



Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

It was yet another week with nothing to talk about except COVID-19. The stock market continued its wild swings and Friday's close was the lowest yet. We have, however, begun to see a little bit of separation in the Ag markets from the stock market. We still saw numerous contract lows in the cattle, corn, and soybeans, but the last part of the week saw some solid gains, particularly in the wheat.

There was some very good news in the ag sector thanks to some big purchases of corn and wheat by the Chinese. It does appear that the Chinese are active buyers in a number of markets, so perhaps they may at least attempt to meet some of their trade obligations. Their recent purchases of milo are having an impact on basis and there is still time for purchases of all grain products to impact ending stocks at some point.

The other positive news is that choice beef when from five-year lows to five-year highs last week. Unfortunately that had more to do with panic buying at grocery stores than anything else. It is also unfortunate that the surge in the price of beef wasn't better reflected in the price of cattle. The PR folks at the packing companies should let the buyers know that price gouging the cattle

feeders during a national emergency probably won't play very well in the press.

On the charts, things still look bad for the corn. The May contract is flirting with multi-year support on the continuation chart, and although the market did bounce about 20 cents off the low, poor closes on Thursday and Friday will have the market set for another wave lower very soon. A move below \$3.30 in the May contract would suggest we are in for a move down to \$3.00. Such a move might not make any sense, and perhaps more Chinese buying can keep it from happening, but a move to \$3.00 is what we have to start preparing for.

The wheat market avoided making contract lows and then posted a huge rally. Part of the strength was likely due to spread trade with the corn, and part of it was likely due to millers and bakers trying to restock, and some of it still has to do with export demand and less than ideal crop conditions. The run higher in the July KW took the market from \$4.27 1/4 last Monday to a high of \$4.80 1/2 on Friday. The market has stalled out at the 50-day moving average, but at test of the \$5.00 level looks likely in the coming days.

The soybean market made a little bit of a recovery

ery this week, after making new contract lows. There is still a long way to go for the July soybeans to turn the trend back up. At the very least the July beans will have to clear the \$8.90 level, and that will be followed by strong resistance at \$9.20.

Soybean meal, on the other hand, made a new contract low Tuesday, and then a multi-month high on Friday. Meal demand is strong and exports out of Argentina may be impacted by Covid-19 crush plant closures, which in turn is helping to support prices here.

Cattle futures saw violent price swings and multiple limit moves last week. Cash cattle trade ranged from \$105 to \$113 and activity at the feeder auctions was very, very light. We don't have a great indication of a bottom on the charts, but it seems like we have run out of selling enthusiasm. It also seems that with the April live cattle futures so far below the cash market, we are bound to see more big price swings in the near future.

The cattle have obviously been very sensitive to how the stock market has behaved, so stability in the stocks would be a huge benefit to the cattle market. The beef market is going to be very volatile, because restaurant demand

is horrible, and grocery store demand will flatten when everyone's freezers are full. Be careful trying to pick a bottom in the cattle.

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Yard & Garden Tips By Gregg Eyestone Moving Plants Around

I am blessed to have fertile soil. There are a bunch of seedlings that come up. Hundreds of Viburnums sprout up around my established shrubs. Tree seedlings that turn into saplings appear overnight, it seems. There is not enough space to leave them where they are growing. Transplanting is required.

Now is a good time to dig and move dormant plants. This gives a whole growing season to get re-established. Spring can be a little more forgiving if aftercare is not possible. Generally, spring rains and temperatures allow for quick establishment.

Keeping the soil with the roots as you relocate is good. Many of my plants end up being bare root as I dig them up. An important step in planting is setting the crown of the plant back at the ground level it previously was growing. Planting too deep will compromise the root system. Too high of planting is not as bad but not necessary either.

Cover the roots with the existing soil and water to get the plants started re-establishing. Adding some mulch is good to reduce soil moisture from evaporation. Mulch will reduce the warming of the soil. It is best to apply after the soil has warmed to at least 50 degrees.

Some plants may not need moved but resized. A prime example are ornamental grasses. As they continue to grow, the center of the grass becomes shaded and unproductive. Removing a portion of the grass keeps it attractive and healthy. Some grasses are pretty tough to divide with only a shovel. On those, I use an axe.

Most perennials will divide with just a shovel. My yarrow is an example of a perennial that can be rejuvenated with the shovel. There are several clumps around the landscape that have increased in size to the point of encroaching on the neighbors. The center of the plant is also weak. Plants like these can be cut into halves or quartered. Depending on the space, the excess is removed or the whole plant is removed and the desired portion is replanted.

Some perennials don't need divided. Hostas and peonies seldom need to be thinned. They are divided just to make more plants.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyestone@ksu.edu

