Grass & Grain, January 14, 2020 Page 13 Look at the facts in the fake meat debate By Robert E. McKnight,

Jr., president, Texas and Southwestern Cattle **Raisers Association**

Recently, the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News ran a commentary piece from columnist Chris Tomlinson attacking beef in favor of plant-based proteins. Like most vegan marketing, it does a fantastic job of cherry-picking data and using opinion instead of facts and legitimate science

Let's break it down and separate fact from opinion.

Tomlinson begins by pointing to informal taste tests he conducts with friends, comparing burgers made with real beef to plant-based imitations. No one can argue that taste preferences are very personal things, and we cattle producers have been known to have an independent streak ourselves.

The problem comes when he asserts that people should prefer imitation products because they "are worried about their health and the environ-ment."

These claims have come under increasing fire by the medical and environmental community as more legitimate research begins to contradict the advertising rhetoric touted by the manufacturers of plant-based imitations.

Fact: Soy and pea-based burgers are not healthier than their 100% beef counterparts. A breakdown of the nutritional properties of both reveals that 93% lean beef has fewer calories, fat, saturated fat, and sodium than the plantbased imitators. Beef does have more cholesterol, but it also has more protein.

Many medical professionals have expressed concerns about the plantbased meat substitutes because they do not offer better nutrition but do contain dozens of highly processed, laboratory-invented ingredients. The healthfulness of those ingredients still leaves questions for many research-

One only needs to look at certain pet foods as an example. Once deemed safe, the FDA has now launched an investigation after increasing numbers of dogs were diagnosed with a rare heart condition while eating a diet high in pea-based proteins. The exact cause isn't yet known, and a big question mark hangs in the mind of many pet owners.

On the environmental side, proponents of the new imitation meat products like to point to global numbers developed by the U.N. and others. I won't argue the global numbers, but anyone who has traveled internationally

should know that America and Americans are different. We place a much higher

priority on sustainability and environmental concerns across the board than a country like China, whether it be manufacturing, transportation, or raising livestock.

The author, in his piece, states that "the livestock industry, much like fossil fuel producers, isn't on board with shrinking its business." He is wrong.

Fact: Today, we produce the same amount of beef as we did in 1977, using 36% fewer cattle. Thanks to significant investments in animal health, welfare, nutrition and genetics, American cattle producers have spent decades reducing our carbon footprint and bettering the sustainability of our industry.

It's also worth noting that those plant-based proteins have a carbon footprint too. All the peas and soybeans must be planted and grown on significant acreage using fossil fuels and insecticides, transported to manufacturing plants, and turned into something meat-like using chemicals and energy-intensive processes.

Cattle, on the other hand, actually play a role in sequestering carbon. Year-round, grasslands grazed by cattle absorb the greenhouse gases released by cattle, cars and everything else. Research has shown that healthy, well-maintained pastures and soil absorb more greenhouse gases than lands that are not maintained. Hundreds of years ago, American bison fulfilled this role, but today, domestic cattle fill the void.

Since we raise these types of concerns, it may sound like we are against plant-based meat alternatives and non-meat burgers. We're not.

As Tomlinson points out, they've been around for decades, and we don't care if it's called a burger either.

We support the free market and consumer choice. If a consumer chooses a sov burger over a beef burger, that's their option, but it shouldn't be based on misleading statements, packaging or advertising.

That's why we support legislation like the Real MEAT Act of 2019.

Tomlinson refers to the bill as "silly legislation," that will "hobble the sale of meat alternatives," but it's hard to see the folly in defining beef as beef and imitation products as not beef.

How is clarity for American consumers silly? How will telling the truth hobble the sale of meat alternatives?

My opinion: Tomlinson's writing is a prime example of why the legislation is necessary. The facts are important, and Americans shouldn't be led astray by fancy marketing campaigns or unfounded assertions about plant-based imitation meat being better, healthier or more environmentally friendly.



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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade is slow, demand was slow, and prices remain steady on limited test. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, beneficial precipitation (0.5 to 1.5 inches) fell from the western half of Kansas north to southern and eastern Nebraska, the last week of December. This recent precipitation prompted a 1 to 2-category improvements to the short-term drought areas in Kansas. A 2-category improvement was justified where more than 1 inch of precipitation occurred, and 90-day precipitation is either at or above normal. However, severe drought (D2) continues west of Garden City and Liberal, Kansas. During the week of December 29, the abnormal dryness (D0) is at 23 pct, moderate drought (D1) is at 6 pct, and severe drought (D2) is at 4 pct. 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.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground/delivered, grinding alfalfa steady; movement moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 240.00-250.00. 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 160.00-170.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-120.00, Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 150.00-160.00. Sudan: large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat straw: large rounds 40.00-50.00, large squares 65.00-75.00 delivered. The week of 12/29-1/04, 12,258T of grinding alfalfa and 2,756T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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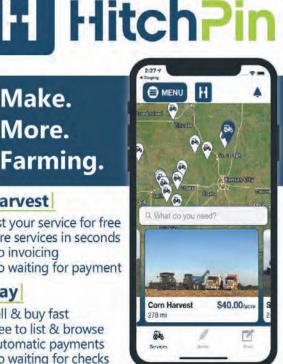
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Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 230.00-250.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 160.00-170.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 115.00-125.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 130.00-140.00, good, mid squares 120.00-140.00, large squares, 100.00-120.00, large rounds 60.00-70.00. Brome, good, small squares 125.00-150.00, mid to large squares 120.00-135.00, large rounds 90.00-100.00, lesser quality 75.00-85.00; Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 60.00-80.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 12/29-1/04, 2,880T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered

steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat. 205.00-215.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 150.00-160.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 125.00-135.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/ delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.50-10.50/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, 150.00-160.00. Fair/ good, grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00. Ground and delivered 130.00-160.00. Grass hav: Bluestem, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, mid to large squares 85.00-100.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00. Brome, small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, mid to large squares 115.00-150.00, large rounds 80.00-95.00; Sudan, large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat Straw: small squares 5.00-6.00/bale delivered, large squares 100.00-110.00 delivered, large rounds 60.00-70.00. The week of 12/29-1/04, 215T of grinding alfalfa and 450T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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Thomson selected as new chair of Animal Science at ISU

