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Kansas Master Farmers, Farm Homemakers honored during 93rd annual banquet

Six couples have been honored as the 2019 class of Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers at a banquet held March 13 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan.

The program, which is in its 93rd year, recognizes Kansas farm families for their leadership in agriculture, environmental stewardship and service to their communities. The award is co-sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and *Kansas Farmer* magazine.

The honorees for 2019 are:

Grant and Gayla Corley – Anderson County

Grant Corley's passion for providing a food source for others began at age 12 when he purchased his first tractor. His love for agriculture eventually led to a prosperous farming operation and seed plant near Garnett.

Grant has also been active on the county fair and Farm Bureau boards, and served as a member of the National Guard for many years.

After earning a nursing degree, Gayla married Grant and began helping with the farm operation. She served in the U.S. Army Corps for nearly four years, then as a nurse at the Anderson County hospital until retirement. Her dedication to healthcare led her on medical missions to developing countries.

Both have volunteered as 4-H project leaders and county fair superintendents. They have taught Sunday school classes and Bible school at their local church.

The couple has three children: Gaylene (and husband Lawrence Comfort) of Westphalia; Gaylette (and husband Shawn Conard) of Minneola; and Gaylon (and wife Heather Wootton) of Garnett. The Corleys also have 15 grandchildren.

Mark and Eva Gardiner – Clark County

Mark and Eva Gardiner are not only operating a successful cattle operation near Ashland, they're also positively impacting the angus industry nationwide.

Mark, who owns Gardiner Angus Ranch in partnership with two brothers, manages the day-to-day activities of the registered and commercial Angus herd. The business's embryo and artificial insemination program has grown into one of the largest in the country.

Since 2008, genomic information has been collected on all bulls, heifers and commercial females to generate better resources for the following year's breeding decisions. Their carcass data collection represents 43% of the



Grant and Gayla Corley. Garnett



David and Janet Olson. Hiawatha



Mark and Eva Gardiner. Ashland



Richard and Denise Swenson. Concordia



Doug and Sandra McGraw. Garden City

American Angus Association's national database.

The couple has established the Henry and Nan Gardiner Marketing Center, which features smart technology for internet bidding at sales, and video conferencing. They have previously received the National Cattlemen's Foundation Vision Award and a regional award as the NCBA's Cattle Business of the Century.

They have established the Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship, and Global Food Systems Lecture Series at Kansas State University, and have hosted 40 American university students for internships at the ranch.

In the community, Mark and Eva are involved in the Ashland United Methodist Church. Mark has served on the Ashland School Board, Kansas Beef Council and Kansas Angus Association. Eva, who has earned a veterinary degree as well as certification in veterinary acupuncture, is a member of the Ashland Community Foundation Board.

The couple has three sons: Cole, Ransom and Quana.

Doug and Sandra McGraw – Finney County

Farming runs in the family for Doug and Sandra McGraw. Growing up on their parents' farms in Gray County introduced them to the rural lifestyle, which led to their own successful careers cultivating the land.

They introduced a number of progressive management practices to their wheat and alfalfa business, including low-draft nozzles for irrigation, reduced tillage and a two-way plow that enhanced the soil profile.

Doug attended Kansas State University before becoming a partner with his father. He was a member of the local soil conservation board and the National Association of

Conservation Districts. In 1992, he was honored with the Conservation Award for Irrigation.

He has also been a member of the National Village Missions Board, which coordinates assigning pastors to rural churches.

Sandra earned a nursing degree and worked at a hospital in Garden City. She has kept her license current so that she could serve as a volunteer nurse in the community. She has also served on the local Extension council and as county fair supervisor.

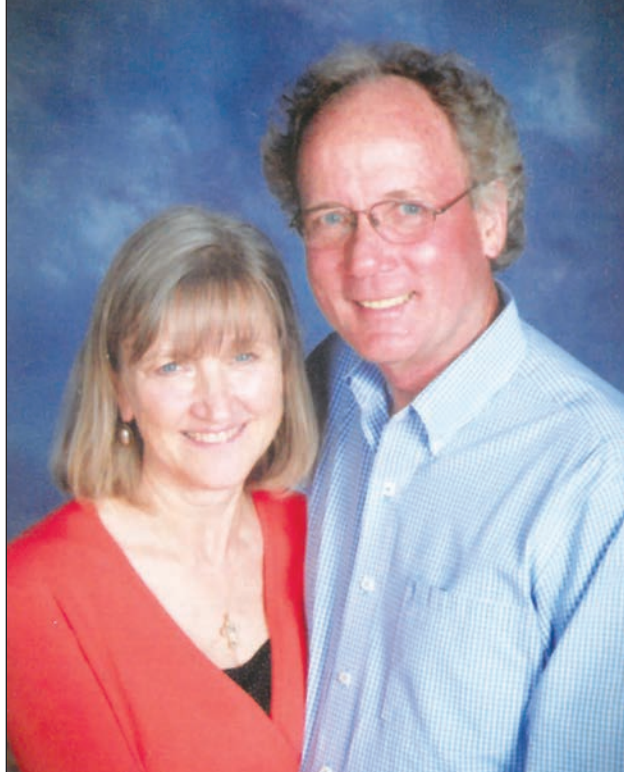
As chairman of the Finney County Fair Board, Doug helped facilitate the development of a new arena and plaza. Sandra helped to found a local chapter for the Christian Women's Club. Recently, the couple started a project called 'Redeeming Pierceville.' They are cleaning town lots in hopes of improving the community's culture.

The couple has four children: Jeff, who lives in Denver; Jennifer (and husband Marty Gleason), of Garden City; Joanna (and husband Brian Schmeckle) of Garden City; and Jera (and husband Ryan Brady) of Garden City. The McGraws also have seven grandchildren.

David and Janet Olson – Brown County

David Olson farms the same land that his father and grandfather once farmed near Hiawatha. He credits his agriculture degree, continuing education and membership in the Kansas Corn Association for helping him run a successful farm.

The family's farm relies on precision agriculture to apply fertilizers and testing soil nutrients, among other tasks. Doing so, David says, has helped the farm to maximize yields for each crop. They routinely rotate corn and soybeans to increase soil health.



Richard and Karen Works. Iola

"We work hard to sustain our farm to be a profitable business that contributes to the economy, deal fairly with and have good relationships within the community, and most importantly the environmental issues of good steward of the land," the couple said.

Janet has been the organist at the Zion Lutheran Church of Everest for 34 years. After earning a bachelor's degree in business, she worked at the Union State Bank, and has served on the local school board and as a substitute teacher. She was a 4-H project leader and community leader for many years.

The couple has two sons: Jeremy (and wife Sarah) of Hiawatha; and Taylor (and wife Taylor) of Blue Springs, Missouri. The Olsons also have three grandchildren.

Richard and Denise Swenson – Cloud County

Richard and Denise Swenson operate a combined crop operation and Hereford herd north of Concordia. They also have recently purchased two meat processing facilities and created Swenson Meat Processing.

The couple say that rotating crops and livestock has improved their land's overall health and created multiple marketing avenues. In addition to selling commodity crops, their beef is sold through stories in Concordia and Salina. They market grass-finished and grain-finished beef to meet their customer's varying preferences.

Richard is a long-time member of the American Hereford Association, Kansas Hereford Association and Kansas Farm

Bureau. He tested and championed his stock by participating in regional bull tests and exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair.

Denise is a program manager for the Cloud County 4-H program. She has been closely involved with the Kansas Hereford Women's group and Concordia Lutheran Church.



Patsy Houghton, shown with Mike Day, Animal Science and Industry department head at Kansas State University and Mark Gardiner, president of the K-State Livestock and Meat Industry Council, was named Stockman of the Year at the 50th Annual Stockmen's Dinner.

Houghton named Stockman of the Year

Patsy Houghton, McCook, Nebraska, is the 2020 Kansas Stockman of the Year. She was recognized during the 50th Annual Stockmen's Dinner March 5 in Manhattan.

Houghton has devoted her life to serving the beef industry. After graduating from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences and Industry (ASD) and a master's degree in Reproductive Physiology, she found herself in many roles that supported her

She is also a member of the Concordia Public Schools Council, and volunteers her time judging 4-H events.