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A lighter run of cattle for our sale held Friday, March 20 found good interest from buyers. Overall quality and condition was attractive making a strong market. Cull cows and bulls sold \$3-\$5 higher on the kind offered.	Burlingame 1 blk 1115@62.50	Marion 6 blk 2 @2025.00	Frankfort 1 blk @2200.00
STEER CALVES — 400-525 LBS	Burlingame 1 blk 1120@61.00	Marion 6 blk 2 @2000.00	Axtell 1 Cross @2100.00
Sabetha 4 blk 407@168.50	Leavenworth 1 Rd Ang 1365@59.50	Marion 13 Rd Ang 2 @2000.00	SPRING COW/CALF PAIRS
Clay Center 5 blk 489@168.00	Frankfort 1 Heref 1425@59.50	White City 4 Rd Ang 2 @2000.00	AGE
Leonardville 8 Cross 518@166.00	Mayetta 1 Cross 1205@59.50	Herington 6 bwf 2 @1975.00	Vermillion 5 blk 4-5 @1850.00
Manhattan 5 Cross 501@152.00	Abilene 1 blk 1355@59.00	Seneca 8 blk 2 @1950.00	Dwight 6 blk 4-5 @1750.00
STEERS — 600-800 LBS.	Leavenworth 1 Rd Ang 1290@58.50	Goff 8 blk 2 @1900.00	Vermillion 2 Cross 4 @1525.00
White City 9 blk 615@152.00	Abilene 1 bwf 1190@57.00	Goff 8 blk 2 @1800.00	Wamego 2 Cross 3-5 @1350.00
Leonardville 24 Cross 646@147.00	Wakefield 1 blk 1195@57.00	Vermillion 6 blk 2 @1700.00	Perry 10 blk OO&BM @1310.00
Manhattan 3 Cross 596@140.00	Onaga 1 blk 1240@49.50	BRED 1ST CALF HEIFERS	Burlingame 2 blk SS @1275.00
White City 10 blk 709@137.50	Blaine 1 blk 1215@45.00	AGE BRED	Burlingame 2 blk OO @1225.00
Leonardville 60 Cross 795@126.50	BULLS — 1,250-1,925 LBS.	Hoyt 4 blk 2 8 @1560.00	FALL & SPRING BRED COWS
HEIFER CALVES — 200-500 LBS.	Vermillion 1 blk 1920@81.00	Hoyt 3 mix 2 8 @950.00	AGE BRED
Harveyville 39 blk 448@167.50	Council Grove 1 Heref 1260@75.50	REPLACEMENT HEIFERS	Paola 8 blk 3 2 @1735.00
Harveyville 8 blk 375@160.50	Paola 1 blk 1330@75.50	Frankfort 15 blk @1000.00	Paola 11 blk 3 8-9 @1725.00
Sabetha 7 blk 300@154.00	BABY CALVES	Randolph 8 blk @950.00	Paola 8 blk 3 2-3 @1710.00
Harveyville 9 Cross 442@150.50	Onaga 1 blk @400.00	BULLS	Vermillion 2 blk 2-3 8 @1535.00
Harveyville 5 blk 428@149.00	Baileyville 1 blk @370.00	Frankfort 2 SimmAng @2950.00	Vermillion 2 blk 7 8 @1375.00
Clay Center 6 blk 470@148.00	Baileyville 1 blk @350.00	Frankfort 3 blk @2900.00	Mayetta 2 blk 7 3 @1100.00
Manhattan 4 bwf 487@147.50	Alta Vista 3 mix @300.00	Frankfort 2 blk @2800.00	Vermillion 4 blk SS 7-8 @1075.00
Sabetha 5 blk 423@147.00	For our special cow sale held Wednesday, March 18th, 1st calf heifer pairs were the most in demand with a good offering. Older cows and bred cows were in short supply.	Frankfort 1 blk @2700.00	
HEIFERS — 600-725 LBS.	FALL 1ST CALF HEIFER PAIRS	Frankfort 1 blk @2600.00	
Wamego 81 blk 634@141.75	AGE BRED		
White City 5 blk 623@134.50	Hoyt 29 blk 2-3 2-3 @2850.00		
White City 5 blk 709@127.00	Hoyt 5 blk 2 2-3 @2700.00		
COWS & HEIFERETTES — 750-1,425 LBS	SPRING 1ST CALF HEIFER PAIRS		
Onaga 1 blk 810@116.00	AGE BRED		
Hoyt 1 blk 880@109.00	Junction City 29 blk 2 @2300.00		
Leavenworth 1 Rd Ang 950@96.00	Sabetha 6 blk 2 @2250.00		
Hoyt 1 blk 755@95.00	Sabetha 6 blk 2 @2200.00		
Leavenworth 1 Rd Ang 1020@84.00	Marion 10 Rd Ang 2 @2125.00		
Wakefield 1 blk 940@73.00	Sabetha 7 blk 2 @2100.00		
Wakefield 1 blk 1055@67.50	Marion 7 blk 2 @2100.00		
Council Grove 1 blk 1190@64.00	Seneca 8 blk 2 @2100.00		

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR MAR. 27

- 16 blk steers & heifers, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 550-650 lbs.
- 18 Angus str & hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, green, 550-650 lbs.
- 55 Angus & Angus Limo cross str & hfrs, sired by Hinkson Angus & GV Limo Bulls, all shots, poured w/ Noromectin, bunk & electric fence broke. 450-600 lbs.
- 44 mostly blk str, long weaned, 2 rds shots, grass condition, 375-550 lbs.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 3

- 60 Red Ang str & hfrs, weaned, 2 rds shots, 550-600 lbs.
- 30 blk str & hfrs, 1 rd shots, 450-600 lbs.
- 70 choice reputation Red Angus str & replacement hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 500-700 lbs.
- 25 blk str & hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 700-850 lbs.

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- 53 Choice gentle OCV Montana origin Angus 1st calf hfrs with AI sired Conneally Count Down Feb. 23 - Mar. 3 Angus calves by side. Calves have had Enforce 3, Black Leg, and banded, hfrs poured in March.
- 5 blk 1st calf hfrs w/ 30-60 ay calves by side, grass ready, all shots.
- 20 Red Angus 1st calf hfrs w/ 30-60 day calves by side, grass ready, all shots.

BRED 1st CALF HEIFERS

- 18 Fancy Angus 1st calf OCV pelvic measured hfrs bred LBW Angus bulls, turned in Nov. 24th for Fall calves.

BRED COWS

- 15 blk & bwf cows, 3-5 yrs, bred Lyons Angus bull Nov. 1, all shots.
- 15 blk & bwf cows, 4-5 yrs, bred Angus bull for Sumer calves.
- 45 blk Fall calving cows 3-6 yrs, bred to Vermillion Ranch Angus bulls from Nov. 20 - Jan. 5, due to calve late Aug. & Sept., all Fall shots & poured.
- 75 blk bwf Fall calving cows, 3-6 yrs, SimAngus & Angus bulls turned in Nov. 25th.