Daniel Thomson has been named the new chair of the Department of Animal Science at Iowa State University.

Thomson is an internationally known leader, researcher and instructor in animal health management, animal welfare and beef cattle production. He has been serving as the Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at Kansas State University and founded the Beef Cattle Institute in Kansas State's College of Veterinary Medicine. He has been a KSU faculty member for 15 years.

Thomson will begin his new duties on April 6. He succeeds Donald Beerman, who served as chair of the department since 2015 and retires Jan. 7. John Patience, a professor of animal science at Iowa State. will serve as interim chair of the department until Thomson arrives in April.

A native of Clearfield, Iowa, Thomson is a third-generation bovine veterinarian. He earned two degrees at Iowa State



University — a bachelor's degree in animal science and a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM). He has a master's degree in ruminant nutrition from South Dakota State University and a doctorate in ruminant nutrition from Texas Tech University.

"We are tremendously excited and proud to have Dr. Thomson come back to Iowa State in this important role for one of our oldest and most prestigious departments," said Daniel J. Robison, Endowed Dean's Chair of ISU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "His varied expertise will enhance our ability to serve all of our



land grant mission, from His leadership positions in the industry include chairing the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Animal Welfare Committee, serving as global co-leader for McDonald's Beef Health and Welfare Committee, sitting on the YUM! Brand Animal Welfare Council and serving on the Tyson Fresh Meats Animal Welfare Advisory Board.

> His honors include the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Distinguished Service Award in 2018, National BQA Educator of the Year from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in 2015, the National Excellence in Teaching Award from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities in 2012 and the Kansas Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture in 2011 In 2010, he was inducted into the Texas Tech University Advanced Degree Graduate Hall of Fame.

> Thomson has published 114 peer-reviewed papers and delivered 865 invited talks internationally on his research and field experience on the interactions between production management, environment and nutrition on the health and well-being of beef cattle. His research program has been granted over \$35.3 million. During his career, he has served as director of animal health and well-being for Cactus Feeders in Amarillo, Texas, and as an associate veterinarian with Veterinary Research and Consulting Services in Greeley, Colorado.



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Grass & Grain, January 14, 2020 Page 15 K-State Soybean Schools scheduled for January 2020

A couple of K-State Soybean Production Schools will be offered locally in January to provide in-depth training targeted for soybean producers and key stakeholders. The schools are sponsored by the Kansas Soybean Commission and Kansas State University Agronomy.

The schools will cover a number of issues facing soybean growers including: weed control, crop production practices, nutrient management and soil fertility, insects, disease management, and market outlook.

The two closest locations for all soybeans producers are on Wednesday, January 22. One in the morning and the second site as mid-afternoon. Atchison County is hosting at Cedar Ridge Restaurant located northwest of Atchison four miles. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the speakers sharing at 9:30 and throughout the morning.

Marysville is the second site for the 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. repeat program and located at the Marysville Helvering/ Senior Center.

Contact: Ray Ladd, Atchison County Extension agent, at 913-833-5450 or cladd@ksu.edu for details. Contact: Anastasia Johnson. Marshall County Extension agent, at 785-562-3531 or anastasia@ksu.edu.

RSVP by January 17.

On-site registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the program start time listed above. A meal will be provided courtesy of our sponsors. There is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to pre-register, if possible, for the school they plan to attend. Online registration is available at K-State Soybean Schools (http://bit.ly/ KSUSoybean) or by emailing/calling the nearest local K-State Research and Extension office for the location participants plan to attend. CCA and CEU credits have been applied for.

Whiteside, Seneca to host K-State Dairy Days

Hosted annually to update and inform dairy producers and allied industry on hot topics and findings from research projects relevant to the Kansas dairy industry, this year's Kansas Dairy Days will be hosted in Whiteside on Wednesday, Jan. 22, and Seneca Thursday, Jan. 23.

"This event is a great opportunity to keep upto-date on relevant and timely topics in the dairy industry," says Luis Mendonca, K-State dairy extension specialist. "Presenters will share takehome messages about choosing beef sires to breed dairy cows, updates about robotic milking, and dairy replacement heifer economics. In addition, speakers will give an update on research projects that were conducted last vear at K-State related to reproduction, health, and nutrition."

Other key topics to be

discussed are:

Linda Foster, Duane Meier, Brent Buessing, David Rottinghaus and Dr. Mike Brouk - "Things We've Learned About Our Milking Robots."