They have also hosted the World Hereford Tour with visitors from 11 countries. Among their honors, they have won awards for Kansas Hereford Breeder of the Year, and Golden Breeder Award (American Hereford Association); and have been recognized as a Farm Bureau Century Farm.

They have three sons: Ryan, Kevin and Benjamin.

Richard and Karen Works – Allen County

While the Works family's agriculture history in Allen County dates back to 1856, they are also forward-thinkers.

Richard, who graduated from Kansas State University, is a graduate of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program, and currently serves as a board member. He has also been a county commissioner for 24 years and is involved with the U.S. Grains Council Board of Directors.

Karen majored in home economics at K-State and is a licensed dietitian. She has been a child nutrition consultant for the Kansas State Department of Education, and is committee chair for the Kansas School Food Service Association. She is also the bookkeeper for Works Farms and has many supporting roles.

The couple is active in the local 4-H program, church, school, Rotary Club and other community events.

"The key guidelines for which we have been successful in business and as leaders in the community include being honest, reliable and having strong moral values," they said. "It helps to have a good sense of humor, optimism and a spirit of adventure. We are lucky to share our time, talents and energy to make our community a better place."

The couple has two children: Adams (and wife Kayla) of Overland Park; and Sarah (and husband Mike McIntire) of Houston. The Works have three grandchildren.



Opportunity in the Pause

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair..." — Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

We are a nation consumed by one issue: coronavirus. I am not writing to make light of this serious issue, merely to observe the Dickens-like dramatic feel that has our world waiting with bated breath for what the next chapter will bring.

A few months ago, prior to the public health concerns, our story was similar to a novel. It was the best of times. A time of prosperity with the stock market high and unemployment low, advances in technology and medicine relieving the world's ailments. The luxury of knowledge, plus material goods and foods delivered with the tap of your fingertips.

It was also the worst of times. People constantly at risk for burn-out because we can't escape the constant connection electronics provide. Millennials suffering from chronic errand paralysis, where a few small non-urgent tasks

nag at us for months because we just can't find the time to check them off a list. Experts voiced concerns in our children, entertained by electronics every minute of the day, never learning the creativity born of boredom, and our current culture doesn't allow many children to have the character-building experiences that come from failures or not winning.

Reflecting on my life, I mostly consider it the best of times. I love my career communicating about the important work of agriculture. Marc and I are working together to build a foundation for our family through life on the farm. I volunteer much (probably too much) of my time with organizations that I believe in wholeheartedly. I am incredibly blessed in this life.

My biggest wish is often for more time. Constantly overwhelmed by the demands of my job, plus all my volunteer commitments, and eternally behind on all the everyday responsibilities like laundry and grocery shopping, I sometimes just want to hit pause.

I think many people can identify with the desire to hit the pause button so we can metaphorically get up and stretch our legs, get a snack and throw away candy wrap-

pers. That extra moment to get healthy, feed our mind and soul, and organize our affairs. It would make everything better.

Currently, my sense of irony is excitedly exclaiming, "Be careful what you wish for!" So many of the extra things in my life like volunteer obligations, organizational and social events have been temporarily halted.

The world continues to function and for many it has added responsibilities and challenges. We should all be grateful for the people who work in key sectors like medicine, public service, transportation, agriculture and food supply chain sectors who are continuing to work under less-than-ideal conditions.

But outside those foundational obligations, there is opportunity in this pause. Make your kids go outside so you can read Dickens. Find a way to do something good for your neighbors. Take control of your health. Give yourself the grace to be imperfect.

It won't be long before the world hits play and things return to normal. Now is your time to make a change, take control of something that has felt beyond your reach or maybe just enjoy yourself for a bit.

Find the opportunity in this pause and make the most of it.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

This week, most of us at *Grass & Grain* started working from home as much as possible in an effort to comply with the social distancing mandate to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Kevin, our faithful office assistant, still goes in each day to check and process the mail and that kind of thing. The rest of us do as much as we can from home and go in if necessary, but try to be there together as seldom as we can. Technology allows us to accomplish most of what we need to, which is a tremendous blessing.

It's been so interesting for me to see how people deal with this current crisis. I'm watching on Facebook as people share their homeschooling experiences with their children. Most of the kids are getting a healthy dose of life lessons, and that's not all bad. The memes on Facebook have been hilarious, like: "I'm sure getting tired of babysitting my mom's grandkids," or "Can someone tell me how to get this kid moved out of my class?" It's all in good fun, although I'm sure it has added quite a layer of stress to parents' lives, many of whom are still trying to jug-

gle jobs as well. But so many of them are making the most of this unexpected extra time with their kids.

All around I see people stepping up to help their neighbors, kids in their communities and local businesses. People are working together, and expressing appreciation for each other and it's wonderful to watch. I hope this spirit doesn't die with the coronavirus.

Last week was National Ag Week, and as grocery shelves quickly emptied but were replenished in fairly short order, it was a poignant reminder of the importance of what we do. Ag producers are on the front lines of providing the safest food supply in the world, and the world is waking up to just how critical that actually is. You've been working from home for years — from sun-up to sundown, in all kinds of weather, when prices were good and when you weren't breaking even. No matter what you were going through, those shelves stayed full. A simple thank you doesn't begin to do your efforts justice.

But thank you. During Ag Week and every week, thank you for all you do.

Training session prepares Farmers Union members to respond to farm stress

As part of the organization's broader initiative to address a growing farm stress crisis, National Farmers Union (NFU) recently hosted a two-day, in-person session to train community mental health advocates across the country.

More than 30 Farmers Union members from 19 states completed the training, which was held in conjunction with NFU's 118th Anniversary Convention in Savannah, Georgia. The program's curriculum — established in collaboration with American Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Credit, and Michigan State University Extension — prepares participants to both recognize and re-

spond to signs of stress and suicide as well as teach others to do the same. Upon returning home, they will not only serve as a resource for community members struggling with their mental health, but they will also lead future training sessions for farmers' friends, neighbors, and family members.

"With so much uncertainty and economic pressure, farmers are under immense stress right now," said NFU president Rob Larew. "At the same time, many people are embarrassed to talk about mental health or don't know how. By training local leaders to build a meaningful, community-based response to this crisis, we

can help break down the stigma and make it easier for farmers to ask for help when they need it most."

Hosted by Mental Health First Aid, the first day of the training session focused on risk factors for, warning signs of, and strategies to respond to mental health concerns like depression, anxiety disorders, panic attacks, traumatic events, drug misuse, and suicidal behaviors. The second day of training, led by Michigan State University Extension, contextualized those concerns within a rural framework, providing guidance for working specifically with agricultural professionals and rural residents.

"Some of the stressors farmers face are pretty unique. They aren't just dealing with financial anxiety — they often also have the burden of several generations of family legacy," Larew said. "This training tailors mental health outreach to the particular concerns and experiences of family farmers and ranchers to ensure that those efforts are really relevant and effective."

For Farmers Union members who were not able to attend this session, there are other opportunities to get involved. NFU is offering a free online course to help those who interact with farmers to recognize signs of stress and offer help. Additionally, several Farmers Union state and regional divisions are developing their own training programs for members.



The new buzz term seems to be social distancing. Even in this time of crisis the idea behind social distancing kind of makes me giggle. I come from a good German farm family and we have been social distancing as long as I can remember. My family is not the huggy, kissy kind and we all like our own personal space; a nod or a handshake is more the norm for affection. So, staying six feet apart is not a hard thing for us to do, in fact you could say I have been preparing for this all my life.

This whole COVID-19 thing has been something the like of which I have never seen nor do I care if I ever see it again. In the end though, I do think there will be some good that comes from our lessons that hopefully we learn from our time in quarantine. One of those lessons I hope we learn is just how important agriculture is to our society and how little we have valued it up to this crisis. I know I am preaching to the choir here and we all understand just how vital our industry is, but I am not sure that our fellow citizens grasped it until now.

It was quite a shock to see the empty store shelves even when it was just toilet paper. As an aside here, someday we will look back and really get a good laugh at running out of toilet paper during a respiratory virus pandemic. When it spread to stores running out of staples like milk, eggs and meat, things started to get serious for our consumers. All of us in agriculture knew that the empty shelves were a product of the hoarding and panic and not a supply problem but for a brief second the public did not and that is where we can make a difference in how America views its agriculture.

