreciate the administration's effort to determine how the payments will work and hope our soybean growers-no matter where their farms are and what is planted there—feel some relief from this assistance."

ASA is glad that the administration continues to recognize the ongoing struggle of sovbean farmers caught in the middle of the trade war with China. Soybean growers were also pleased with the Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) funding announced by USDA, as those funds granted to the soybean industry will support new market development. Yet, ASA continues to ask for a quick and positive resolution to the current tariff on U.S. beans going to China that has disrupted the market.

Sign-up for farmers with eligible crops begins Monday, July

29, with those who are first to sign up expected to receive an initial payment equal to 50% of what they are eligible for in mid to late August. Second and third payments, each equal to 25% of the total qualifying payment, are slated for November 2019 and January 2020 contingent upon market conditions and trade opportunities. Producers can continue to sign up through December 6, 2019.

Farmers who earn 75% or more of their income from agriculentity; No applicant can receive more than \$500,000 total.

ture will be eligible for up to the \$250,000 MFP payment limit and retroactively eligible for up to the \$125,000 payment limit for the 2018 program. MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity and a combined \$250,000 for hog or dairy farmers per person or legal

Plan, monitor and heat stress on cattle It's a hot topic every sumation and the damaging effects gy use and protein deposition drawn from resources such

"Heat stress is the largest impediment to efficient animal agriculture," said Rob Rhoads, Virginia Tech. He presented with University of California-Davis colleague Frank Mitloehner for a symposium on the topic at the American Society of Animal Scientists annual meeting in

Rhoads focused on what happens inside cattle as they respond to a detrimental heat

"Cattle start to change their nutrient partitioning and their fuel selection, in terms of fatty acids versus carbohydrates or glucose," he said. "It takes a lot of energy for muscle to grow and for lean tissue accretion—during heat stress, we're seeing changes that prevent the animal from

appropriately."

The metabolic impact of heat stress is more than reduced feed intake, once considered the main driver. Rhoads said.

Take gut health for example. Excessive panting and drooling from heat stress can upset the gut or even lead to internal leaks and rumen acidosis. Immune challenges initiate an inflammatory response and more injury risk.

Mitloehner addressed the impact on carcass character-

"We found that animals provided with shade have a much higher quality grade," he said of earlier research. 'We see about twice as many Choice carcasses in shaded versus unshaded cattle."

Rhoads said preparing cattle for prolonged heat or heat as the Temperature Humidity Index (THI) that predicts when that combination will affect animals.

The longtime established 72°F threshold for heat stress has been lowered to 68°F based on recent Arizona research, he noted, partly because more efficient animals produce more metabolic heat.

Two resources developed in Australia include the heat load index for gauging environmental impacts, and the panting score system that correlates with body temperature.

"Right now the biggest thing that cattle producers can do to combat heat stress really revolves around infrastructure and management decisions,' Rhoads said.

Providing shade and cool water, and only feeding or working cattle in the cool of from an elevated heat load.

Cool water is especially critical, particularly if it warms to more than 95°F, Rhoads said. Such temperatures not only impair the ability to dissipate heat, "but then they also want to drink less... that's going to negatively impact their heat load and affect how the animals respond to

Shade and ventilation systems have a profound impact on feedyard cattle and profitability, Mitloehner said: "In fact, providing shade led to an \$18 (per head) improvement in performance and carcass characteristics."

While that dollar improvement is the same as the expense to set up, that cost only occurs once so the improvement breaks even after one year. The West Texas shade stress and increased performance of Angus cross cattle, and eventual financial advantage for feedvards.

"What's more important than anything else is what these shades do to the soil surface temperature," Mitloehner said. "Because what shades really do is not so much cooling the ambient air-the air you would measure with a normal thermometer-but what they do is they cool the surface temperature of the

Heat-stressed cattle will stand to dissipate heat, but if the ground is half the air temperature because of shades. they will lay down. "That's why they work-and dome shades do an even better job than the metal type shades," Mitloehner said.

"When I did my Ph.D. almost 20 years ago in West no need for shades, and they found all different kinds of reasons as to why one wouldn't need shade. I disagreed back then, and I even more disagree today because I find profound improvements,"

Seeing shades benefit Arizona, New Mexico and some California feedvards, the researcher said he believes they could have great impact in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, too.