Dr. Kevin Dhuyvetter - "Dairy Replacement Heifer Economics"

Dr. Larry Corah - "Beef and Dairy Genetic Perspective"

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Protect Your Farm' Jarrod McGinnis, John

Deere – "Harvest Lab Technology" Dr. Jeff Steven-son – "Relationships of Disease and Physical Indicators with Estrus, Ovulation and Pregnancy Outcome at First AI"

William Brown - "Effects of Pre-Cutting Round Hay Bales During Baling on Forage Quality and Pro-

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mission is the lunch sponsor for both meetings and the Whiteside meeting will be hosted in conjunction with the Reno County DHIA annual meeting. Both days will begin at 9:45 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m.

People interested in attending are encouraged to pre-register. For the Seneca location call 785-3362184 or e-mail jholthau@ ksu.edu; Whiteside location call 620-662-2371 or e-mail darrenbusick@ksu edu.

More information about K-State Dairy Davs, including the schedule for both locations, is available online at asi.ksu.edu. For questions, contact Mendonca at mendonca@ksu edu or 785-532-2652.

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AUCTION

the bear market in wheat? **By USW President** Vince Peterson

Recently, I have heard several of the farmers that U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) represents say they are hoping for a much better vear in 2020. No wonder, given the low farmgate prices, trade uncertainty and difficult harvest conditions last year. A better year would be good for our farmers and for our overseas customers, too, who want farmers to have the incentive to continue producing a reliable supply of high-quality U.S. wheat.

From the perspective of global supply, demand and trade factors, we do see mostly positive influences hovering just out in front of us as we start the new vear. After a longterm bear market that pulled Chicago wheat futures down from \$9.50 in 2012 to a bottom of nearly \$3.50, recent firmness in prices represents possible change and momentum on the horizon.

To highlight the primary market factors, we can start with a look at the Southern Hemisphere. Australia remains in the grips of drought that has reduced this year's harvest outlook by 35 percent below their ten-year average. Australian wheat export prices are currently among the world's highest at around \$265 per metric ton (MT) FOB. In Argentina, the newly elected government has increased export taxes again for wheat from 7 percent to

12 percent (soybean export taxes were raised by 30 percent!). The bump in wheat export taxes raises FOB prices by more than \$10 per MT, allegedly to protect domestic producer prices. That is not good for their importing customers, particularly for Brazil. However, after more than a dozen years of negotiations, Brazil on January 1 opened its 750,000 MT duty free tariff rate quota (TRQ), potentially advancing wheat import demand from outside Mercosur. When Mercosur wheat supplies have been tight. U.S. farmers have supplied an average of 80 percent of Brazil's non-Mercosur needs.

In the northern hemisphere, Russian wheat export expectations have been reduced based on lower domestic supplies and prices for their standard 12.5 percent protein wheat (calculated on a drv matter basis and is most closely comparable to U.S. HRW 11 protein calculated on a 12 percent moisture basis). Russian FOB export prices are now around \$219 per MT, with U.S. hard red winter (HRW) 11 percent at approximately \$222 FOB from the Gulf. Long gone are the \$40 to \$50 per MT FOB discount spreads that have disrupted what would be normal logistical trade patterns in

some recent years.

In its December "Wheat Outlook" report, USDA noted that cuts in wheat production in Argentina, Australia and Canada create potential opportunities for U.S. wheat exports in marketing year 2019/20.

In trade, despite the uncertain slog of negotiations, the United States has completed trade deals with Mexico through the finalization of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (the new NAFTA) and through an initial bilateral agreement on agriculture with Japan. U.S. wheat export shipments to Mexico in marketing year 2019/20 already stand at 2.74 million metric tons (MMT) versus sales at the same date last vear of 2.18 MMT. Together. Mexico and Japan account for more than 4.0 MMT and 25 percent of all U.S. wheat export sales to date.

Finally, trade negotiations with China, which have been perhaps the biggest weight on U.S. wheat market fundamentals and psychology, appear to be at a more hopeful position. Last week. President Trump announced that the U.S. and China will sign a so-called Phase One deal on January 15. Based on information provided by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, China has agreed under the Phase One agreement

to cancel retaliatory tariffs and import significantly more U.S. agricultural products, including wheat. Running parallel to this potential demand, China has also agreed to start filling its annual 9.6 MMT reduced tariff TRQ for imported wheat. In the five vears before the start of the U.S.-China trade "war" in 2018, U.S. wheat exports to China averaged 1.5 MMT per year. That provides a logical basis for a more robust world and U.S. wheat trade with China.

Over the last five years or so, U.S. wheat producers have shouldered many challenges and continued to produce the highest quality, most wholesome milling wheat in the world, as they have done for decades. We do not yet know if these positive shifts in market and trade factors will provide the economic boost they need. But in that hope, our team at USW will be watching how they affect the markets and how that will affect our overseas customers.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 — 10:30 AM The following sells to the highest bidder located at 10933 S. Shaw nee Heights Rd, Overbrook, KS; from OVERBROOK, KS-6 miles north from the corner of HWY 56 & Maple St (Maple turns into Shawnee Heights) to SW corner of 109th & Shawnee Heights Rd. TRACTORS, ATV: J.D. 4440, QR-SGB 3 ŚCV 540/1000 PTO, 3 PT, good rubber w/ Westen-WL-42 All-Matic Loader, dorf SN #008175R; Case I.H. 7120 Cab-Air, FWA, Frt Wts, Axle Mt Dual 18.4-38-Like New, 3 SCV 3 pt, w/ J.D. 200 ATU is wired for Green Star Arm Equip., SN JJAA0005943; 2012 Polaris Ranger 800 XP 4WD ATV TRUČK, TRAILERS: 1998 GMC