PAIRS

- 35 blk cows, 4-6 yrs w/ SimmAngus Nov. & Dec. calves by side. Cows exposed back to SimmAngus bull since Dec. 1. Cows & calves all worked.
- 25 blk, bwf Fall calving cows, 4-7 yrs w/ big Angus & Char cross 300-450# calves, cows running back with Char bulls since late Nov.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade slow; alfalfa prices remain steady. Producers have been trying to move what inventory they have left prior to new crop, but without much luck. Extreme western and southwestern Kansas remains in drought. The U.S. Drought Monitor indicated that abnormal dryness (D0) remained at 8 pct, moderate drought (D1) remained at 4 pct, and severe drought (D2) remained at 2 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, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-226.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow 160.00-165.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-115.00, new crop grinder hay contracted at 120.00-130.00 delivered. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 150.00-160.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, good small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, large squares 100.00-110.00. Sudan: large rounds 55.00-65.00. Triticale: large rounds 95.00-100.00. Wheat straw: large rounds 40.00-50.00, large squares 65.00-75.00 delivered. The week of 3/08-3/14, 7,331T of grinding alfalfa and 1,512T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold. **The average paid by feedlots on March 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 155.31, up 1.70 from the previous month, usage was 693T/day, up 12% and total usage was 19,407T.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, alfalfa pellets steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.05/point RFV,

Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-178.00. Stock cow, 130.00-150.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 90.00-105.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 135.00-145.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 195.00-205.00, 17 pct protein 200.00-210.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 300.00-310.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, good small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large rounds 60.00-70.00, large squares 75.00-85.00. Brome, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large rounds 100.00-110.00, lesser quality 70.00-80.00. Sudan: large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat Straw: large squares 65.00-75.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 3/08-3/14, 5,934T of grinding alfalfa and 75T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold. **The average paid by feedlots on March 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 137.04, dn 5.27 from the previous month, usage was 316T/day, up 14% and total usage was 9,176.5T.

Southeast Kansas

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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. Sudan, large rounds 60.00-70.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.50-10.50/bale. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock Cow, 150.00-160.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00.

Ground and delivered 130.00-140.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, mid squares 90.00-100.00, large squares 85.00-100.00, large rounds 70.00-80.00. Brome, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large squares 105.00-120.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00; 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 3/08-3/14, 1,005T of grinding alfalfa and 280T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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

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

Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas, Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709. Posted to the Internet: www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt

NCBA issues statement about impact of coronavirus to beef supply chain

By Colin Woodall, CEO NCBA

There is a great deal of uncertainty about the ongoing impact of coronavirus on the beef industry

and the United States as a whole. At this time, it's impossible to measure the full effects of the virus or determine how it may continue to unfold. Although

the full beef supply chain is being challenged by the outbreak, all segments of the industry are working closely together and must continue to do so. The current uncertainty facing beef producers is shared by all of agriculture and every American. By working together, we will overcome these obstacles.

As coronavirus has spread in the United States, NCBA has been in daily communication with participants from every sector of the beef supply chain. We're working closely with cow-calf producers, stocker operators and feedlots. We're also communicating regularly with packing sector participants, restaurant and retail operations. Every one of these operations is facing unique challenges and many shared burdens. As we continue to work through this crisis, we must do everything in our

power to safeguard every sector of the business from disruption while ensuring cattle and beef continue to move in an orderly manner.

In addition to working within the beef community, NCBA is working closely with Congress, USDA and many other regulatory agencies to remove possible barriers to beef production. Our work in Washington, D.C., will help keep the supply chain full and create the necessary food security required by consumers through the entirety of this event. Consumer demand for beef remains strong, and producers across the industry remain ready to provide the safe, delicious, high-quality protein that's required and desired around the globe.

NCBA will continue to work with our members and partners throughout the beef supply chain to facilitate communication. By working together, every segment of the beef community can serve a role in returning the industry to normalcy as quickly as possible.

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Tract 2: Marshall County Kansas. 79± acres.
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Tract 1: NW/4 & SW/4 of NE/4 of Section 4-17-1W, lying west of Gypsum Creek, less home and 40 acres +/-
Location: Gypsum Valley Rd (blacktop) & Coronado Heights Rd then 1/2 mile West on South side or go South around section if wet ~ 4 miles N of Roxbury or 6 miles S of Gypsum ~ 129 acres +/- productive creek bottom tillable 11 acres +/- timber along Gypsum Creek

Tract 2: SE/4 of Section 33-16-1W, less home and 135 acres +/-
Location: Gypsum Valley Rd (27th Ave, blacktop) & Coronado Heights Rd then 1/2 mile West on South side or go South around section if wet ~ 4 miles N of Roxbury or 6 miles S of Gypsum ~ 135 acres +/- productive tillable 4 acres +/- timber along Gypsum Creek

Tract 3: SW/4 of Section 33-16-1W, less home and 20 ac +/-
Location: 27th Ave, Coronado Heights Rd & Svensk Rd ~ 1 mile West on South side or go South around section if wet ~ 127 acres +/- productive tillable ~ 12 acres +/- waterway

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 — 10:00 AM
From Hwy 16, K92 on K92 to Ferguson Rd.,
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The APRIL 11 Auction for Sylvester & Mildred Jackson has also been POSTPONED.

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LAND AUCTION

563 acres+/- Quality Farmland on the Blacktop in Saline and Ottawa Counties
Thursday, April 16, 2020 @ 7:00PM
Where: Holiday Inn, 3145 S. 9th Street, Salina, KS

Tract 1: SW/4 of Section 19-14-3W, SA County
Location: W. Cloud St. (blacktop) & S. Lightville Rd.
164 acres +/- productive tillable ~ 2 acres +/- waterway
153.9 approx. base acres in PLC Base/Yield
Wheat base 147.9/40 Sorghum base 6/84
Approx. Taxes: \$2,246.84

Tract 2: NW/4 of Section 19-14-3W, lying S of RR, SA County
Location: Just South of Old HWY 40 on S. Lightville Rd.
88 acres +/- productive tillable ~ 4 acres +/- waterway,
82.8 approx. base acres in PLC Base/Yield
Approx. Taxes: \$1,209.84

Tract 3: The Combination of Tracts 1 & 2
Location: Just 3 mi. west of Salina, close to Cargill Elevator
Total Taxes: \$3,456.68 on 248 taxable acres

Tract 4: NE/4 of Sect 30-12-1W, OT County, less tract in SE Corner
141 acres +/- productive tillable ~ 14 acres +/- waterway
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Taxes: \$2,827.94 on 155.3 taxable acres

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57 Acre +/- Saline Co. Farm on Spring Creek
Where: Holiday Inn, 3145 S. 9th St.,
Salina, KS, March 31, 2020 7:00PM

Legal Description: W/2 NE/4 & E/2 NW/4 of Section 13-14-4, Saline County, lying South of the centerline of Spring Creek