"If people have doubts, then there's a very simple way of finding out. Install shades in four of your pens," he suggested, "and you'll see that not just your cattle, but you will like it as well."

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using fuel substrates for ener-Texas, people felt that there's the day can prevent solar radiwaves involves thresholds pilots treatment to reduce blue-green algae in public lakes; Milford Gathering Pond treated July 23

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) initiated, on July 23, a project to treat the Milford Gathering Pond, located near the outlet of Milford Reservoir in Geary County, with a hydrogen peroxide-based algaecide. This project is part of the KDHE's efforts to investigate and demonstrate in-lake treatment options to reduce the frequency and duration of Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) events on public lakes. The Milford Gathering Pond has been on a Public Health Advisory Warning due to HABs

The Milford Gathering Pond has a surface area of about 100 acres. The current application is directed at a 75-acre portion of this pond, with a treatment depth of three feet, totaling 225 acre-feet of treated lake water. The work is being conducted by a State of Kansas contractor, utilizing an EPA-registered aquatic algaecide and precision application equipment, to complete a targeted treatment for control of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). Peroxide-based algaecides can provide rapid, targeted in-lake management of HABs. Effects on desirable plants, fish and other aquatic life are negligible, and there are no water use restrictions after its application. Samples are being collected both before and after the application, to evaluate the performance of the treatment. The effectiveness of the treatment will be carefully evaluated as the state continues to pilot affordable and feasible tools to reduce HABs in Kansas.

Because the Milford Gath-

ering Pond remains on Warning at this time, KDHE recommends the following precautions be taken:

Lake water is not safe to drink for pets or livestock.

Lake water, regardless of blue-green algae status, should never be consumed by hu-

Water contact should be

Fish may be eaten if they are rinsed with clean water and only the fillet portion is consumed, while all other parts are discarded.

Do not allow pets or livestock to eat dried algae.

If lake water contacts skin, wash with clean water as soon

Avoid areas of visible algae

KDHE samples publicly-accessible bodies of water for blue-green algae when the agency receives reports of potential algae blooms in Kansas lakes. Based on sampling results, KDHE reports on potentially harmful conditions.

Kansans should be aware that blooms are unpredictable. They can develop rapidly and may be moved by wind or wave action around the lake, requiring visitors to exercise their best judgment. If there is scum or a paint-like surface or the water is bright green, avoid contact and keep pets away. These are indications that a harmful bloom may be present. Pet owners should be aware that animals that swim

in or drink water affected by a harmful algal bloom or eat dried algae along the shore may become seriously ill or

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the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program that is both detailed and extensive is now being distributed nationwide throughout the cattle industry. The manual and the BQA program are both managed by the producer education team at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), a contractor to the Beef Checkoff. The 124-page manual ad-

dresses topics such as food safety, animal well-being, worker safety and environmental stewardship. It provides specific information to help producers approach management decisions in a way that acknowledges a responsibility to the animals, consumers, the environment and the larger beef industry. The manual includes the

most current set of key practices, guidelines and suggesand responsible cattle management. A helpful resource for cattle producers and others in the industry, it is the foundation for training and certification programs offered nationally and by many states.

"In the Beef Quality Assurance Program, we have a slogan that the right way is the only way," according to BQA Advisory Group Chair and veterinarian Bob Smith. "At the same time, we recognize that no two cattle operations are the same. And no program or manual could ever compile all of the 'do's' and 'don'ts' that would completely constitute the 'right way.' Smith says this manual in-

stead outlines a way of thinking for cattle producers - a guideline for approaching decisions with thoughtfulness and care. He says following

ual will lead to both a stronger individual cattle operation and a more vibrant, respected and robust cattle industry.

The BQA program is a cooperative effort between beef producers, veterinarians, nutritionists, Extension staff and other professionals from veterinary medical associations and allied industries. Its goal is to assure consumers that all cattle shipped from a beef production unit are healthy, wholesome and safe; their management has met USDA, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards; they meet quality requirements throughout the production system; and are produced using animal well-being, worker safety and environmentally sound production practices.

It has six objectives focused on production standards, data retention, handson training and education, technical assistance, and maintaining a foundation of continuous improvement and responsible cattle manage-

BQA encourages producers to use all reliable sources and information and take actions that will accomplish BOA program goals and objectives. In addition, the BQA recommends the use of common sense, appropriate management skills and accepted scientific knowledge to deliver the highest levels of animal stewardship and the production of quality, healthy and safe products.