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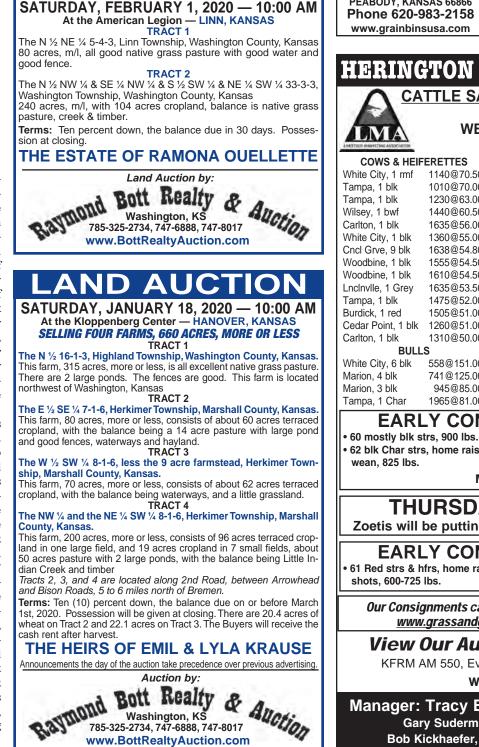
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"What's impossible is to make pork from plants. This is a brazen attempt to circumvent decades of food labeling law and centuries of precedents. Any adjective placed in front of the word pork can only refine it, not redefine it. It's not pork. It's not pork sausage. It can't be labeled as such."

NPPC supports consumer choice and competitive markets on a level playing field. Accordingly, plant-based and cell-cultured products designed to mimic real meat must face the same stringent regulatory requirements as livestock agriculture, including truthful labeling standards.



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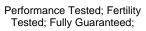
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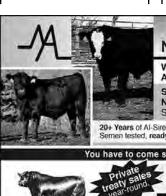


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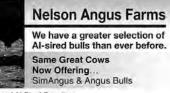
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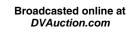
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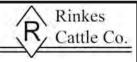
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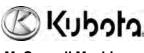
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Page 19 November pork exports shatter previous records; beef exports trail 2018

U.S. pork exports posted the best month on record in November, easily reaching new highs in both volume and value, according to data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). November exports of U.S. beef were below the previous year's large totals.

Pork exports surged to 259,812 metric tons (mt) in November, up 26% yearover-year and 11% above the previous high set in July 2019. Export value was \$712.7 million, up 32% from a year ago and breaking the previous record (also from July 2019) by 14%. These results pushed January-November exports 7% above the previous year's pace in volume (2.39 million mt) and 6% higher in value (\$6.19 billion). Pork exports are now on pace to exceed previous records for both volume (2.45 million mt in 2017) and value (\$6.65 billion in 2014).

Pork export value per head slaughtered was \$62.90 in November, up 29% from a year ago and the highest in five years. Through the first 11 months of 2019, per-head value averaged \$52.24, up 2% year-over-year. November exports accounted for 29.7% of total pork production and 26.8% for muscle cuts only, up substantially from a year ago (24.5%) and 22%, respectively). For January through November, exports accounted for 26.4% of total pork production and 23% for muscle cuts, up from 22.4% and 25.7%, respectively, a year ago.

November beef exports totaled 108,662 mt, down 4% from a year ago, valued at \$658.1 million (down 7%). For January through November, beef exports trailed 2018's record pace by 3% in both volume (1.21 million mt) and value (\$7.4 billion). However, 2019 is already the second-highest year for beef export value, trailing only the 2018 record of \$8.33 billion.

Beef export value per head of fed slaughter was \$307.55 in November, down 15% from a year ago. Through November, per-head export value averaged \$308.74, down 4%. November exports accounted for 13.7% of total beef production and 11% for muscle cuts only, down from 14.1% and 11.8%, respectively, a year ago. For January through November, exports accounted for 14.1% of total beef producion and 11 1% for muscle

Hong Kong continued to drive U.S. pork export growth in November, with volume climbing to 86,213 mt- up 284% from a year ago — valued at \$204.9 million (up 240%). For January through November, exports to the region were up 71% to 554,789 mt, valued at \$1.18 billion (up 49%).

Although November pork export volume to Mexico was lower than a year ago at 57,537 mt (down 6%), export value surged 28% to \$124.3 million, the highest since July. For January through November, exports to Mexico were down 11% from a year ago in volume (641,952 mt) and 6% lower in value \$1.14 billion. Competition from Canadian pork was especially strong in the Mexican market while Canada was suspended from China (late June to early November). From January through November, Canada's exports to Mexico increased 8% from a year ago to 128,100 mt, valued at \$185 million (up 14%).

"While the surge in pork shipments to China will capture most of the headlines this month, it is equally encouraging to see export value to Mexico make such a strong recovery," said Dan Halstrom, USMEF president and CEO. "Getting exports to Mexico back to the record levels of 2017 and early 2018 is a top priority for the U.S. pork industry, because demand from Mexico is such an important driver of profitability for everyone in the supply chain. The same is true in Japan, so it's very important to reclaim lost share in these longtime mainstay markets. "

November exports to Japan trailed the previous year by 3% at 32,594 mt, while value was down 1% to \$136.5 million. Through the first 11 months of the year, exports to Japan were down 6% from a vear ago in volume (340,568 mt) and 7% lower in value (\$1.4

billion). Japanese import data show imports of U.S. pork decreased by \$121million with much of the decline being in ground seasoned pork, which fell by \$73 million due to the wide tariff rate discrepancy. Beginning Jan. 1, Japan's tariff rates on U.S. pork and pork products were lowered to match those imposed on European, Canadian and Mexican pork, eliminating a significant price disadvantage that slowed U.S. exports in 2019. The rate for U.S. ground seasoned pork fell from 20 to 13.3%.