Those of us in agriculture saw very little impact on our day-to-day lives due to the pandemic and the measures associated with it. We continued to take care of our farms and ranches and go about our business as usual. The only difference I saw was an increase in my labor supply because the kids came home from college early, otherwise we continued to take care of the cattle and sheep. While the rest of America was being ordered to shelter in place, we were deemed essential and told to continue with our daily routine.

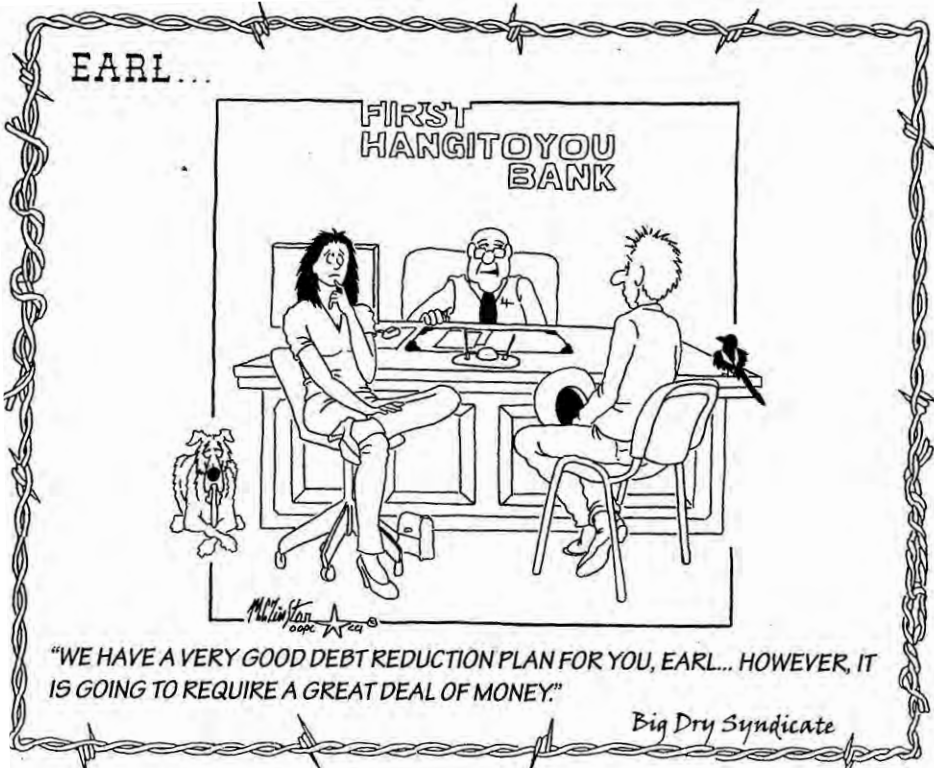
We are not immune from the looming

financial crisis, many of us work in town or have a spouse who does, and that income is critical to our survival. However, when it came to the work, there was never any question about whether we were going to go to work or not. Day in and day out we must take care of our farms, we must feed the animals and plan for the upcoming crop year no matter the weather or the crisis.

A stable food supply is the foundation of every great society and ours is no different, but I am sure that as our society gets further and further from our agricultural roots, we are in jeopardy of taking that for granted. During my lifetime I have never seen empty store shelves or dealt with the thought of not having something to eat. We have gotten to the point now where, not only are the store shelves full, but they are full of many different types and kinds of food. Our society has become very spoiled when it comes to food. Take it one step further and many of us eat a great many of our meals out, so we don't even need to worry about the supply of food in the grocery store. Our stable, abundant food supply could easily go from a blessing to a curse and that is where we need to make our voices heard in wake of this current situation.

We need to remind our non-farm cousins that we were able to make it through this crisis without sports, movies and live entertainment but we could not have without our food supply. Is food produced in other places? Sure, but in a time of crisis do you want to depend on food imports? I don't. That is why our agricultural foundation is so important to the survival of this great nation and this is when we need to make sure that everyone knows this, and the message is reinforced.

We are all humble, hard-working people who just want to go about our business in relative anonymity, that is why social distancing works so well in rural America, but the time to tell our story is now while the memory of empty store shelves are etched in the consumer's memory. Agriculture is the foundation our nation is built on and times of crisis help to galvanize the importance of food and fiber. It's our story and this is our time to tell it.



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Our view: America's farmers need relief as they keep calm and plant on

An Op-Ed from Farm Policy Facts

For millions of Americans, our sense of what is normal has been radically shifted by an unprecedented pandemic sweeping across the globe.

New phrases, such as social distancing, have entered our lexicon. Schools and businesses are closed. Many are now telecommuting from their living rooms. Our nation has come together in these acts of solidarity to try and flatten the curve of infection.

In this time of incredible uncertainty, at least one thing is certain: America's farmers and ranchers will keep calm and plant on.

Telecommuting isn't a possibility for those who are working to feed America. Food and agriculture are a critical part of our national infrastructure and our farmers continue to go to work every single day, even in the midst of this evolving health crisis.

As spring approaches, the extraordinary efforts that go into planning and planting a crop have not slowed. Despite the fact that much of the rest of the world has seemed to hit pause.

We have a new appreciation for the safe and affordable food we eat when suddenly confronted by empty store shelves. That appreciation deepens when once again those shelves are filled by the hardworking men and women in the ag supply chain.

"You know, we're spoiled in America. You've provided such abundant, healthy, wholesome, affordable, available food that we take you for granted," Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue recently said in a video address to America's farmers and food manufacturers. "You know that America depends on you if we are going to have the food we need to feed our families, you are the ones that can make that happen."

From the farmer who plants the seed to the grocer who sells the produce, we applaud every single person who supports our food chain.

Thank you for setting aside your own fears. For working hard days and long weeks. For feeding our families.

And in order for you to do your job, Washington must do its job by supplying our farmers and ranchers the tools and funding needed to weather this crisis and keeps our grocery stores stocked.

We trust that Congress and the administration will deliver desperately needed relief to agriculture in its response to the pandemic, just like we trust that our farmers and ranchers will deliver just as they have time and again.

Houghton named Stockman of the Year

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emeritus. Though often described as headstrong, the collective opinion prevailed: Patsy's tenacity to generate an idea, create a plan and make it a success is what makes her unique and why she was named this year's Stockman of the Year.

Houghton served as co-chair of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Cattlemen's College for 11 years and has been a member of the K-State Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) since 2011. She has served as chairman of the K-State ASI Family and Friends Reunion since its inception in 2015. Because of Houghton's creativity and dedication the annual event has grown to more than 1,300 attendees who enjoy reuniting with K-State ASI alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends.

"One thing that Ron Lemenager taught Patsy while she was at Purdue University was that if you do research relevant to the beef cattle industry, it can be really fun and really impactful," said Corah. "I think that is one of the things that Patsy took with her as she carried out the rest of her career."

Houghton's early career included working for California State University-Fresno and the American Simmental Association before obtaining her doctorate degree from Purdue University. After working as the K-State Northwest Extension beef specialist for four years, Houghton started Heartland Cattle Co. near McCook, Nebraska, in 1990.

"Patsy and Heartland

are really one and the same," Rippe said. "We can all agree that Heartland wouldn't exist if it wasn't for Patsy and likewise, Patsy wouldn't be the person she is today without her experiences at Heartland." With the establishment of Heartland, Houghton innovated the "professional heifer development" concept. From 1990 to 2018, Heartland Cattle Co. turned out more than 125,000 AI-bred heifers that were placed across America.

"It's so vintage Patsy," Corah added. "Her creativity, her generosity, and her taking an idea and just simply making it work."

This is not the first time Houghton has been recognized for her service to the beef industry. She was awarded the K-State ASI Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2011. She was also named to Purdue University's College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni Class of 2010 and selected for Purdue's Old Masters Mentoring Program, which is university-wide, in 2009. Additionally, she received Purdue's Outstanding Animal Sciences Alumni Award.

Houghton noted, "It's a noble thing to help feed a

hungry world, and there are no better people to surround yourself with while you are heeding your life's calling than people involved in agriculture."