To view the new BQA manual or become BQA certified visit www.BQA.org.

Lower feed bills by stockpiling, planting small-grains crops Stockpiling forages and feeding small-grains crops yearspring has brought an onslaught of weeds.

round can help cattle producers offset the higher costs of hay. That is the message from Larry Redmon, Extension program

leader and associate department head for soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station. His recommendations and others by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists were part of walking demonstrations recently at the O.D. Butler Forage Field Day at Camp Cooley Ranch near Franklin, Texas. Redmon said small-grains forage crops should be planted six

to eight weeks prior to the first frost of winter. He covered several mall-grains forage options for beef cattle producers to consider. "You can limit-graze," Redmon said. "If you don't live on the place and only come up during the weekends, you can turn the

cattle in on the pasture if you come up on a Friday, then turn them off on Sunday before you leave." Texas thistle was one of the weeds identified on a walking tour at the Butler Forage Field Day held at Camp Cooley Ranch

near Franklin. Redmon said small-grains pastures can also help add weight

"You usually wean your calves when they weigh 500 pounds, so you have the opportunity to put on an additional 250 pounds of gain prior to them entering the feedlot phase," Redmon said. When planting ryegrass in the South Central zone, Redmon

recommends 55 lb. to the acre and letting stands grow until May before grazing with beef cattle. Another option, clover, can help save dollars on nitrogen (N) application by releasing it naturally into the soil. Redmon said

clover can help save nitrogen expense at about 60¢ per 1 lb. of

For upland regions that have sandy soils, Redmon recommends Arrowleaf clover varieties. For the Blacklands region, he recommends burr medic. White clover varieties do well in wet

Tony Provin, AgriLife Extension soil chemist in College Station, provided an overview on soil health; heavy rainfall this

"Weeds (rob) moisture and nutrients, preventing deeper root

growth establishment for forages," Provin said. Provin said producers need to be mindful of pH levels in soils and should consider distributing limestone to offset deficiencies.

To stay on top of soil health, Provin advised taking annual soil tests to monitor pH levels. "The key is to plan and stay on top by monitoring soil health annually," Provin said. "It can take three to four years to get the

appropriate response needed for limestone." The annual forage field day event is coordinated by AgriLife

Extension in conjunction with area Extension county offices and the Brazos Area Hay Producers Association.

New tests by MU scientists will kill weed seeds before they become weeds Kill seeds before they be-

come hard-to-kill weeds. That plan will be studied by Kevin Bradley with help from Missouri farmers. The University of Missouri Extension weed special-

ist plans research on crushing seeds before they hit the ground. That stops weeds competing with crops next season. Over time, that depletes soil seed banks. The task is big. Some her-

bicide-resistant weeds grow several hundred thousand seeds or more per plant. At the annual Pest Man-

agement Day, July 9 at MU Bradford Research Center near Columbia, Bradley asked soybean farmers to volunteer to Soon to arrive at the MU research farm is a Case IH

combine with an attached 'seed terminator." The mill grinds seeds to dust. Tests in Australia with a similar system showed more than 90 percent of weed seed was not viable after exiting the terminator. Bradley wants to test his

idea and machine on weed-in-The state of the s

ri. He's looking for soybean fields of 50 to 80 acres, preferably no more than 100 miles from Columbia. Bradley has spent his re-

search career at MU since 2003 studying all kinds of weed controls, including chemicals. But with repeated use of each new herbicide, farmers select more resistant weeds. If only a few weeds es-

cape control each year, those survivors produce thousands of seeds that farmers contend with in future years. Bradley recently shifted

gears in his research to look for alternative controls for problem weed species.

In addition to the seed terminator machine, Bradley evaluated the impact of windrow burning. Chaff and weed seed left behind the combine is windrowed and burned. The fire kills weed seeds.

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\$9 million in Farm to School awards bring local food to schools, bolsters farm sales School is out for the summer, but that doesn't mean efforts to connect schools with their local growers have stopped. Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced a record level of funding – over \$9 million – for projects funded through the Farm to School Grant Pro-

projects were funded that will support farm to school efforts in 5,400 schools and impact approximately 3.2 million students in 42 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

To date, the Farm to School Grant Program has helped nearly 40,000 schools improve their meal options, connecting over 15.3 million students with healthier food, while also supporting expanded market opportunities for producers across the country. According to the USDA's 2015 Farm to School Census, schools purchased nearly \$790 million of local foods in school year (SY) 2013-2014. Additionally, the report showed that every dollar spent on local food generated up to an additional \$2.16 in economic activity based on

annual purchasing patterns.

chasing power could generate over \$1 billion in local economic activity.