January-November highlights for U.S. pork exports include:

Exports to Colombia rebounded in November to pull 9% ahead of the previous year's pace in volume (92,280 mt) and 7% higher in value (\$203.6 million). Also bolstered by strong growth in Chile and Peru, exports to South America already surpassed previous full-year records in both volume (141,657 mt, up 18% year-over-year) and value (\$356.2 million, up 22%).

Led by strong growth in Panama, Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica, exports to Central America also set new annual records for volume (86,794 mt, up 16%) and value $% \left({{{\left({{{{{{c}}}} \right)}}}} \right)$ (\$211.8 million, up 20%).

Surging demand in Australia and New Zealand pushed exports to Oceania to new heights. Exports to the region jumped 36% from a year ago in both volume (105,399 mt) and value (\$304.5 million).

Exports to Canada increased 6% from a year ago in both volume (197.847 mt) and value (\$738.2 million).

Beef exports to Korea, Taiwan headed for new

records Although November beef exports to South Korea were lower than a year ago in volume (19,116 mt, down 5%) and value (\$139 million, down 11%), the market remained on

pace to break the 2018 records. Through November, exports to Korea were up 6% in both volume (234,310 mt) and value (\$1.69 billion). U.S. share of Korea's chilled beef imports reached 62%, up from 58% in 2018. U.S. beef accounted for 51% of Korea's total beef and beef variety meat imports and more than one-third of Korea's total beef consumption.

Beef exports to Taiwan will be record-large for the fourth consecutive year in 2019. November exports were 4,869 mt (up 8% from a year ago) valued at \$43 million (up 7%). This pushed January-November results 8% ahead of the previous year's pace at 57,837 mt, valued at \$513.3 million (up 4%).

The gains in Korea and Taiwan have been offset by a decline in Japan, which is still the largest destination for U.S. beef exports but one in which the U.S. industry has faced a steep tariff rate disadvantage compared to imports from Australia. New Zealand, Canada and Mexico, Through November, exports to Japan were down 6% from a year ago in volume (287,090 mt) and dropped 7% in value (\$1.8 billion). But on Jan. 1, U.S. beef gained tariff relief in Japan that brings rates in line with key competitors, so the outlook is very positive for 2020.

"The Japanese market performed extremely well for U.S. beef in 2018, even though we were already facing a tariff rate disadvantage versus Australia," Halstrom explained. "More competitors saw tariff rate cuts in 2019 under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), which further tilted the playing field against U.S. beef. For example, Canada's beef exports to Japan increased 57% last year. So the rate cuts Japan recently implemented for U.S.

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January-November highlights for U.S. beef exports include:

In Mexico, the third-largest market for U.S. beef behind Japan and Korea, exports increased 4% from a year ago in value to just over \$1 billion despite a 2% decline in volume (214,963 mt). This was largely due to a strong value increase for tripe, one of the top U.S. beef variety meat export items to Mexico. Variety meat exports were up 2%year-over-year in volume (89,667 mt) but jumped an impressive 18% in value to \$244.5 million. This included \$88 million in tripe exports, up 28%.

Led by strong demand in Indonesia and steady growth in the Philippines, beef exports to the ASEAN region increased 23% from a year ago in volume (55,583 mt) and were 7% higher in value (\$270.6 million).

Exports to the Dominican Republic already surpassed the 2018 record, increasing 24% in volume to 7.523 mt valued at \$61.4 million (up 19%).

In Central America, strong demand in Guatemala and Panama helped push exports 4% higher than a year ago in volume (14,044 mt) and 9% higher in value (\$79.9 million). Export value to Guatemala and Panama jumped 9% and 25%, respectively.

Mexico and Japan have led a very strong year beef variety meat, which were up 4% from a year ago in volume (295,527 mt) and 9% higher in value (\$885.9 million). Exports to Japan, which largely consist of tongues and skirts, were up 20% from a year ago to 58,278 mt, valued at \$355.5 million (up 13%). Egypt, the largest destination for U.S. beef livers, saw a 4% increase in volume (59,203 mt) while export value climbed 17% to \$69 million. Led by strong demand in Indonesia, variety meat exports to the ASEAN increased 39% in volume (16.595 mt) and 43% in value (\$37.3 million). Strong growth in the Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago pushed variety meat exports to the Caribbean 17% higher in volume (6,814 mt) while value surged 61% to \$14.2 million.

November lamb exports trend lower

November exports of U.S. lamb were 1,253 mt, down 10% from a year ago, while value also dipped 10% to \$2.19 million. Through the first 11 months of 2019, lamb exports remained well ahead of the previous year's pace in volume (14,507 mt, up 23%) and value (\$23.7 million, up 11%). Led by strong demand in Mexico, lamb export volume is the largest since 2011 and export value is set to exceed \$25 million for the first time since 2014. In addition to Mexico, growth markets in 2019 included Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Guatemala and the Philippines.