Houghton's creativity and tenacity to develop new ideas in the beef industry will continue for years to come. As she concluded her acceptance remarks, Houghton said,

"In the next ten to fifteen years, I hope to pursue educational-based business ideas that I have held for a number of years, but have not had the opportunity to pursue."

The Stockman of the Year Award is presented annually by LMIC. A video of the awards presentation is available at <https://youtu.be/e0ChLHcaW6k>



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Tyson to add \$5 to cash cattle prices

By Greg Henderson, Drovers

Tyson Foods told cattle feeders on Friday, March 20 that the following week it would add \$5 per cwt. to live cattle and \$7.94 per cwt. to dressed and grid cattle. The increase will be added to the base cash price for the week.

Gary Michelson, Tyson Foods director of media relations, told *Drovers* in a Saturday morning email the one-time premium is an effort to demonstrate the company's commitment to cattle suppliers.

"As an American company supporting the agricultural backbone of this country it is imperative during this national state of emergency, we not only support our customers, but our cattle supply partners as well by ensuring the long-term sustainability of the beef business," Michelson wrote.

"Without the pipeline of high-quality cattle, we would not be able to deliver on meeting the needs of our customers and consumers. It is for these reasons Tyson Fresh Meats is providing a one-time premium effective for cattle harvested the week of March 23rd, in an effort to

demonstrate our commitment and support of our valued cattle suppliers. This is an unprecedented time and the intent of our response is to show our support in an effort to help our supply partners weather this extraordinary situation."

Tyson Foods operates six beef packing facilities in the U.S., harvesting an average of 155,000 head of cattle each week.

Grocery meat cases have been emptied over the past two weeks as consumers gather food items

in preparation for home isolation. The resulting retail demand caused a rapid spike in beef cutout prices of \$47.74 last week, with the Choice boxed trade closing Friday at \$253.75.

Cash fed cattle traded from \$105 per cwt early in the week to \$113 at the end of the week. The spike in the beef cutout price meant beef packer margins may have exceeded \$400 per head for the week.

No announcement of a similar assistance payment from other packers has been made.

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Jackie Doud, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest
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SALISBURY STEAK
 1 can beefy mushroom soup
 1 pound ground beef
 1/3 cup bread crumbs
 1 egg
 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
 1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms, optional
 Mix 1/4 cup soup, ground beef, crumbs, egg and onions; shape into 6 patties. Cook until browned on both sides. Remove from pan pour off fat. Stir in remaining soup and mushrooms. Return patties to pan. Reduce heat to low and cover and simmer for 20 minutes turning patties occasionally.

LaVerna Hinkle, Manhattan: "This is a very old family recipe. I like to put fruit on top. You could use any kind of topping your family likes."
GRANDMA'S CREAM PIE
 4 tablespoons sugar (be generous)
 2 tablespoons flour (heaping)
 Pinch of salt
 2 tablespoons milk
 2 cups heavy cream
 Just whip together with a whisk (do not use mixer) then pour in unbaked pie shell and bake. Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour. May take a little more than an hour; bake until it is a good consistency.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE EGGS
 3/4 cup chunky peanut butter
 1/4 cup butter
 1 cup flaked coconut
 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
 1 1/2 to 2 cups powdered sugar
 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
 2 tablespoons shortening
 In a bowl cream peanut butter and butter. Fold in coconut, nuts and 1 cup of the sugar. Mix well. Sprinkle some of the remaining sugar on board. Turn mixture onto board. Knead in enough of remaining sugar until mixture holds its shape. Shape into egg-shaped pieces.

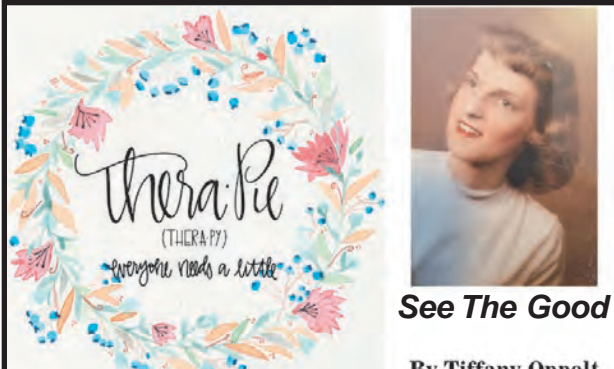
Chill 1 hour. Melt chocolate and shortening. Dip eggs in chocolate and place on waxed paper. Makes 2 dozen.

Ladonna Grindol, Berlyton:
TACO CHILI IN SLOW COOKER
 3 pounds ground beef
 1 package taco seasoning
 2 cans chili-ready tomatoes
 1 can kidney beans
 1 can sweet corn
 Cheddar cheese
 Chopped green onions
 In a large skillet brown ground beef; drain. Transfer to slow cooker. Stir in seasoning, tomatoes, beans and corn. Cover and cook on low 4-6 hours. Serve topped with cheese and onion.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos:
SUNDAY MORNING MUFFINS
Streusel topping:
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/3 cup brown sugar
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 stick unsalted butter, melted
 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
Muffins:
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 1 egg, beaten
 1/2 cup milk
 1/3 cup butter, melted
 Preheat oven to 350 de-

greens and place paper liners in a 12-count muffin tin. To make streusel topping combine sugar, brown sugar and cinnamon in a bowl; stir in melted butter and then flour. Mix well and set aside. To make the muffin batter, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, nutmeg and allspice in a large bowl. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture. Add egg, milk and melted butter. Whisk ingredients until just combined. Spoon muffin batter evenly into muffin cups (about 1/4 cup each). Top each muffin evenly with the streusel topping (about 2 tablespoons). Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the muffin comes out clean.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
SLOW COOKER MAC & CHEESE
 2 cups dry macaroni
 2 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
 1 can evaporated milk
 1 1/2 cups milk
 2 eggs
 1/4 cup melted butter
 1 teaspoon salt
 Cook macaroni; drain and rinse in cold water. Mix milks, eggs, butter and salt. Stir in 2 cups shredded cheese and macaroni. Transfer to slow cooker and cook on low 2 1/2 to 3 hours until center is set. Stir once. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.



What crazy times we are living in! There is so much information flying around and so many updates and unknowns and various opinions, it's hard to keep track of it all. I don't know about you, but it has become very easy for me to let myself get bogged down with it and start to feel incredible amounts of anxiety and fear.

When I am starting to feel this way, I've found that a great way for me to pull myself back to a state of calm and peace is to look for little moments of grace and give thanksgiving for them. Yesterday, I was able to sleep in, which was something my body definitely needed and had been feeling for a couple of days. I woke up to the sound of sizzling sausage in a skillet being prepared by my husband in the kitchen. The biggest smile came across my face because before my eyes opened and I could just smell the scent of the ground sausage starting to brown in the pan, the sound and smells made me think I was in Grandma Thera's house. It hit me like a ton of bricks and rather than making me sad, it made me smile and feel grateful that I can still have moments that remind me of her.

This past week, her sister and my Aunt Flo, passed away. I have to assume they are in heaven, eating delicious food (and pie, of course) and playing a really cut throat game of cards. The thought of that makes me happy, anyway. At times like these, we can choose to focus on the negative and the grief and hurt and fear, or we can choose to see all of that and continue to see the good also.

Covid-19 has allowed me to have a lot of extra time with my son. I have had such incredible moments with him; watching the mind of a 3-year-old work is about as close to magical and joyful as you can get. I'm getting to hear "I love you, Mommy. You are really great" as well as "brachiosaurus are my favorite dinosaur because they don't eat you." How does that not just make the world right again?

In this time, I would like to encourage you

to take a moment and find the thing that brings you joy and calm or peace. Maybe it's a walk, a deep breath, a bubble bath, praying, doing a craft, baking something, a phone call to someone you haven't talked to in far too long, a handwritten letter... the list could go on and on. Whatever that thing is, find it and do it and I bet you'll feel grateful and still be able to see the good.