Farm to school activities empower children and their families to make informed food choices, strengthen the local economy, and contribute to healthier communities. Implementation of farm to school grant projects differs by location, but projects always include one or more of

the following elements:

Procurement: Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria or classroom as a snack or taste-test.

Education: Students participate in educational activities related to agriculture, food, health or nutrition.

engage in hands-on learning through gardening.

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program supports the implementation and development of planning, support services, and training projects that increase local-food sourcing in schools, improve child nutrition, foster agricultural literacy, and create marketing opportunities for local food producers. Schools, state agencies, tribal organizations, non-profits, farmers, and farm organizations are all eligible for these grants.

continue to focus on creating

useful tools and delivering

relevant information to pro-

ducers and the entire pork

chain in the year ahead," Py-

burn says. "It's why we're

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gram. This round, 126 diverse The Farm to School grant This means that school pur-Rules allow corn, soybean cover crops to provide fall forage for cattle herds

Corn and soybean crops planted on "prevented acres" not planted last spring may provide corn and soybean forage for cattle this fall.

With a wet spring many farmers failed to make quality hay for cow herds. Now, cover crops needed on bare crop ground may produce quality forage. Earlier regulations on unplanted cropland restricted using

cover crop for feed. For 2019, however, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has relaxed rules on double use. Farmers still collect prevented-planting insurance payments when harvesting forage after Sept. 1.

This time the rules allow planting corn and soybean crops for cover. Other crops, such as grain sorghum, Sudangrass and cereal grains still make covers.

Corn offers nutritious high-tonnage forage. Soybeans grow less but higher quality forage.

These two crops, or other cover crops, cannot be planted for grain or seed. Extended prevented-planting deadlines expired July 15 in Missouri. Now, planting times become critical for those cover crops.

Prevented-planting cover crop rules require close attention to details by farmers. University of Missouri Extension specialists offer ideas to help, says Rob Kallenbach, MU Extension

senior program director and associate dean in agriculture and environment. Previously he was a state forage specialist.

The USDA Risk Management Agency makes rules for the new approach. Actual insurance coverage comes from local company agents. Always check on rules, before acting.

Ray Massey, MU Extension economist, also emphasizes that first steps are to check with local USDA office and your local insurance agent. Rules must be followed.

Topics on corn and soybean cover crops come up in University of Missouri Extension weekly teleconferences when state specialists answer questions from regional agronomists across the state. Teleconferences are held in growing seasons every year.

On June 29 farmers received a letter releasing the land for corn and soybean cover crops.

In recent years, cover crops became part of farming for many growers. There's more benefit than erosion protection, says Greg Luce, MU Extension corn specialist. Cover crops also control weeds. Also, an unplanted field loses microbiotic growth in the root-zone. Corn planted in a field not planted the prior year loses yields.

Specialists expect more questions than answers for using corn and soybean cover crops. Little research is done.

Chopping or grazing corn for forage brings easier questions. It's done, often.

Making soybean hay hasn't been widespread since the 1930s. Then MU Extension helped bring soybeans from China as a hay crop. It wasn't until later that use switched to growing oil seed and protein feeds. "We're rarely asked about soybean planting for forage," Luce says.

Kallenbach says soybean mowed for hay must be crimped to dry faster. "Properly adjusted mower conditioners crimp soybean stems about every two inches," he adds.

Eric Bailey, MU Extension state beef specialist, reacted positively to news of soybean forage: "It's super hay," he says. "Compare it to alfalfa. Legume hay gives nutrient balance to offset bad hay we've baled and bagged this year."

In earlier teleconferences, specialists called hay this year the "worst ever." A cool wet spring slowed growth, and frequent rains fell on most hay after mowing.