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TRACT 1: The NW4 of Section 6-6-3, Clay County, Kansas. This tract is located in Garfield Township, consists of 160 acres m/l, and is nearly all cropland. There is a ranch style house in need of repair and an old building site along Highway 9. This tract is located from Clay Center, Kansas 11.5 miles north to the southeast corner of the tract. It has frontage along both Highways 15 and 9. TRACT 2: The E2SE4 of Section 5-6-2, Clay County, Kansas. This

tract is in Sherman Township and consists of 77.69 acres according to FSA records. The entire tract is currently tilled. From tract 1 at the intersection Highways 15 and 9 go 5 miles west to Indian Rd., them 1/2 mile south to the northeast corner of the tract. From Clifton go 3 miles east and 1/2 south.

TRACT 3: A tract in the northwest corner of Section 4-6-2, Clay County Kansas. This tract is in Sherman Township and consists of 165 acres m/l. and is mostly cropland. There is about 1/2 mile of frontage along the south side of Highway 9. This tract is located 5 miles west of the intersection of Highways 15 and 9 or 3 miles west of Clifton, Kansas. TERMS: Contracts to close on or before March, 20th, 2020. The buyer is to pay 10% down day of sale with the balance due at closing. Title insurance and escrow fees are to be paid 1/2 each by the seller and the buyer. The seller will pay 2019 and all prior years property taxes. The 2020 property taxes are to be paid by the buyer. The buyers will get immediate possession. No crops are currently growing on these farms and they are open for spring crops. The buyers will receive all mineral rights. The contract, deed and down payment will be escrowed at Clay County Abstract & Title Company, 509 Court, Clay Center, Kansas 67432. Announcements made sale day to take precedence over printed matter. The sellers and their agents are not responsible for accidents. The auction firm

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Grass & Grain, January 14, 2020 Page 20 Market Workshop in Iola Feb. 1 **Regional Farmers'** offices.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension will host a regional workshop at Allen Community College in Iola on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. This is the first of six regional workshops which are being offered this year to assist farmers' market vendors and managers. The other workshops will be held in Wichita, Olathe, Hiawatha, Beloit and Leoti.

Kansas farmers' markets not only provide a fresh food source, but also stimulate the local economy. In 2019, 57 farmers' markets were registered with KDA's Central Registration of Farmers' Markets. "Farmers' markets provide growers a wonderful opportunity to have real interaction with consumers, and a chance to tell their farm's story," said Londa Nwadike, consumer food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension and the

"It's also important for farmers to understand certain legal, safety and financial parameters before choosing to sell at a farmers' market."

The keynote will feature tips on marketing and making a profit, and will be followed by updates from KDA. The KDA weights and measures program will also offer free scale certification at the workshops for attendees. Workshop topics will include:

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• Marketing Tips

• Produce Safety Update Produce Grower

Panel The workshop will be held at Allen Community College, 1801 N. Cottonwood in Iola, and will conclude with a tour of Parker's Greenhouse. Onsite registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Registration is now open at a cost \$20 per participant to cover the cost of lunch. Lunch will only be guaranteed to those participants who register by January 24. Registration for the workshop, along with the other February regional farmers' market workshops, can be found at FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMwork-

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For more information. contact Robin Blume, KDA's education and events coordinator, at 785-564-6756 or robin. blume@ks.gov. The workshops are funded by the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, K-State Research and Extension, and the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

University of Missouri. • Double Up Food shop or at local Extension K-State's Winter Ranch Management Series set for January and February

p.m.

Profit enhancing strategies included in the topics for the 2020 Kansas State University Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series. Hosted at five sites across the state of Kansas. the meetings will feature presentations and comments by Extension educators to enhance management and marketing strategies employed by cow-calf producers.

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

"The previous year's variable and wet weather across Kansas presented many challenges for farmers and ranchers. Our Extension team continues to field questions from beef producers related to environmental effects and their impact on cow herd performance, especially reproduction," Weaber explains. "The Winter Ranch Management series provides another great opportunity for state and local specialists to take our expertise out in the country for a series of impactful face-to-face meetings. Our Extension team has a breadth of experience in beef cattle management. reproduction, genetics, animal health and nutrition. We're here to help solve and prevent production problems with reliable information."

Topics to be discussed at each location include a discussion on the value captured in the marketplace from improved production practices by cowcalf producers and understanding pregnancy loss. Local Extension agents will present a topic focused on forage sampling and testing or proper handling and storage of vaccines.

"Early in the year is a great time for producers to think and plan for the coming year," says Weaber. "Many producers have a number of experiences in 2019 to reflect upon, so early in the year is a good time to consider opportunities to improve management practices that enhance profitability."

2020 Winter Ranch Management Locations/ Contacts:

1. Ulysses

Hosted by: Grant, Stanton, Kearny, and Hamilton Co. Ext.

Date: Thursday, Janu-

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Ulysses, KS RSVP by January 23,

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Grant Co. Extension 620-356-1721; emrogers@

ksu.edu 2. Ashland

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Ashland, KS 67831 RSVP by January 23,

2020 to: Kalee Krier, Clark Co.

Extension 620-826-5307: krier@ksu.

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Where Food Comes From, Inc. launches BeefCARETM sustainability standard stories with processors,

Where Food Comes From, Inc., the most trusted resource for independent, third-party verification of food production practices in North America. recently announced the launch of BeefCARETM, the beef industry's most comprehensive third-par-

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The launch follows recognition of the new Beef-CARE program by the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, the multi-stakeholder initiative developed to advance and support continuous improve-

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interaction. "We are pleased to announce the launch of our new BeefCARE program, which is now available to cow/calf ranches and stocker/backgrounder operations throughout the U.S. that are eager to share their sustainability



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Hosted by: Southwind

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ksu.edu Meeting times and registration fees vary by location, but all will include a meal. Participants are asked to RSVP for a selected location by one week prior to the event. Interested participants should contact their local host contact for registration and **RSVP** details.