I'm sharing a cherry pie recipe with you today, because it was Aunt Flo's favorite kind of pie:
 9-inch pie crust + extra dough or top crust for decoration on top
 1 pound sweet, dark cherries
 1 pound tart cherries
 1 cup sugar
 4 tablespoons corn starch
 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
 1 egg, beaten with a splash of water (1 teaspoon approximately)
 1 1/2 tablespoons Raw Cane sugar (for top crust)

Prepare your crusts. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Heat the cherries until the juices have seeped out in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Add sugar and corn starch to the pan and mix well. Continue to heat and stir until the mixture has thickened enough to stick to your spoon. If you get too thick, just add a little water and keep stirring. Let filling sit for 15 minutes to cool.

Put into prepared crust. Top with top crust/extra dough. Brush with egg wash and sprinkle with sanding sugar. Bake for 40 minutes, turning once about half way through!

Enjoy with someone you love!

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Look For Ways To Help Children Cope During Crisis, Experts Say

MANHATTAN - Children and adults experience and react differently in times of crisis. "We sometimes only think of disasters as weather-related events, but we know that anything that disrupts daily life and community well-being on a large scale is a disaster," said Bradford Wiles, associate professor and Extension specialist with Kansas State University's College of Health and Human Services. "Thinking about and being compassionate in how we all feel and process our emotions is crucial to our own, our fam-

ilies', and our communities' resilience in the face of the current pandemic." A K-State publication, written by Wiles and associate professor and extension specialist Elizabeth Kiss, includes information that can help communities recognize the negative effects that tough times have on the mental well-being of children. The publication, titled Disasters: Children's Responses and Helping Them Recover, is available online from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore. Wiles and Kiss outline

suggested ways parents can help children cope during hard times:
 * Reassure the child that you are still together and that you will be there to help as long as you can.
 * Return to pre-disaster routines to the extent possible, including bedtime, bath time, meal time and waking up times.
 * Make sure you are taking care of yourself. It can be difficult to take care of a child if you are not feeling well.
 * Talk with your child about your feelings.
 * Encourage children to draw, write or tell stories about their experiences. Talking about how the disaster or tough time has changed them can be beneficial.

practicing social distancing. Email is the best way to reach them, but call forwarding and voicemail allow for closed local offices to be reached by phone as well (some responses could be delayed). To find out how to reach your local agents, visit the K-State Research and Extension county and district directory.

Signs Of Depression

Signs of depression in early childhood: tantrums, physical complaints, brief periods of sadness, listlessness or hyperactivity, lack of interest in activities, withdrawal.

Signs of depression in middle childhood: new phobias, hyperactivity, conduct disorders (lying or stealing), refusal to leave parents, periods of sadness, vague anxiety or agitation, suicidal thoughts.

Signs of depression in adolescents: changes in appearance, withdrawal, fatigue, eating problems, substance abuse, risk-taking, sudden change in peer group, loss of interest, sleep problems, hostility, suicidal thoughts.

Source: Disasters: Children's Responses and Helping Them Recover

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Home and Away

Change For The Better?

By Lou Ann Thomas

My deadline for this column is a week or so ahead of publication, so it feels risky to mention current events, since the situation can change by then. Unfortunately, Covid-19, and our response to it, will likely remain in headlines and in our heads for a while.

We're moving through uncharted territory with this and no one knows how it will unfold. We've been told to wash our hands as though all our lives depended upon it - because they do. We're trying to keep those hands to ourselves but out of our faces. We are, to the best of our ability, maintaining six-feet between us and we're dealing with much less social contact and the camaraderie and comfort it provides. It's no wonder we're all feeling anxious and on edge not knowing what to expect next.

We can, and will, get through this, but the only way to do so is together. Now, as in all challenging times, we have to look out for each other. And I see and hear that happening. Not just here in the plains, but all over the country and all over the world. Maybe it's true, absence does make our heart grow fonder and more time away from each other has made us more aware of how much we need and miss each other.

Restaurants and businesses in my area, and many other areas, are

providing lunches for kids out of school and are dependent upon school lunch to feed them.

Neighbors and friends are checking in on each other to help stem loneliness and to help meet needs that might arise. And we're using the amazing tools of the Internet and social media to reach out, stay connected, and offer hope and upliftment to each other.

And this is happening all over the world. A hotel in Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to people who are homebound and I heard that the residents of Assisi, Italy, a village that is virtually shut down to ghost town status, are singing to each other through their open windows to stem the feelings of loneliness.

This distancing, hand washing, and even the anxiety surrounding Covid-19 is likely to last awhile, and there are aspects of this that may indeed create an entirely new normal for us. But, as we've seen time and time again, the worst of times can bring out the best of our humanity. I'm heartened that even in this uncertain time we are looking out for each other with heart and care. That's the only way we'll get through this and what ever our new future holds.

If this is going to change us, it's up to us to make sure that change is for the better.

Plan Meals Before Shopping During A Quarantine, Expert Says

MANHATTAN - In normal times, most consumers don't think twice about a quick trip to the grocery store to pick up a few items.

But these are not normal times. With the threat of the new coronavirus, COVID-19, hanging over most of the country, "social distancing" has become a commonly understood term, one that makes planning trips to the grocery more important.

"In our home, the new object of the game is to see if we can put off a trip to the store," said Sandy Procter, a nutrition specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "We are challenging ourselves to not make the quick, short trip, if that's still possible, and to wait until we have a more complete list. It's our way of trying to minimize those trips and the (social) connections that we are supposed to avoid right now."

Procter said "it makes more sense than ever to have a plan" when shopping for a quarantine or during a time when we should avoid being around others.

"And then we need to follow that plan and utilize what we have on hand before we make what used to be a second-natured, quick trip to the grocery store," she said. "We need to be a little more intentional in how we shop; do some work ahead of time to plan meals, then use what we have on hand so that we can keep our distance until things get better."

Planning a week's worth of meals isn't always easy for some. "I have friends who write day-to-day menus in their normal life, and that works well for them," Procter said.

"But for others - and especially those of us who may have multiple people in our homes for meals that we don't normally serve - it's going to take some adapting on the fly."

Procter offered a few tips for planning meals:

Buy items in bulk. Instead of buying grab-and-go breakfast bars, buy a box of bulk oatmeal in-

stead. You can provide a lot of servings at once, and it's often less expensive.

Start with the basics, such as sugar, flour or other items that help you make food from scratch. "Quick meals are maybe not as important right now as much as having enough variety on hand to make flexibility a key part of menu planning," Procter said.

Buy shelf-stable foods. Fresh produce is great, but to avoid multiple trips to the store during the week, be sure to buy canned goods too. "Foods that are in cans or frozen are packed at their peak of nutritional value, so we know that those are healthy foods," Procter said. "Use the fresh items first, then incorporate those that will keep longer."

Include kids in meal planning. "They will probably have some good ideas, and there are lessons that can be shared, too," Procter said. It's one of those times that we will think back on and you'll

appreciate having the time to hang out with the kids and teaching them to cook."

"All of this may be a little hard to adjust to," Procter said, "and you're probably going to have some cabin fever setting in soon, if it hasn't already. But think of family activities that are going to be welcome and reassuring, like cooking or baking or cleaning up together after you've had a food experiment or activity."

Planning meals will also help consumers use common sense and avoid the temptation to hoard goods: "Don't purposely clear out a shelf in the grocery store of something you need," she said. "If there are six on the shelf, and you need just one or two, don't take all six. Leave some there for the next guy."

"Take what you need, use it, plan well, incorporate everything you have into those menus and be smart about using all of our resources now."

For more information, visit the K-State Research and Extension food nutrition and safety webpage - <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/>

K-State Research and Extension has compiled numerous publications and other information to help people take care of themselves and others during times of crisis. See the complete list of resources online - <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/about-us/covid-19-extension.html>

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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Lighthearted Revenge

In the November election of 1880 Kansans voted to adopt prohibition, making the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors illegal. However, individual counties could pass a local option in support of liquor sales.

Wild and woolly Dodge City, the county seat of Ford County, had its reputation to consider. Intoxicating spirits were a mainstay of an economy that thrived as a cowboy resort on the Western Cattle Trail. Saloon men, known as "the Dodge City Gang," were determined to keep

Dodge City a free and open sporting town.