Both Massey and Kallenbach reiterated the importance of contacting local USDA and insurance offices before using corn or soybean cover crops on any acres whether covered or not by insurance. Lost payments happen by not following rules and meeting deadlines.

one year in China Checkoff stays vigilant as ASF and we will be able to col-As the one-year anniver-Checkoff has taken a leading the horizon in terms of tools "The Pork Checkoff will

sary of China's acknowledgment of ASF in its country's herds nears (August 3), it's a good time to evaluate where the U.S. pork industry stands in its ability to deal with this ongoing threat that has now engulfed much of southeast

"We're definitely in a better position today to deal with a threat such as African swine fever," says National Pork Board president David Newman, a producer representing Arkansas. "That said, we can never be too prepared with a devastating disease like this. What I like though is how much our industry has come

together over the past 12 months in a spirit of collaboration to get the job done." It's this kind of industry-wide collaboration that Dave Pyburn, the Pork Checkoff's senior vice pres-

ident of science and technology, says is the key point that he wants everyone to realize. "It's always gratifying to see how willing the pork industry is to come together for a common goal. We are so much more effective when we get together to solve issues posed by threats such as ASF."

Catalyst for Collaboration For almost a year, the Pork

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role in collaborating with multiple government and industry partners to protect the United States from African swine fever (ASF). Primary partners in this effort include the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Pork Producers Council, the North American Meat Institute, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the Swine Health Information Center. When it comes to working on feed biosecurity issues specifically, the American Feed Industry Association has also been essential to the effort.

By combining their resources, these organizations and others have been able to achieve a comprehensive response to ASF that has helped to harden the defenses of the domestic swine industry against this costly foreign animal disease and others like it. "You can break our indus-

try response to ASF into four main areas," Pyburn says. "We have research, education, prevention and preparedness, which is where we will continue to focus our combined **National Swine Disease**

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try, change and refinement of the approach continues. An example of this is the National Swine Disease Council (NSDC), which was announced last January. Starting soon, this broad-based industry group will take on a larger role in overall coordination of the industry's efforts in fighting ASF and related disease threats.

The mission statement of the NSDC is to provide recommendations to animal health officials and industry stakeholders to mitigate threats and negative impacts to the U.S. pork industry from diseases of concern. Its objectives are to coordinate industry preparedness and response activities, protect trade and interstate commerce of pigs, pork and pork products and build capacity to rapidly detect diseases of concern and limit the scope of a disease outbreak. Finally, the council will serve as the industry touchpoint and make recommendations for regulatory of-

with the National Pork Producers Council, says, "The organizations who make up the National Swine Disease Council have much experience in working together,

Liz Wagstrom, chief vet-

laborate even more closely moving forward with this approach. In the end, we have to improve disease detection, assessment, containment and eradication."

2019 and Beyond

In looking ahead, the ASF situation in China and other Asian countries likely won't get better in the near-term and could be the "new normal" for the foreseeable future. However, Checkoff's Newman is excited for what he sees as the fruition of long- and shortterm investments in disease preparedness here in the United States.

"When you consider how far we've come in just the last year and then what's on



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HEIFERS

As the Kansas wheat harvest winds down, farmers likely are turning their attention to another bit of business

in those same fields. "With all the moisture we've gotten in the state this spring and summer, the weeds have come on," said Dallas Peterson, a weed management specialist with K-State Research and Exten-

Previously-flooded areas and other bare spots are prime locations for weeds, Peterson said. Plus, harvesting wheat means there are now more open areas for weeds to grow.

"We need to get on these (weeds) as soon as possible, especially in those areas where weeds were present when we were harvesting wheat," he said. "They're going to be tough to control.

"One thing we do have going for us is we are not limited on moisture; weeds are always more susceptible when they're actively growing and not stressed, so that's a good thing. But they are at an advanced stage of growth, and that does make them difficult to control."

In past years, glyphosate has been the go-to herbicide to control most weeds, but Peterson notes that many species - including marestail, kochia and Palmer amaranth -- have become resistant to glyphosate.

And, he adds, "In many cases the 2,4-D and the dicamba are not doing the job either, partly because in many cases we let the weeds get too big for them to con-

Peterson said that farmers may need to consider alternative products, such as paraquat or flumioxazin, as effective weed management options.

Paraquat works well to control emerged pigweed and kochia. It can be used in tank mixes with atrazine, metribuzin, dicamba, 2,4-D and others. "We tend to get better long-term control with those tank mixes than when we use straight paraquat," Peterson said.

"Wharpen is another herbicide that can be used as an alternative or tank-mix partner with other herbicides for burn-down of existing weeds, as well as some residual control," he said.