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

food service, retailers and consumers," said Leann Saunders, president of IMI Global and Where Food Comes From, Inc. "We believe BeefCARETM certification will create value throughout the beef supply chain while at the same time authentically communicating the story of the invaluable role producers play in animal husbandry, the health of the land they work and live on. and people and communities. The cattle being sold this week on Superior Livestock Auction video sale represent the beginning of a program that both consumers and producers can be proud of."

You can watch the Bellringer Sale at www.superiorlivestock.com.

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Yard & Garden Tips By Gregg Eyestone

Indoor Plants

Published results from the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) experimenting with common indoor plants to remove indoor air pollutants was in 1989. Their findings may not have been reported thoroughly. Positive results with indoor plants required the association of activated carbon filters containing fans. The plant root-soil zone appears to be the most effective area for removing volatile organic chemicals. Therefore, maximizing air exposure to the plant root-soil area should be considered when placing plants in buildings for best air filtration.

Adding a few indoor plants to a room will likely not have much impact on indoor air quality. There are many other benefits they provide, however. One of the great impacts of houseplants is that they generate happiness. Keeping flowers and plants **CRP** rental rates change for many counties in 2020

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throughout the home and the workplace vastly increases happiness and lowers the likelihood of depression. Research on the effects of plants on people has shown, in essence, that plants are essential for people to be at their best.

Join Riley County, K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners for a program on growing indoor plants. They will be at Blueville Nursery on Saturday, January 18. The program begins at 10 a.m.

For plants to be at their best, they need light, water and proper temperatures. Good light is the challenge during the winter. Proper plant selection is the easiest method to meet the plant needs. The use of additional light is another option.

most common The health issue for indoor and perhaps outdoor plants is over-watering. Stick your finger in the

media contained in the pot to determine when to water. Apply enough water to moisten the media and discard what drains away. As a general guide, add water after the top inch of media has dried.

Indoor plants are in a resting stage right now. Don't try to make them grow by fertilizing or pruning until spring. These plants, like us, are anxiously waiting for the growing season.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the K-State Research and Extension website at www.ksre. ksu.edu.And you contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu. edu

By Brett Melton, **Extension** agent, livestock production, River

Valley Extension District The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is expanding under the 2018 Farm Bill from 22 mil-

lion acres up to 27 million acres. Don't miss your chance to sign up during the enrollment period.

CRP has many benefits including:

• Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

• Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

· Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;

• Created more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times; and

• Benefited bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other

CRP is an important part of the life cycle for much of the wildlife in our part of the state. I personally spend much of the fall and winter walking through CRP fields chasing pheasants and quail. I hope my children have the same opportunities someday. However, the wild bird population is heavily influence by farmers and landowners enrolling their acres into CRP. Ask any

wildlife biologist through-

out the mid-west and they

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Farmers and landowners have until February 28th, 2020 to sign up for the general enrollment. There are some requirements that must be met in order to be eligible to sign up. More information can be found on the Farm Service Agency website or by stopping in at the local Farm Service Agency. You can also contact Brett Melton in the Concordia Extension Office by calling 785-243-8185 or by emailing bmelton@ksu.edu.

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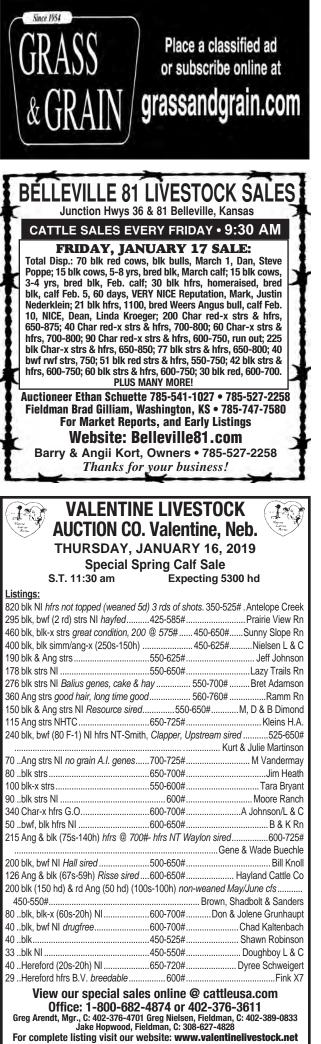
The bill increased the cap from 22 million to 27 million

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The voluntary program provides annual payments to

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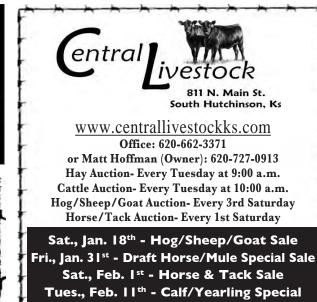
over ten years," says Bradley Karmen, FSA assistant deputy administrator for Farm Programs. He estimates when you subtract expiring acres and the increased cap there will be about seven million acres eligible for enrollment.



There are several enrollment options including general, continuous and grasslands signups as well as pilot programs and land transitions. Rental rates decreased in some counties for 2020.

"The first CRP (acres) were in 1985, in 2020 we'll celebrate (the 35th) anniversary," said Richard Fordyce, Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrator on a recent call with journalists, including Agweb. "We're excited for this sign up. With expiring acres and the increase in the cap, we know we have room and there's going to be a lot of opportunities for landowners to get into the CRP program.