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22.29 Base Acres: Wheat 9.8
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LAND AUCTION

320Acre +/- Tillable and Pasture N. of Ada, KS
Where: The Golden Wheel, 114 S. Concord,
Minneapolis, KS, April 9, 2020 7:00PM

Tract 1: NE/4 of Section 16-10-5 OT, Co, less tract

Located: Just 2 miles N. of Ada at 30th Rd. and Prairie Rd.
149 Tillable Ac +/- with 50 Ac in alfalfa
146.34 Base Acres: Wheat 73.17
Taxes: \$3,004.86 on 146.34 taxable acres

Tract 2: E/2SW/4 of Section 16-10-5 OT, Co

Located: Just 2 miles N. of Ada at 30th Rd. and Prairie Rd.
77.68 Tillable Ac +/- with 50 Ac in alfalfa
77.68 Base Acres: Wheat 38.08
Taxes: \$1,500.00 on 77.68 taxable acres

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U.S. Wheat Associates issues statement on major Chinese wheat purchase

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) president Vince Peterson issued the following statement about news of Chinese wheat import purchases.

"The USDA report that Chinese buyers have purchased 340,000 metric tons, or about 12.5 million bushels, of U.S. hard red winter (HRW) wheat for delivery in the

2020/21 marketing year is very good news for U.S. wheat farmers. This is a significant purchase volume and the largest since China implemented retaliatory tariffs on U.S. wheat in March 2018.

"This purchase falls under China's 9.64 million metric ton tariff rate quota (TRQ). China has agreed to work toward

filling its TRQ for wheat imports. As USW has noted, if the changes are in fact implemented, and Chinese millers can respond to market signals, most of the TRQ should be used. U.S. wheat farmers are in a good position to help fill the TRQ given current export prices, relatively low freight rates and the ready supply of the wheat classes China needs.

"USW appreciates the efforts of both the U.S. and Chinese governments to reach the Phase One trade agreement that has helped re-open the door to U.S. wheat imports by China. We believe that China's flour millers and growing baking industry want the opportunity to

purchase high-quality U.S. wheat classes again and we hope this is only the beginning of a new, more productive trade relationship."

U.S. Wheat Associates' (USW) mission is to develop, maintain, and expand international markets to enhance wheat's profitability for U.S. wheat producers and its value for their customers in more than 100 countries. Its activities are made possible through producer checkoff dollars managed by 17 state wheat commissions and cost-share funding provided by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. For more information, visit www.uswheat.org.

Beef Cattle Institute celebrates its 100th

People of all ages walking around wearing earbuds seems to be a common sight in society today. Often it leads a person to wonder, "What are they all listening to?"

For cow/calf producers interested in learning practical information to address the challenges of raising beef cattle, it just might be the Kansas State University Beef Cattle In-

stitute weekly podcast.

BCI Cattle Chat is a 25- to 30-minute podcast led by moderator Brad White, BCI director and veterinarian, and will be posting its 100th episode on March 27, 2020. The weekly podcast features beef cattle health and management advice from Kansas State experts Bob Larson, veterinarian; Bob Weaver, beef cattle Extension special-

ist; and Dustin Pendell, agricultural economist.

Those four began the podcast in July 2018 to bring together experts from the Kansas State College of Agriculture and College of Veterinary Medicine, White said.

"The goal of the podcast is to effectively communicate relevant, practical information for beef producers and veterinar-

ians through this format," White said. The format includes five to eight minute segments on an array of beef cattle topics.

White said their listenership continues to grow. "Last month there were 5,474 downloads from 26 countries."

With an increasing number of listeners, the podcast team continues to receive listener questions

Cattle Chat podcast

from Kansas and around the globe.

"Our team really appreciates the questions from listeners and the feedback we receive on the podcast. The listener questions allow us to directly address topics important to producers," White said.

He also values the discussions that happen on the podcast, especially the ones with outside guests

who join on occasion. Many of these guests are well-recognized experts in their field.

"I enjoy the interaction with our team and guests because everyone has a different perspective and we can discuss many sides of an issue," White said.

To listen to this podcast search for BCI Cattle Chat wherever podcasts are found.

K-State ag economist advises producers to focus on costs, increase liquidity

Economic turmoil sparked by the COVID-19 virus means agricultural producers, now more than ever, should do what they can to control costs and increase liquidity, according to agricultural economist Brian Briggeman.

"With this COVID-19 pandemic, we're seeing a re-trenching - people pulling in and doing social distancing," said Briggeman, who is the director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center at Kansas State University. "Our U.S. economy is driven by consumption, roughly 66% to 70% of our gross domestic product comes from consumption. We're a nation of consumers, and if we're not out consuming, that creates a lot of questions going forward."

"In response to this uncertainty and economic disruption, the Federal Reserve is using its monetary policy tools to support the economy."

In a March 19 radio interview on *Agriculture*

Today, Briggeman noted that the Federal Reserve exists to help guide the U.S. economy and provide a stimulus and support when needed and on the other side, a cool-down when needed.

"The primary monetary policy tool that the Fed has at its disposal is the federal funds rate. The Fed Funds rate is the rate at which banks lend and borrow from each other in short-term markets," Briggeman said.

He noted that the federal funds rate is a signal to the economy and global markets. The Fed recently announced it is dropping the Fed Funds rate to the zero bound. The last time this rate reached that low of a mark was during the 2008 financial crisis.

"The Fed is taking a pretty aggressive approach, similar to what we saw in the 2008 financial crisis," Briggeman said.

In 2008, the Fed's balance sheet expanded from \$850 billion in assets to

more than \$2 trillion in a matter of months. The additional assets were aimed at ensuring short-term credit markets remained functional. Similar to the Fed's response in 2008, it's committed to providing \$1.5 trillion of short-term funding to credit markets today.

Other actions have been taken by the Fed to help support the U.S. economy, including creating credit facilities to support borrowing and lending of households and businesses, as well as purchasing longer term U.S. treasuries that have helped push longer term interest rates down.

"Many farmers, agribusinesses, and cooperatives that I've talked to saw long-term interest rates fall at the end of 2019 and (early) 2020, and that provided them opportunities to lock in some pretty cheap longer term money," Briggeman said.