Free and open as it may have been, even Dodge City found that the growing reform movement was threatening the saloon faction. M.C. Ruby, agent for the Adams Express Company, wrote a particularly scathing letter about Dodge City's attitude toward temperance and mailed it to the *Oskaloosa (Iowa) Herald*. His comments were pointedly aimed at the city fathers running Dodge City. The letter was published in the March 17, 1881, and was subsequently reprinted in the *Ford County Globe*.

Ruby began by relating a conversation he had overheard between a saloon man and the unnamed

city attorney. Of course, everyone who read the letter in the *Globe* knew Ruby was talking about Harry Gryden. Gryden, who had been the city attorney for several years, bragged that he could sway any jury with one hundred dollars. According to Ruby, a "responsible citizen" divulged that Gryden made fifty dollars a week in payments "by not prosecuting gamblers and cutthroats..."

Ruby described Mayor James "Dog" Kelly as "a flannel mouthed Irishman." Being a saloon man was not unusual in Dodge City, but the occupation drew Ruby's condemnation. Ruby then turned on the town's lawmen. "The city marshal [Jim Masterson] and assistant [Neil Brown] are gamblers and keep a 'woman' - as does the mayor also...The sheriff [George Hinkle] owns a saloon and the deputy sheriff [Fred Singer] is a bar tender in a saloon."

"The mayor and a 'bruiser' from Texas had a kind of prize fight the other night, in which the mayor got severely punished. The marshal and friends stood by with drawn revolvers to see fair play. No arrests are made except for killing or attempt to kill unless strangers should come to whom they think has plenty of money. They will arrest him on slight pretext and bleed him. The ex-chairman of the Board of County Commissioners [A. J. Peacock] runs a saloon and dance

hall, where the unwary are enticed, made drunk and robbed. Six men were knocked down and robbed one night last week."

Mr. Ruby assured the reader that good folks were severely outnumbered in Dodge City. His advice to those immigrating to Kansas was to "...shun Dodge City as they would the yellow fever, measles, smallpox and seven year itch combined," adding that his opinion and that of a certain Santa Fe Railroad conductor were the same.

When the conductor called for "tickets", a drunken Texas cowboy told him he didn't have one. "Where are you going?" inquired the conductor. The well-lubricated cowboy answered, "Going to _ hic _ hell." The conductor promptly recommended, "All right, give me fifty cents and get off at Dodge."

Ruby concluded that he had come for only a certain length of time and expressed the hope that "they don't raise my hair before I get ready to leave."

Mayor Dog Kelly was not amused. Ruby's timing aligned a challenge from A. B. Webster, a law and order man who had been the leader of Hays City vigilantes during that town's roughest years. The election was only a few days away. Revenge could have been deadly, but a lighthearted spirit was often

exhibited by the denizens of Dodge City and Kelly chose to make light of Mr. Ruby's criticism. The mayor's disciplinary action was reported in the *Ford County Globe* on March 30, 1881 "The agent of the Adams Express Co., at this place, Mr. Ruby, was taken out to the railroad water tank last Wednesday, and drenched with water by Mayor Kelly and his policemen, for writing an article to an Iowa newspaper reflecting discreditably upon said officials."

It was classic Dodge City fun! Nevertheless, Mayor Kelly and his Dodge City Gang suffered a demoralizing defeat in the April 4, 1881, elections. The entire city council was defeated. Incoming Mayor Webster fired the police force and mounted a campaign to rid Dodge City of its lower ranks, which included his political rivals, the Dodge City Gang. Nothing more was heard from Mr. M. C. Ruby after he suffered Kelly's lighthearted revenge under the water tank. We assume he eventually left town with his hair intact on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Ellsworth, KS. Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st RD Geneseo, KS. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.*

KDOT extends deadline for harvesting right of way permits

For landowners wanting to harvest hay on Kansas highway right of way, the Kansas Department of Transportation announced that the deadline for permits to be issued will be extended to May 1. The extension is necessary because KDOT staff will not be in the office to accept applications until early April to follow Gov. Laura Kelly's directive to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Those with land adjacent to the right of way will be given permit priority from Jan. 1 until May 1. After May 1, permits to harvest will be issued in the order in which they are received. The permits will expire Sept. 30.

Hay harvesting on right-of-way along state and federal highways without a permit is illegal and is trespassing according to KDOT.

Permits can be canceled at any time by either party and all operations shall be in accordance with requirements and guidelines set by KDOT. Any person, firm or corporation wanting to mow or bale hay will need to submit a permit application to the KDOT office in their area. No hay harvesting will take place along Interstates, and access to any right of way shall be determined by KDOT.

For additional information, contact your local KDOT office or call the KDOT Bureau of Maintenance in Topeka at (785) 296-3576.

KFB provides agricultural-relevant information on COVID-19 virus

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) has launched a webpage to curate the news and resources farmers and ranchers need to navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Visit www.kfb.org/covid19 to see how KFB, government leaders and other agricultural industry groups are responding to the pandemic.

"At Kansas Farm Bureau, we are working on legislative issues to help you continue to work, while protecting your community," KFB president Rich Felts says in a letter posted on the COVID-19 page. "In addition, American Farm Bureau Federation is diligently working with Congress on several agricultural-related issues

as it pertains to protecting America's farmers and ranchers through this pandemic."

Coverage includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

Steps to help keep farm employees safe

How industry is meeting grocery demand

Guidance on the Kansas Open Meetings Act

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Storm season is upon us, in more ways than one. My daughter, Noel, with her two littles, has been hunkering down with us in Oakley. Her littles are three and a half and one and a half. Yes, a storm. Since Garden City Community College is doing online classes and their daycare is closed, Grandma's house is the best option.

We went down the other day and checked on her apartment, picked up mail, etc., and coming home we were driving straight into a front. She was snapping pictures while I drove and every direction featured a masterpiece as the skies tumbled and shifted, rolled and rumbled. It was magnificent.

Our storms send us scurrying for shelter and hurrying to the front porch for a better look. I can't count the times Jake or I have called the other to

China adopts Codex standards for implant use

Recently, China adopted Codex standards for zeranol, trenbolone acetate and melengestrol acetate in beef tissues. Texas Cattle Feeders Association is hopeful this is a positive indication China will also adopt Codex standards for ractopamine use. China is currently in consultation with U.S. experts and undergoing a risk assessment for ractopamine use in cattle and swine.



FDA alerts consumers about unauthorized fraudulent COVID-19 testing kits

By Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration, Stephen M. Hahn M.D. and Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, Judith A. McMeekin Pharm.D.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is actively and aggressively monitoring the market for any firms marketing products with fraudulent coronavirus (COVID-19) diagnostic, prevention and treatment claims as part of our ongoing efforts to protect public health during this pandemic. As a result of these activities, the agency is beginning to see unauthorized fraudulent test kits that are being marketed to test for COVID-19 in the home.

We want to alert the American public that, at this time, the FDA has not authorized any test that is available to purchase for testing yourself at home for COVID-19. The FDA sees the public health value in expanding the availability of COVID-19 testing through safe and accurate tests that may include home collection, and we are actively working with test developers in this space.

Fraudulent health claims, tests, and products

can pose serious health risks. They may keep some patients from seeking care or delay necessary medical treatment. The FDA reminds consumers to follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines and speak to your medical provider if you have symptoms of COVID-19. Your medical provider will advise you about whether you should get tested and the process for being tested with an appropriate test.

The FDA will take appropriate action to protect consumers from bad actors who take advantage of a crisis to deceive the public by marketing tests that pose risks to patient health. This may include issuing warning letters, seizures or injunctions. We have already identified and issued warning letters to companies found selling and promoting fraudulent items, and we expect additional such actions will be forthcoming. Addition-

ally, we are stepping up enforcement at ports of entry, including International Mail Facilities, to ensure these fraudulent products that originate outside the country do not enter through our borders.

If you are aware of fraudulent test kits for COVID-19, please report them to the FDA. We will continue to aggressively pursue those who place the public health at risk and hold bad actors accountable.

the porch or outside to see the clouds, the sunset, the lightning. Mother Nature is the ultimate drama queen and Kansas is her stage.

We are weathering other storms now, too, serious storms. The thing about storms is they pass, they always pass. Sometimes they leave paths of destruction, turn the world upside down, but they pass. I try to keep that in mind when I walk through the living room amidst the toys and seat cushions and the screams and stuff flying through the air. This little storm will pass, too.