"The evolution of CRP has really responded to the desires of the farm community and wildlife community," Fordyce continues. "We're able to provide CRP programs that provide multiple benefits.'



DORA LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INC. 316-320-3212 Fax: 316-320-7159 2595 SE Highway 54, P.O. Box 622, El Dorado, KS 67042 Market Report - Sale Date 1-9-20. 2,647 Head. 300-400 lb. steers, \$156-\$184; heifers, \$116-\$168; 400-500 lb.

steers, \$172-\$189; heifers, \$120-\$162; 500-600 lb. steers, \$137-\$185.50; heifers, \$127-\$155; 600-700 lb. steers, \$119-\$175; heifers, \$114-\$157.50; 700-800 lb. steers, \$123-\$155; heifers, \$110-\$135; 800-900 lb. steers, \$110-\$145.25; heifers, \$101-\$133; 900-1,000 lb. steers, \$120.50-\$142.25. Trend on Calves: Compared to our last sale 12-19, Choice weaned calves, \$5-\$15 higher. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Steady to \$2 higher. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows: \$58-\$67; Avg. dressing cows: \$40-\$50; Low dressing cows: \$25.0-\$35. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls: \$60-\$68.50.

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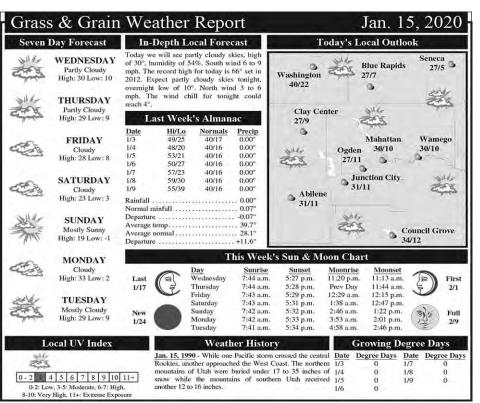
Once again the USDA reports failed to live up to bullish hopes. Corn ending stocks were cut by 18 million bushels, wheat by 9 million bushels, and the soybeans were left un-

Market Outlook A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts changed. We did see cuts

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to the corn and soybean harvested acreage, but we also saw increases to the yield estimate, which most analysts were not looking for. The net result

of the data dump, was a muted reaction and not much volatility. We can also rest assured that late planting and late harvest really don't matter much anymore, so go ahead a



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wrap up harvest when you get around to it, and don't worry about rushing around to get stuff planted this spring.

There were a couple of tweaks to the numbers that I doubt anyone was looking for, and those were the revisions to the old crop ending stocks. We hardly ever see adjustments like that, but USDA raised old crop corn ending stocks by 114 million bushels, and cut soybeans by 4 million bushels. USDA explained the jump in corn stocks by cutting feed usage, so our animals are getting more efficient. I is hard to stress how odd those adjustments are, especially since basis has been better than normal, and we come to find out we had even more corn than we thought.

The post report price action wasn't all that bad despite the lack of a bullish boost from USDA. The March corn closed 2¹/₂ cents higher on the day and 9¼ off of the daily low. The March corn also closed above the 50-day moving average for the first time of the week and a positive close Monday would generate a number of technical buy signals.

Rejection of the post report weakness bodes well for the corn market. Hopefully we have the "Phase 1" trade deal signed this week and we see Chinese buying of corn, milo, DDG's and ethanol take place. A boost in demand would do wonders for the market.

The wheat charts are looking good. Both the March KW and March Chicago wheat made new multi-month highs Friday. The ending stocks cut really wasn't a market mover, but since it wasn't negative it allowed the wheat to keep the recent up trend going. The Quarterly Stocks figure was supportive, but the main thing moving the market is money flow due to Index Fund rebalancing.

The move through last week's high in the wheat suggests that the March KW is now headed to the 62% retracement at \$5.60. The March contract may not have enough time to get it done below expiration, but the trend should be up for the foreseeable future. Demand is strong and acres are down, which should be enough to keep a bid under the market.

After the initial post report selloff, the beans rebounded and posted a positive close, which kept the market in consolidation mode. The March soybeans don't want to move far from \$9.40 and today's unchanged ending stocks figure doesn't give traders much reason to push the market one way or the other. \$9.70 is still a viable upside target for the March contract. Like the corn, hopefully the rejection of the early weakness and the positive close foreshadows something positive on Monday. The next big issue for the beans will be making sure the trade deal gets signed and the Chinese buy some beans. If there isn't a trade deal, then 475 million bushels of ending stocks becomes burdensome.

As of early Friday afternoon there is still no cash cattle trade to report, but the strength in the futures would suggest that \$126-\$127 is attainable. The front two months of the futures are still basically sideways, but near the top end of the range. All of the live cattle futures contracts are either at, or near, the contract highs. The trends are up, cash and futures momentum is up, what could go wrong? Well, as usual, things are week to week. A failed trade deal or lower cash would put the brakes on the futures market. There is no indication at all of a change in trend so be patient with hedges.

The situation is similar in the feeder cattle market. The March feeders have basically taken

a two month pause and the market is now trying to break out to the upside. The breakout, after the long sideways action looks great on the charts and suggests a substantial leg up is ahead of us. Meanwhile, the August feeders have made new contract highs for five consecutive sessions, and the biggest worry there is that the market is "over bought." Once again it looks like one should be patient with hedgers.

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