Whether the actions taken by the Federal Re-

serve so far will be enough to counter the turmoil the COVID-19 outbreak is having on the U.S. economy, including the agricultural industry, is unclear, he said.

"Unfortunately, that is just something we're going to have to watch and monitor as things develop," Briggeman said. "The 2008 crisis was created by the housing bubble. It popped and we had too much debt out there in households. This crisis is different. It's a pandemic where we are re-trenching and pulling in and hopefully we will bounce back quickly. With that said, the likelihood of the U.S. entering a recession has gone up."

When asked about the effect on agriculture, Briggeman said: "Each farm, ranch, and agribusiness needs to look at running as efficient of an operation as possible. Monitor costs. Build liquidity or working capital. Use sound farm and agribusiness financial management practic-

es. Depressed commodity prices and low net farm incomes makes this challenging. But we've got to focus on being efficient."

In addition to the audio interview on this topic, a

video is also available.

K-State Research and Extension also has a resource page with links to a variety of topics associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.

Thanks to our farmers, there's plenty of safe food available

By Marsha Boswell, Director of Communications

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've all seen the temporarily empty shelves at the grocery stores. People are rushing to buy staples - bread, milk, eggs, meats, flour and, of course, toilet paper - in bulk.

But, experts in the agriculture industry say we don't need to worry about food shortages, because for many Kansas farmers, it's business as usual.

"The farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses of Kansas are an integral part of the economic backbone of the state," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. "During this time of uncertainty, Kansas farmers and ranchers are continuing to care for their crops and livestock as they do every day. While we've seen some empty shelves in grocery stores, I want to assure everyone that there is, and will continue to be, safe and adequate food available across Kansas and the United States."

Chris Tanner is secretary/treasurer of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. He farms in northwest Kansas, and says his operation hasn't changed much in light of the pandemic.

"Farming can lend itself very naturally to social distancing. I'm still gearing up for our busy season, getting my plants ready to go and doing everything I can to ensure that we'll have a safe and consistent food supply in the coming years," he said. "There's no worries on food production in the United States."

But life has changed for Tanner. His daughter, who was away at college, is returning home to finish the rest of her semester online, before heading to nursing school. His son will also be finishing high school online.

"Like many other families across Kansas, I have a senior in high school this year, and he just lost out on the last third of his senior year and may not have a graduation ceremony. There will not be an FFA banquet. He's going to miss out on his last year

of high school golf. There will be no prom. And, he's pretty bummed about it."

Jason Ochs is secretary/treasurer of the Kansas Wheat Commission. He farms in southwest Kansas, and has three kids, who will now be home for the rest of the semester. His daughter is also a senior in high school. Ochs looks at this as an opportunity.

"I would love to take this time to teach my kids a whole bunch of things," he said. "We could go do a lot of real-life learning skills during this time. That would be pretty powerful."

With all classes switching to online and people social distancing by working at home, the marginal internet in many rural areas is a concern.

"To watch a ten-minute video, it takes me 20 minutes to watch it because it's always buffering," said Ochs. "The teachers are not going to be able to have a live, collaborative learning environment."

Tanner agrees. "I have some neighbors that are in low-lying areas that will not have good enough internet to accommodate their kids' online classes," he said, adding that "a lot of people with younger

kids are suddenly looking for daycare providers now."

While these farmers continue growing food and, like so many of us, settle into a new normal, they do have some words of wisdom.

"This is a time for people to keep a level head and make smart decisions, and we'll survive this," said Ochs. "Whether you are a restaurant owner or a small family farm or a small business owner, just keep a level head, think long-term, make the right decisions, and we're all going to make it. We're a self-sufficient nation."


The downturn in the markets is a huge concern for our nation's food producers.

"As people talk to me, they wonder if they're going to survive this (drop in the markets)," said Duane Hund, director of the Farm Analyst Program in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics in a news release from Kansas State University on March 17. "My first order of business is to tell them to follow their plan. Let's not make knee-jerk, drastic decisions. Let's stick with the plan in place and develop alternative de-

isions that are made in combination with the facts and what your business advisers will tell you."

Only time will tell what effect this pandemic will ultimately have on the financial and commodity markets, but in the meantime, we can rest assured that our grocery stores will be restocked with all our necessities, thanks to the hard work of our farmers and a dedicated food supply chain with flour millers and bakers.

"The American farmer is extremely good at what we do," said Tanner. "We're highly productive, and there is no worry about the fact that production of food will continue."



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Tuesday, April 14, 2020 @ 7pm
Where: Indian Hills Banquet Room,
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Legal Description: The SW/4 of 23-12-3E, Dickinson County, Kansas
Located: 1.5 mi. NW of Chapman @ Oat Rd/2700 Ave
Directions: Take Old 40 HWY west from Chapman to Oat Rd., then north 2.5 miles to 2700 Ave.
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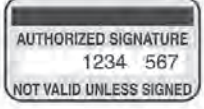
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Kansas Soybean Commission to meet March 27; agenda includes USB nominees

The Kansas Soybean Commission (KSC) has decided to conduct its regular meeting Friday, March 27, virtually. It will begin at 8 a.m. During that meeting, the commissioners will discuss nominees for the United Soybean Board, and they will submit a preferred candidate's and an alternate's names to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in May. The Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act authorized the national board, and the secretary of agriculture appoints members from the soybean farmers that qualified state soybean boards nominate. The eventual appointee will serve a three-year term beginning in December. For more details about

the position, including the commission's plan to reach diverse candidates, eligible farmers should call 877-KS-SOYBEAN (877-577-6923) or visit http://KansasSoybeans.org/forms on the web. The commission also will discuss current and future research projects, market-development activities, educational programs, and administrative items. The commissioners may go into executive session to discuss confidential contractual matters. To obtain a complete agenda, suggest additional topics for deliberation, or for the information to connect to the meeting, contact KSC administrator Kenlon Johannes at johannes@kansassoybeans.org or call the Kansas Soybean office.