Take care, be kind, be safe.

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American Farmland Trust launches fund to help farmers affected by the COVID-19 crisis

American Farmland Trust, the organization behind the national movement No Farms No Food®, announces the creation of a Farmer Relief Fund. All monies raised will go directly to farmers. The fund will award eligible farmers with cash grants of up to \$1,000 each to help them weather the current storm of market disruptions caused by the COVID-19 crisis. The initial focus will be on farms that sell at farmers' markets or to restaurants, caterers, schools, stores, or makers who use farm products. That focus could change over time as the negative impacts of the crisis become more widespread within U.S. agriculture.

A new report estimates that local and regional food systems could lose up to \$1.3 billion between just March and May of this year. While all farmers and ranchers will likely be seriously impacted by the market disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, some farmers are losing their primary markets because people can't eat in restaurants or shop at farmers' markets. Other farmers will be hard hit because they will not be able to main-

tain adequate farm labor—including the migrant labor now essential for many crops. Still other farmers will be devastated by expected disruptions in trade.

Yet at this time, those farmers and ranchers who market directly to consumers are being impacted most drastically. These farmers tend to be small businesses and are not covered by traditional farm safety net programs. This is a critical time for these farmers, the beginning of planting season, a time when little money is coming in and much is going out. Without some form of support, many will go out of business.

"AFT is focused on calling immediate attention to the struggle of the farmers who have been suddenly cut off from their main sources of revenue or seen them reduced. We want to help by providing funds to bridge the gap," said John Piotti, AFT president and CEO. "But this crisis also elevates the need for AFT's broader work, getting farming right before it is too late. We can't let this crisis slow us down. If agriculture is to have a future, if we are to have a future, we must work hard to protect our

agricultural resources, including the land, the soil and the people who steward both."

The Farmer Relief Fund program details can be found at www.farmland.org/relief. The easy-to-complete application will be posted on the website within 24 hours.

Initially, eligible applicants include small and mid-size direct-market producers. These are defined as producers with annual gross revenue of between \$10,000 and \$1 million from sales at farmers' markets and/or direct sales to restaurants, caterers, schools, stores, or makers who use farm products.

AFT envisions an initial application round extending until April 23, with grants beginning to be made by May 1.

Stay tuned to AFT's social channels for updates on the Farmer Relief Fund and farmers on the front lines of this crisis. Sign up to receive AFT email updates at farmland.org/sign-up.

Farm Bureau highlights immediate challenges facing the agriculture sector

American Farm Bureau has released its first assessment of the impact on farmers and ranchers in the wake of the national mitigation efforts to combat COVID-19.

In a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, AFBF president Zippy Duvall pledged that "America's farmers and ranchers will be with you every step of the way, doing all that we can to help you win this fight and to ensure the health, safety and prosperity of all America." USDA invited Farm Bureau to convey agricultural issues or concerns arising as the pandemic mitigation efforts and impact advance.

Duvall said labor, supply chain issues and possible price manipulation topped the list of immediate issues farmers are raising with the national organization.

The letter, which will be updated as new issues materialize, outlines concerns from Farm Bureau members across the country as national and local leaders take action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health.

H-2A

With the State Department's announcement to suspend all processing of new, non-emergency visa applications in Mexico, U.S. farms and ranches

could face a serious labor shortage at a critical time for planting and harvesting crops essential to the domestic food supply. U.S. agriculture depends on more than a quarter-million H-2A workers every year, and Farm Bureau is calling on the administration to find a safe measure to ensure these skilled workers can come to our farms and ranches. AFBF along with members of the Agriculture Workforce Coalition also sent a letter to Secretary of State Pompeo to address these concerns.

Supply Chain

"As companies adopt social distancing policies in keeping with health

directives, this mode of work could have a significant impact on the processing plants that drive America's supply chain," Duvall wrote. Meat packing plants, dairy processors, ethanol plants and other processing facilities all play vital roles in delivering the food and fuel Americans will continue to depend on in the long days ahead. Additional impacts could include access to seed, fertilizer and crop protection tools farmers need to grow a healthy crop. In addition to calling for close monitoring of potential shutdowns or reduced hours at these facilities, Farm Bureau is also requesting

that the current FMCSA Emergency Declaration waiver to hours of service for food transportation be expanded to address the full agricultural supply chain.

Market Concerns

Maintaining stable and fair markets is especially critical at times like these. Duvall noted concerns from livestock producers regarding market manipulation and urged USDA to monitor the situation to protect ranchers and consumers alike from price manipulation. In the fresh produce market, growers have expressed concerns regarding possible dumping of products from other countries.

"USDA should work with the appropriate federal agencies in ensuring U.S. farmers are not unfairly disadvantaged during this unique period," Duvall wrote.

Duvall also noted USDA's unique role in urging rural America to take all the prescribed measures to "flatten the curve" and reduce the spread of COVID-19, and thanked Perdue for his leadership in addressing the crisis facing agriculture and rural America. "We applaud your leadership and commitment and stand ready to work with you as our nation meets this unique challenge."

Should you consider soybean inoculation this growing season?

By David G. Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension agent, crops & soils/horticulture

Soybeans are extremely adaptable. They wouldn't be grown here if they weren't. One of the soybean's adaptation features is its ability to fix its own nitrogen from the atmosphere via nodules on the plant's roots. It's an important necessity when a 60-bushel-per-acre soybean crop

requires close to 300 pounds of N per acre.

For soils that have had recent soybean crops, it's likely that soils have enough bacteria for nodulation, and N production to occur. It's likely why yield responses to inoculation are quite variable in Kansas and other states where soybeans are commonly grown.

It never hurts to take a second look at inoculation, however. The cost of inoculation is low and potential yield loss from

poor inoculation can be significant unless available soil N levels are high according to some work by KSU Cropping Systems agronomist Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti. His work shows that nodulation might be particularly important if you meet one of the following:

Where soybeans haven't been grown in the past four years, the bacteria may not compete well with other soil microbes, with numbers gradually declining until replenished.

When soil pHs are at extreme levels: less than 5.5 or greater than 8.75. At pH levels in the six or seven range, nodulation should be optimal.

When soil erosion has been an issue, topsoil may lack bacteria and need enhanced.

When soil organic matter levels drop below one percent, inoculation can be helpful.

When severe drought/flooding occurs, bacteria populations decline. Short-term flooding is okay, but some of the

flooding time frames last year could adversely affect Bradyrhizobium japonicum populations in the soil. Fields under water more than a week may need attention.

When high heat occurs during the early growth period, plant-bacteria establishment is reduced and inoculation should be considered.

Weren't planning to inoculate this year? Make sure you are checking the boxes above. If not, inoculation might be a pretty good insurance policy.

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Location from Bennington, North on 180th to Frontier East 2mi on Right side of road.
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AUCTIONEER NOTE: Bill was in the business for setting Modular, Component and Trailer Houses. Has several pieces of equipment to do that work.

To view the sale bill on the internet go to www.wacondatrader.com. On Facebook: Ottawa County, Kansas Buy/Sell/Trade, Saline County Buy/Sell, Bennington/Minneapolis Buy/Sell/Trade

GUNS & RELATED ITEMS: Toz russian double Barrel 12ga Shotgun; Hawkins Black Powder 50cal Rifle; Remington 243cal Model 788 with Scope.

AUTOMOBILES & TRAILERS: 1998 Ford F-250 pickup V8 Automatic 2 wheel drive, low mileage; 1949 Chevrolet 6400 model winch truck; 1957 Dodge Superior School bus converted to camper with recently overhauled 316 Dodge motor still on bench, known as Red Dog Truck engine; Homemade 16x6 bumper pull stock trailer, sells with no title; Homemade 22' tandem axle bumper pull, hauls big round bales; Homemade 2 wheel single axle trailer bumper pull 8' bed; Homemade single axle 2 wheel trailer with 12' bed; Homemade 2 wheel bale trailer to move big round bales with 12v electric winch; 2 wheel pickup bed trailer with electric over hydraulic hoist.