Flumioxazin is an herbicide used primarily in soybeans in the past, but Peterson said it may be beneficial as a tank mix partner for extended residual control of weeds in wheat stubble. "This is especially true in wetter summers," he said, "which result in multiple flushes of pigweed and kochia." "The advantage to using

the flumioxazin is the residual control, especially pigweed control," Peterson said. "There's a range of rates we can use, but probably 2-3 ounces per acre is the best. The main difference you're going to see is the amount of residual control it provides."

Farmers are encouraged to visit with their local Extension agent for specific advice in their fields. They can also get updated recommendations from K-State in the annual publication Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, available online.

"We got spoiled when glyphosate was still working," Peterson said. "It would control big weeds. Most other herbicides are not going to control the large weeds nearly as well. Even though some of these do have some residual, there are limits to that too; it's not going to last forever."

Specialist for plan soybean as cover crops

Soybean makes an excellent choice as a cover crop this year, says University of Missouri Extension soybean specialist Bill Wiebold.

Floods and heavy precipitation kept farmers from planting many acres in corn and soybean in a timely manner this year. In unplanted fields, Wiebold urges using soybean as a cover crop to protect the soil's surface. Soybean protects from wind and water erosion, heavy weed growth that adds to the weed seed-bank, and detrimental effects on the soil microbiome. "These effects may influence the field well after this season," says

Cover crop management and crop choice differ between summer and fall planted cover

crops. Heat dictates planting of warm season crops. Cool season crops, usually reserved for fall planting, do not fare well in summer. As a warm season crop, soybean grows quickly. Seed and planting equipment are easily available. Farmers know how to manage soybean, while many do not know how to manage cover crops. As a side benefit, the legume fixes nitrogen.

Before planting a cover crop this year, Wiebold urges farmers to read the latest Risk Management Agency (RMA) Fact Sheet on prevented planting insurance provisions. He also suggests that producers contact their insurance provider and understand deadlines.

"It is critical that producers who are contemplating planting any species of cover

crop obtain permission from their crop insurance agent and follow RMA guidelines," says Wiebold. "Do not put prevented planting insurance benefits at risk by performing an unapproved action. In a year like 2019, with highly unusual weather affecting crop management, it is important to check with regulating agencies often because revised provisions are possible."

Wiebold offers these practices for best results in planting soybean as cover crops:

1. Broadcast seeding, including by airplane, works for cover crops and with summer annuals such as soybean. However, the soil surface must stay wet during the entire germination process. At a minimum, germination needs five days. Soil surface temperatures in July may exceed maximum for successful germination. Increase seeding rates if broadcast planting. Plant with a row unit or drill for better establishment. Broadcast planting is usually faster.

2. Consider costs when choosing varieties. Do not worry about maturity group or biotech trait. Remember that most patented seed agreements prevent use of grain for planting purposes. Check with your seed dealer.

3. For a cover crop to be successful, it must develop full canopy closure quickly. To help this, plant narrow rows. Choose 15-inch rows over 30inch rows. Use a drill with row spacing less than ten inches to increase canopy closure by a few days. Use a 30-inch row planter if that is all you have,

Washington

87/70

90/70

Abilene

Clay Center

says Wiebold.

4. Choose a seeding rate between 60,000 and 100,000 seeds per acre to balance seed expense and soil coverage. More seeds may seem needed for canopy closure advantage, but the difference is too small to balance increased cost.

5. You do not need to use pesticides. There is a small risk of seedling diseases with untreated soybean seeds.

6. Plant into a clean field and scout for weeds after emergence. Cover crops suppress weeds on flooded and prevented planting acres. Apply a post emergence herbicide if weed growth becomes

Finally, check RMA and insurance guidelines before making any decisions.

AUGUST ONLINE AUCTIONS! Check out the website to see the various

Online Auctions that are coming up for August. JD 790 4x4 Tractor very low hrs, 3 pt Finish mower, Welders,

JD 3200 tele loader, Vehicles, Equipment, Bridgeport mill, Metal saws, Tools, Motorcycle, Generators, Yard/Garden, Furniture, Household items, Collectibles & SO MUCH MORE. LINDSAY AUCTIONS & REALTY, LLC

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REAL ESTATE & FARM EQUIPMENT WET O SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: From DIGHTON, KS on Highway 96, 1 mile West. *REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 12:00 NOON*

LOCATION: 1 mile west of Dighton, KS on Highway 96.