Marshall, Johnson prioritizes cattle country in Phase III COVID-19 agreement

U.S. Representatives Roger Marshall M.D. (R-KS) and Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) urged U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy to ensure relief for rural America, specifically cattle ranchers, is included in any Phase III COVID-19 stimulus agreement. "Ranchers are resilient. They can handle the uncertainty of weather, the free market and other challenges that come their way. However, the COVID-19 pandemic is like nothing we've seen before and the cattle market has been in a free fall as a result," said the Representatives. "Additionally, we've seen the box beef/live cattle spread widen, leaving no margin for struggling producers as beef flies off grocery store shelves. We are committed to maintaining the supply chain and doing everything in our power to work towards functioning, competitive mar-

kets that allow independent producers to thrive. But in the short term, we need relief immediately. As such we are requesting that any deal provides for an increase in the borrowing authority to \$50 billion and fully funds the replenishment of the Commodity Credit Corporation, as well as ensures that livestock are eligible for assistance in this time of need."

Carl and Melinda Helwig invest in naming the biological and agricultural engineering department at Kansas State

Carl and Melinda Helwig, Columbus, have invested in the naming of the Carl and Melinda Helwig Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering in the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering at Kansas State University. At its March 18 meeting, the Kansas Board of Regents approved the naming of the department in the Helwigs' honor. This investment will help the department recruit and retain top faculty, support deserving students, and provide flexible funding for department leaders to take advantage of emerging opportunities. "I am extremely honored that Carl and Melinda Helwig have chosen to invest in the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering," said Joseph Harner, department head and professor. "The Helwigs are committed to assuring undergraduate students have extracurricular opportunities beyond the classroom. Their generous gift enables students to participate in a team environment working on product design, testing, manufacturing and marketing before entering the professional workforce."

Owners of Helwig Farms, the Helwigs raised wheat, corn, soybeans and grain sorghum on their southeast Kansas farm. The Helwigs also competed in quarter-scale tractor-pulling competitions and placed nationally in the early 1980s. Neither attended Kansas State University, but in the past few years, they have become important supporters and mentors of K-State students by investing in the university's quarter-scale tractor team. They felt a kinship with the students of K-State's quarter-scale tractor team and were motivated to support that team. "We are honored to support K-State as it educates the next generation of engineering professionals," Carl Helwig said. "We have had a good life, been fortunate in grain production, and we've enjoyed the thrill of competition. We want students to have every opportunity to be on top."

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Kansas Profile

By Ron Wilson
Executive Director of
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Old Iron Club

“Old iron.” That’s an affectionate term that farmers have for the old tractors and farm equipment of yesterday. Those durable old pieces of equipment can serve as reminders of our agricultural heritage and how agriculture still serves our food supply. Today we’ll meet a group of volunteers who are working to share this agricultural heritage with others.

Byron Githens is a founder of the Wilson County Old Iron Club in Fredonia. He grew up in Fredonia, hauling hay and working with farmers. One of the farmers for whom he worked was Rollin Vandever, known as “Red.” Byron appreciated working on the farm, especially with old John Deere tractors.

Byron became a rural mail carrier. He met and married Leanne and bought some used farm equipment of his own.

In 1994, a vacant lot became available next to the city hall in downtown Fredonia. Byron and some friends decided to put on a tractor show so kids could see the old-time equipment. It went so well that they decided to do it again the next year. In the following year, they added a threshing machine and a rock-crushing demonstration. The annual event continued to grow.

Recognizing the need for more volunteers, Byron and others decided to form a club. In 1999, the Wilson County Old Iron Club was formally organized with 25 charter members. Through the years, the annual equipment show was held in several locations around Fredonia.

Club members quickly focused on ways to educate children in the former ways of farming and farm life. “We want to show the kids how this old equipment worked,” Byron said. The mission of the Wilson County Old Iron Club is “the preservation of our agricultural heritage through education for all ages.”

When a new highway was built near town, it passed through farmland that was owned by the late Red Vandever. The highway route separated some 30-plus acres from the rest of the farmground. Byron Githens saw the potential in that property and he approached Red’s daughter Chris about using it for the old iron club. In the end, Chris and her husband Randy donated the property.

Today, the Rollin “Red” Vandever Memorial Park is the home of the Wilson County Old Iron Club. Multiple buildings have been added, creating a Main Street that looks like a reconstructed village of yesteryear. It also includes a modern community building, constructed with the support of the First National Bank in Fredonia.

This is the site of the annual Old Iron Days Show, held each year on the last full weekend of September from Thursday through Sunday. In its first year, the event hosted Fredonia schoolchildren as well as kids from nearby rural communities such as Neodesha and Altoona, population 414 people. Now, that’s rural. The event has grown to attract more than 2,000 schoolchildren from around the region.

Schoolchildren are invited to come for free on Thursday and Friday. The event includes a remarkable variety of live demonstrations from past rural life, including wheat threshing, rock crushing, wood stove cooking, cider pressing, corn husk doll making, old laundry methods, broom making, wood sawing, corn processing, chair caning, apple butter making, and much, much more. An annual highlight is the old-time tractor Parade of Power on Saturday at noon, followed by tractor pulls.

The Old Iron Club is now hosting events throughout the year at the memorial park. A Kansas Heritage speaker series is held during the winter. The club works closely with the Wilson County Conservation District, 4-H, and FFA on events year-round.

“With great community support and involvement, we continue to add exhibits each year and look for ways to find something of interest for every member of the family,” states the club website. For more information, see www.oldironclub.org.

“Old iron.” It’s a way of describing vintage farm equipment, and it’s the name of this non-profit community organization. We salute Byron and Leanne Githens and all the volunteers of the Wilson County Old Iron Club for making a difference by educating youth and the public about our agricultural heritage. Old iron can help build new understanding.

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Peterson welcomes added flexibility for ethanol producers, motor carriers

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson welcomed two announcements from the federal government that would expand flexibility in response to the growing coronavirus pandemic. Public guidance issued Wednesday, March 18 from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau gives added flexibility for alcohol fuel plants and beverage distilled spirits plants to shift to the production of ethanol-based hand sanitizers.

An expanded emergency declaration also issued Wednesday from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration provides regulatory relief for motor carriers transporting essential supplies, food and fuel.

“These two actions will provide flexibility for folks along the food and fuel chain to respond to immediate needs within their community and beyond as the challenge of fighting the pandemic grows,” said Peterson.

“Expanding the operations making hand sanitizer grows the need for ethanol at a time when farmers need that,” he added. “And enabling carriers to move freely in providing food, fuel and supplies enables farmers and wholesalers to move food products including milk, as well as livestock and poultry more easily to where they need to be.”

Kansas cattle on feed up three percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.38 million cattle on feed on March 1, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up three percent from last year. Placements during February totaled 390,000 head, down eight percent from 2019. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 400,000 head, up ten percent from last year. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Spring Gardening: K-State offers pair of guides to help home gardeners

Home gardeners know that a little help is always a good thing when starting spring chores.

So, Ward Upham has some good ideas. He’s actively promoting a couple of publications from K-State Research and Extension that will help to make some of the tough decisions a bit easier this year.

“Kansans that are new to vegetable gardening often don’t know how much of each crop to plant,” Upham said. The “Vegetable Garden Planting Guide” provides information on the size of planting needed per person and the average crop expected per ten feet.

“It also includes a garden calendar highlighting suggested planting and harvest dates,” Upham said. “It details crop specific information, including days to germinate; plants or seeds needed for ten feet of row; the depth of planting; and spacing within and between rows.”

The publication is available at local Extension offices or online.

Upham noted that the “Kansas Garden Guide” is another helpful guide for gardeners. The 77-page booklet includes sections on planning a garden, composting, improving soil, seeding and planting, watering, insect and disease control, and more.

“There is also an extensive section on how to grow specific vegetables and herbs,” Upham said.

The Kansas Garden Guide is available by print for \$6.10, or can be viewed online.

“Both of these publications,” Upham said, “will be useful for experienced or beginning gardeners.”

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What Technology Can't Do

By Miranda Reiman
I don't think much about cattle waterers, or how they've changed over the years.

Perhaps I don't go there because I'm trying to block out the memories. Growing up, it sure felt like I spent a lot of time unfreezing them on the most bitterly cold days a Minnesota winter could offer.

Then there was that cow-calf pair, dry-lotted for some reason I can't recall now, in a pen with a big tub and a hose I had to drag back and forth. That's when I learned how much those mamas can drink in a day. For a young girl with no patience, a 30- to 40-gallon fill seemed to take an eternity.

But earlier this year I heard a friend say to a group of cattlemen, “I would argue that automated waterers have done more to reduce stockmanship than anything.” He learned to identify sick animals while waiting for the tank to fill.

That stuck with me.

I am a huge fan of technology and making things easier when we can, so every time I learn of ideas in development that will change the way we monitor and care for our animals, I get excited.

I'm talking temperature-taking ear tags or the equivalent of Fitbits for cattle, gathering activity data to predict health trends. There are cameras that allow for observation from the comfort of your living room. In many cases, we may be a long way from wide-scale use in practical production scenarios, but there are people inventing and implementing new innovations all the time.

But that comment about waterers? It's a good reminder: nothing can replace the human side of stockmanship. Those tools are supposed to be used in tandem with a careful caretaker.

We need to watch, to make sure the data is correct, to make sure the technology is working and to employ intuition and empathy that Siri-like artificial intelligence doesn't feel.

When I was driving through a yard with a Kansas cattle feeder last year, he said, “The cattle will always tell you what they need. The problem is that the business is so fast, we don't always have time to stop and see what they are asking for.”

In an era when each animal is worth so much, when we know consumers are looking to us to keep doing better, we must keep that stockmanship core at the heart of what we do each day.

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That's a tall task, and it means using all the tools at your disposal...including your own powers of observation.

Of course, I wouldn't trade an automatic waterer for a more labor-intensive option. But a little extra attention to the critters in our charge? I'll advocate for that all day long.

Next time in *Black Ink*®, Nicole Erceg will talk about perseverance. Questions? E-mail mreiman@certifiedangusbeef.com.

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Antibiotic treatment for scours in calves

Just as cold and flu season hits the country, seasonal sickness can also be found in young calves during the winter months. One of those main illnesses is scours. Signs of this disease include watery stools, a decreased desire to nurse and overall depression.

For many, a common question is whether or not antibiotics should be included in the treatment strategy. Kansas State University veterinarians Bob Larson, Brad White and Mike Apley discussed this topic on a recent Beef Cattle Institute podcast.

Cow-Calf program held in Olsburg



A crowd of about 50 producers attended the recent Riley/Pottawatomie County Extension Service Cow-Calf program at the elementary school in Olsburg. Several speakers were on the program, including Dr. AJ Tarpoff (pictured), KSU Extension veterinarian, who discussed controlling internal and external parasites in the cow herd. Also on the program were Dr. Tim Parks, DVM from Merck Animal Health on vaccines; Dr. Ken Odde from KSU on value-added calf programs, and Gary Fike, Riley County Extension Director on the economic benefits of calthood implants. Greg McClure and Shannon Blocker, Riley and Pottawatomie County Extension Agriculture Agents, organized the program.

a virus or parasite is causing the diarrhea," Larson said. "Often what is actually causing the scours is a virus, which the antibiotics won't affect," he added. "But the virus damages the gut wall so that the calf is more likely to have a secondary infection in the bloodstream due to bacteria that is commonly found in the gut."

While antibiotics may be part of the scours treatment protocol in debilitated calves, it is not the only treatment option needed, according to Apley.

"About 30% of the calves with scours will end up with

bacteria in their blood," he said. "An antibiotic might be part of the treatment, but if the calves are lying flat then there are hydration and blood acid/base problems and those calves will need intravenous fluids. The antibiotic alone will not be sufficient."

"Work with your veterinarian to find out the right diagnosis and know what the pathogen challenge is. If you have a history of cases that aren't responding well then it is time to do further testing to isolate the pathogen in the lab and match it to the appropriate treatment."

USDA stands up new team to better serve beginning farmers and ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is standing up a new team of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff that will lead a department-wide effort focused on serving beginning farmers and ranchers.

"More than a quarter of producers are beginning farmers," said USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky. "We need to support the next generation of agricultural producers who we will soon rely upon to grow our nation's food and fiber."