LEGAL: 1.5-acre tract, in the NW corner of 23-18-29. Containing a 40'x100' cement farm shop, walk-in door and 7'x14' electric roll up door **TAXES:** \$591.92. 2019 taxes prorated to day of closing. BROKER: Lawrence and Assoc. Realty

513 Main, Scott City, Ks. 67871 • 620-872-5267 AUCTIONEER / LISTING AGENT: Russell Berning 812 W M St., Leoti, Ks. 67861 • 1-800-466-5202 hand tools; pipe wrenches; gear

FARM EQUIPMENT 1983 JD 8450 tractor, 4-wheel

drive, 3 pt. pto., QR, Ser.#2010, 7051 hrs.; 1963? JD 2010 tractor, SR, gas, 3862 hrs. w/scoop; FK 7x5 sweep plow w/Richard-*PICKUP & TRUCKS*

1965 Chevy truck, 4x2 spd, trans., 15' bed & hoist; 1991 Chevy pickup, 4x4, auto., V-8 motor; Rice 12'x6.5' trailer (new); 1972 GMC cab over truck, 427 motor, 5x2 spd. trans., 20' bed & hoist, roll over tarp. Westfield hydraulic auger; 1973 Fruehauf grain semi-trailer, roll over tarp,

gravel box, runs needs clutch. *SHOP EQUIPMENT* Eagle portable air compressor w/Honda motor; pry bars; screwdrivers: Delta pickup tool boxes; B&D cut off saw, Rigid pipe

cutters & threaders; cordless

38'; 1986 GMC truck, diesel, w/

pullers: Ajax portable generator log chains; small cutting torch cutting torch & cart; air bubble; Black Max 3.5 hp, 11 gal. air compressor; Delta bench grinder; wooden work bench; come-a-longs; cordless grease gun; Kempco space heater; JD power washer, gas motor; chain boomers; Miller 180-amp welder, solar battery charger, creeper; small electric hand tools; chain hoist; socket sets other items. *ATV*

Kawasaki Bayou 220, 4-wheeler *OTHER FARM ITEMS* L-shaped fuel tank and pump;

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Grass & Grain Weather Report

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high

of 90°, humidity of 46%. South southeast wind 5 to 8 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 92°. The record high for today is 105° set in 2011. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 69°.

Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi/Lo	Normals	Prec	
7/19	100/80	92/67	0.00	
7/20	101/80	92/67	0.00	
7/21	79/71	92/67	0.04	
7/22	83/61	92/67	0.00	
7/23	81/56	92/67	0.00	
7/24	85/57R	92/67	0.00	
7/25	91/66	92/67	0.00	
Rainfall			0.04	
	rainfall			
	e			
Average	temp		77.9	
Average	normal		79.5	
	e			

July 31, Today's Local Outlook

Blue Rapids

Mahattan

Junction City

8:39 p.m.

9:26 p.m.

40

25

22

Ogden

94/70

89/70

Seneca

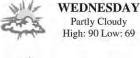
87/66

Wamego

88/69

Council Grove

Seven Day Forecast **In-Depth Local Forecast**





High: 88 Low: 71 FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 87 Low: 66

THURSDAY

Partly Cloudy



SATURDAY Few Showers High: 83 Low: 62



Mostly Sunny High: 78 Low: 57

MONDAY

Sunny

SUNDAY





High: 76 Low: 59



TUESDAY Cloudy High: 84 Low: 69

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High,

8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure









Thursday

Friday

destruction from Estes Park to Loveland.

Saturday 6:28 a.m.

8:36 p.m. 8:35 p.m. 6:29 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 6:31 a.m Weather History

Sunrise

6:27 a.m.

6:27 a.m.

than 10 inches of rain that funneled into the narrow 7/19

of water six to eight feet high wreaked a 25-mile path of 7/21

Thompson River Canyon of northeastern Colorado. A wall

8:34 p.m. 8:33 p.m. July 31, 1976 - A stationary thunderstorm produced more Date

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Sunset

8:39 p.m.

8:38 p.m.

8:37 p.m.

8:07 a.m. 10:07 p.m. 9:22 a.m. 10:43 p.m. 11:17 p.m. 10:35 a.m. 11:46 a.m. 11:49 p.m. 12:55 p.m. Next Day

Moonrise

5:40 a.m.

6:52 a.m.