To institutionalize support for beginning farmers and ranchers and to build upon prior agency work, the 2018 Farm Bill directed USDA to create a national coordinator position in the agency and state-level coordinators for four of its agencies - Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and Rural Development (RD).

Sarah Campbell was selected as the national coordinator to lead USDA's efforts. A beginning farmer herself, Campbell held previous positions with USDA and has a wealth of experience working on issues impacting beginning farmers and ranchers. She

recently served as acting director of customer experience for the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, where she led the piloting of innovative, customer-centric initiatives.

In her new role, she will work closely with the state coordinators to develop goals and create plans to increase beginning farmer participation and access to programs while coordinating nationwide efforts on beginning farmers and ranchers.

"We know starting a new farm business is extremely challenging, and we know our customers value and benefit from being able to work directly with our field employees, especially beginning farmers," Campbell said. "These new coordinators will be a key resource at the local level and will help beginning farmers get the support they need. I look forward to working with them."

Each state coordinator will receive training and develop tailored beginning farmer outreach plans for their state. Coordinators will help field employees better reach and serve beginning farmers and ranchers and will also be available to assist beginning farmers who need

help navigating the variety of resources USDA has to offer.

More on Beginning Farmers

Twenty-seven percent of farmers were categorized as new and beginning producers, with ten years or less of experience in agriculture, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

USDA offers a variety of farm loan, risk management, disaster assistance, and conservation programs to support farmers, including beginning farmers and ranchers. Addi-

tionally, a number of these programs have provisions specifically for beginning farmers, including targeted funding for loans and conservation programs as well as waivers and exemptions.

More Information

Learn more about USDA's resources for beginning farmers as well as more information on the national and state-level coordinators at newfarmers.usda.gov and farmers.gov. For more information on available programs in your area, contact your local USDA service center.

Kansas milk production up 9 percent in February

Milk production in Kansas during February 2020 totaled 320 million pounds, up 9 percent from February 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 169,000 head, 6,000 head more than February 2019. Milk production per cow averaged 1,895 pounds.



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March 25, 2020

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																																																																														
<p>WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 43</p> <p>THURSDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 59 Low: 38</p> <p>FRIDAY Cloudy High: 55 Low: 34</p> <p>SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 54 Low: 33</p> <p>SUNDAY Sunny High: 61 Low: 40</p> <p>MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 66 Low: 45</p> <p>TUESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 43</p>	<p>Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 64°, humidity of 56%. South wind 2 to 6 mph. The record high for today is 80° set in 2007. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 43°. East southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 13° set in 1964.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Last Week's Almanac</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>HI/LO</th> <th>Normals</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>3/13</td><td>45/36</td><td>56/29</td><td>0.14"</td></tr> <tr><td>3/14</td><td>39/37</td><td>56/29</td><td>0.14"</td></tr> <tr><td>3/15</td><td>39/33</td><td>56/29</td><td>0.01"</td></tr> <tr><td>3/16</td><td>46/37</td><td>57/30</td><td>0.20"</td></tr> <tr><td>3/17</td><td>50/40</td><td>57/30</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>3/18</td><td>65/47</td><td>58/31</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>3/19</td><td>78/47</td><td>58/31</td><td>0.13"</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Rainfall 0.62" Normal rainfall 0.51" Departure +0.11" Average temp 45.6° Average normal 43.4° Departure +2.2°</p>	Date	HI/LO	Normals	Precip	3/13	45/36	56/29	0.14"	3/14	39/37	56/29	0.14"	3/15	39/33	56/29	0.01"	3/16	46/37	57/30	0.20"	3/17	50/40	57/30	0.00"	3/18	65/47	58/31	0.00"	3/19	78/47	58/31	0.13"	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Location</th> <th>High/Low</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Washington</td><td>66/52</td></tr> <tr><td>Blue Rapids</td><td>61/40</td></tr> <tr><td>Seneca</td><td>60/40</td></tr> <tr><td>Clay Center</td><td>62/42</td></tr> <tr><td>Mahattan</td><td>64/43</td></tr> <tr><td>Wamego</td><td>63/43</td></tr> <tr><td>Ogden</td><td>69/39</td></tr> <tr><td>Junction City</td><td>64/44</td></tr> <tr><td>Abilene</td><td>64/43</td></tr> <tr><td>Council Grove</td><td>64/44</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">This Week's Sun & Moon Chart</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Sunrise</th> <th>Sunset</th> <th>Moonrise</th> <th>Moonset</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Wednesday</td><td>7:21 a.m.</td><td>7:44 p.m.</td><td>8:18 a.m.</td><td>9:03 p.m.</td></tr> <tr><td>Thursday</td><td>7:19 a.m.</td><td>7:45 p.m.</td><td>8:43 a.m.</td><td>10:01 p.m.</td></tr> <tr><td>Friday</td><td>7:18 a.m.</td><td>7:46 p.m.</td><td>9:10 a.m.</td><td>11:00 p.m.</td></tr> <tr><td>Saturday</td><td>7:16 a.m.</td><td>7:47 p.m.</td><td>9:39 a.m.</td><td>11:59 p.m.</td></tr> <tr><td>Sunday</td><td>7:15 a.m.</td><td>7:48 p.m.</td><td>10:12 a.m.</td><td>Next Day</td></tr> <tr><td>Monday</td><td>7:13 a.m.</td><td>7:49 p.m.</td><td>10:52 a.m.</td><td>12:59 a.m.</td></tr> <tr><td>Tuesday</td><td>7:11 a.m.</td><td>7:50 p.m.</td><td>11:38 a.m.</td><td>1:59 a.m.</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Location	High/Low	Washington	66/52	Blue Rapids	61/40	Seneca	60/40	Clay Center	62/42	Mahattan	64/43	Wamego	63/43	Ogden	69/39	Junction City	64/44	Abilene	64/43	Council Grove	64/44	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Wednesday	7:21 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	8:18 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	Thursday	7:19 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	8:43 a.m.	10:01 p.m.	Friday	7:18 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	9:10 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Saturday	7:16 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	9:39 a.m.	11:59 p.m.	Sunday	7:15 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	10:12 a.m.	Next Day	Monday	7:13 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	10:52 a.m.	12:59 a.m.	Tuesday	7:11 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	11:38 a.m.	1:59 a.m.
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