7/25

Growing Degree Days Degree Days Date **Degree Days** 7/23 7/24 21

28

1200 @ 58.50

1330 @ 58.00

1210 @ 57.00

1200 @ 56.00

1990 @ 85.00

BULLS

500 @ 163.00

370 @ 151.00

Cattle Or Buv

Auction

STARTING TIME

10:30 AM

Tuesdays 1505 @ 78.00 1 blk cow 1 blk cow 1250 @ 66.00 1470 @ 77.00 1290 @ 65.00 1 blk cow 1 blk cow 1 blk cow 1235 @ 64.00 1 blk cow

We sold 1283 cattle July 23. There was good demand for steer and heifer calves at higher prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$4.00 higher. Cows and bulls were steady. **STEER & BULL CALVES**

1 blk str	505 @ 151.00
1 blk bull	540 @ 140.00
STOCKER & FE	EDER STEERS
10 blk strs	657 @ 155.85
2 blk strs	633 @ 153.50
4 blk/bwf strs	620 @ 151.00
11 x-bred strs	642 @ 150.00
6 x-bred strs	561 @ 149.00
73 blk/red strs	759 @ 146.50
2 blk strs	628 @ 145.00
5 blk/bwf strs	601 @ 144.00
21 blk strs	784 @ 144.00
3 blk strs	675 @ 143.50
198 mix strs	812 @ 143.25
3 blk strs	700 @ 141.00

2 x-bred strs

32 blk/red strs

63 blk/bwf strs

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3 char strs

1 blk str

60 blk/char strs 934 @ 136.25 999 @ 132.85 56 blk/red strs 12 blk/bwf strs 816 @ 130.25 60 mix strs 958 @ 128.75 61 mix strs 992 @ 126.75 2 blk strs 1083 @ 110.00 **HEIFER CALVES** 6 blk/bwf hfrs 544 @ 149.00 8 blk/red hfrs 534 @ 147.00

3 bwf char hfrs

1 bwf hfr

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STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS 614 @ 143.00 627 @ 142.00 10 blk/bwf hfrs 3 bwf hfrs 653 @ 141.50 12 blk hfrs 717 @ 141.10 63 mix hfrs 10 mix hfrs 632 @ 140.50 128 blk/bwf hfrs 839 @ 140.25 59 blk/red hfrs 816 @ 139.75 2 char hfrs 553 @ 139.00

697 @ 139.00 11 blk hfrs 63 blk/bwf hfrs 830 @ 138.25 2 blk hfrs 3 blk hfrs

120 mix hfrs

3 char hfrs

1460 @ 75.50 663 @ 138.00 1 blk cow 1 blk cow 1450 @ 74.00 602 @ 135.00 1005 @ 71.00 854 @ 135.00 1 bwf cow 838 @ 124.50 1 blk cow 1475 @ 70.00 1 blk cow 1375 @ 69.50 1 blk cow 1195 @ 68.50 1870 @ 79.50 1 blk cow 1300 @ 68.00

1 blk cow

1 bwf cow

1 blk cow 1 blk cow 1515 @ 78.50 1 blk cow 1335 @ 67.50 **CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 30:**

45 blk red steers, 600-750 lbs., vacc.

 20 blk strs & hfrs, 550-650 lbs., weaned, vacc 41 blk strs & hfrs, 700-750 lbs., weaned, vacc 60 black steers, 800-850 lbs., off grass

395 blk/Red Angus/Char steers, 825-875 lbs., off grass 180 blk Char strs, 750-800 lbs., off grass

62 black heifers, 800-850 lbs., off grass

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1 blk cow

1 blk cow

1 blk cow

1 blk cow

1360 @ 62.00 1105 @ 61.00 1220 @ 60.00

1180 @ 63.50

1 blk cow

1 blk bull

CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 6: 100 SimAngus steers & heifers, 700-800

lbs., weaned, vacc. 64 blk steers & heifers, 650-800 lbs., vacc.

CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 13: 185 Hereford steers, 750-850 lbs., off grass 50 Hereford heifers, 725-775 lbs., OCV'd, vacc.

Above from Brainard Cattle Co., vacc., no implants

54 black steers, 900-925 lbs., off grass

120 blk Red Angus strs, 900-925 lbs., off grass Our CONSIGNMENTS can now be viewed after 12 Noon on Mondays by going to WWW.QrassandQrain.com & logging onto the online subscription

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