POSSIBLE ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Great Western wood burning stove; enamel wringer washer; 2 square wash tubs on stand; kerosene heating stove; antique doll beds; quilts and blankets; several full size metal bed frames; milk strainer; Japanese Po-Chink-O machine; 33 rpm lp records and 8 track tapes; Hiawatha chief childs wagon; Big Wheels childs pedal 3 wheeler; old type metal chicken waterers; hand feed scoop labeled Farmers Coop Elevation Assc, Bennington, Ks; IHC hand crank corn sheller; several matching chest of drawers with mirrored dressers; hand meat saw; men and womens 24" bicycles.

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Panasonic microwave oven and stand; wooden kitchen table and matching chairs; apartment size refrigerator; several wooden storage cabinets; Frigidaire large chest type freezer; corner style computer desk; small wooden office desk; Englander wood burning heating stove; several overhead kitchen cabinets; several countertop appliances; pots and pans sets; portable electric sewing machine - white brand; several large plastic storage containers; several large fish aquariums; bedding, linens, towels etc.; metal filing cabinets 2 and 3 drawer.

SHOP POWER EQUIPMENT & TOOLS: Lincoln generator welder 16hp with long leads; Predator model 8750 generator; shop bench and vise; Lincoln AC stick welder with supplies; hydraulic floor crane; floor model hydraulic press; several hydraulic porta power with lifting attachments; bottle and screw jacks; small portable air compressors; heavy duty floor model drill press; Rigid pipe vise and dyes up to 2"; several hand come a longs; several small 12v winches; Craftsman table saw; 2 wheel appliance dolly; several chain saws, Skill, Husqvarna, Poulan with sharpener; power miter boxes 10" and 8"; several socket sets sizes 1/4, 3/8, 1/2 inch; Continental 3/4" drive socket set in case; Craftsman tap and die set; Craftsman electric torque wrench; numerous hand mechanic wrenches up to 1 1/2"; new 25" 1/2" drive breakerover bar; air impact wrenches 1/4, 3/8, 1/2 inch; Air 3/8 drive butterfly wrench; assortment of craftsman flood lights; assortment of fuel cans;

Bosch air framing nailer; Campbell-Hausfeld air finishing nailer up to 2"; Crown air nailers 1/4 to 3/4 inch; Chicago Pneumatics roofing nailer; like new shop vac.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT & MISC.: 12 Farm Master portable panels; several wire mesh panels; 5 Stroberg portable panels 1 with walk through gate; 2 big round bale feeders; several salt and mineral feeders; Behlen salt and mineral weather vane feeders; 3 poltron - TCS feed bunks; Fimco PU model 12v and boom sprayer 25gal; ATV 12v and sprayer 15gal; PTO wire winder; 12 sections of landing mat; aluminum loading pu ramps; electric fencers, wire and posts; Thunderbay hand held power posthole digger; several 2x4, 2x6, 2x8 and 2x10 board planks; aluminum heavy duty flat rung extension ladder; assortment of aluminum and wooden step ladders; assortment of masonite siding; Homemade hydraulic log splitter with 17.5 BS motor with hydraulic log lift; 5000lb 12v electric winch new in box; fireplace log rack; Craftsman DYT 4000 riding mower; Craftsman 2 wheel string trimmer; Stihl Tree stump cutter with rototiller attachment; Troy built snow blower model 2620 with 208cc motor; turkey fryer; Cabelas LP smoker; assortment of large coolers; IHC 3 bottom pull plow; Allis Chalmers 7' sickle bar mower on wheels; Massey Ferguson 900 3-point Post Hole Digger 9x48 auger.

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USDA Service Centers in Kansas will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will

continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone, and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. In the event a Service Center is closed, producers can receive assistance from the closest alternate Service Center by phone.

Producers can find Service Center phone numbers at farmers.gov/ser

vice-center-locator.

FPAC agencies continue to look at the flexibilities to deliver programs on behalf of producers, just as they have in past situations, such as natural disasters. Farmers and ranchers are resilient and FPAC agencies will continue to deliver the farm safety net programs and resource conservation programs that keep American agriculture in business today and long into the future.

Online services are available to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can

view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Online NRCS services are available to customers through the Conservation Client Gateway. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance, and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

For the most current updates on available services and Service Center status visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

Due to the uncertainty of recent events, if you still plan to attend any of the following auctions, please contact the auction company to confirm that the auction has not been postponed and will be conducted.

Online Goat Auction (bidding opens March 31 with soft close April 4) - selling Jan/Feb does & wethers at <https://hollingerauction.hibid.com/auctions/current> for Hard Pressed Farms. Hollinger Auction.

March 30 — (POSTPONED) Farm machinery including tractors, combine, grain cart, forage harvester, wheel loaders, trailers & more held at Utica for Rex & Verda Albin Estate. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

March 31 — Land auction selling 318 acres m/l of Lincoln County land & 1,013 acres m/l of Russell County land held at Wilson for T. Scott Soukup Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC & Ideal Real Estate, Joni Glaser, listing broker.

March 31 — Real Estate consisting of home with 3-5 bedrooms, oversized lot & more held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 31 (Bids being taken by phone; no live auction) — 320 acres Coffey County diversified farm property held at New Strawn for Clara R. Williams Trust. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions & Real Estate, Brian Landis & Victor Edelman.

April 1 — 470 acres m/l of Stafford County land sold in 2 tracts including dryland acres held at Pratt for Harrison Family Trust. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate, John Hamm.

Unreserved online land auction (April 2-16, 2020) — 156.3 acres m/l of Barton County prime farmland held online at www.bigironrealty.com for Merlin & Darlene Stoss (open house & auction at Bushton). Auctioneers: Big Iron Realty, Mike Campbell, listing agent.

April 4 — Tractors, farm machinery, pickups & truck, trailers, cattle & horse equipment, buildings & sheds to be moved, misc. arm items, tools & more held at Bunker Hill for Don Chegwidened Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

April 4 (POSTPONED) — Roseville pottery, Oak Eclipse Regulator calendar wall clock, Jepson pottery, cookie jars, furniture & household held at Topeka for Tim & Linda Riddle and Jennifer Hermann. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 4 — Real Estate

& personal property. 2 tracts of Marion & Morris county land including farmland, rural residence & native grassland held at Herington for The Estate of Elmer, Leona & Bertha Otte. Auctioneers: Lepcke Realty & Auction.

April 4 — (POSTPONED) Blacksmith tools, tractors, ATV, shop tools held south of Fairbury, Nebraska for the late Bruce Junker. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 4 — Farm machinery, antiques & collectibles, automobiles held at Minneapolis for Gerald Newell Estate. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

April 4 — 13th Annual Going to Grass Production Sale held at Canton for Circle S Ranch.

April 7 — 160 acres m/l of Cloud County cropland, grass & pit ponds, waterfowl habitat held at Glasco. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

April 9 — (POSTPONED until Fall 2020) 320 acres m/l tillable and pasture located north of Ada. Auction held at Minneapolis. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Ray Swearingen.

April 11 (POSTPONED)— Tractors, hay equipment, trailers, boat, ATV, miscellaneous, Generac generator & more held at Kansas City, KS for Sylvester & Mildred Jackson. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

April 11 — 146 acres m/l of irrigated Republic County land held at Courtland for Dale & Danell Strickler. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, Jeff Dankenbring.

April 11 — Guns, household, appliances, shop tools & equipment, boat & accessories, livestock equipment, large assortment of mechanics tools & equipment held at Bennington for Bill Whitman. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

April 11 — Fink Beef Genetics Spring Angus and Charolais Bull Sale held at Randolph.

April 14 — 138 acres m/l of Dickinson County farmland held at Chapman for Ingermanson Trust. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Ray Swearingen.

April 16 — 563 acres m/l of quality farmland in Saline and Ottawa Counties in 5 tracts held at Salina for Ingermanson Farms, Ingermanson Trusts. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Ray Swearingen.

April 18 — (POSTPONED) Machinery, tools, antiques held South of Barnes for Dennis & Judy

Woerman. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 18 — (POSTPONED) - New Strawn Farm & Ranch Consignment Auction held at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty. Sales manager, Richard Newkirk.

April 25 — (POSTPONED) Tractors, windrower, balers, trailers, truck, machinery, livestock equipment & more held at Summerfield for Milton & Kylene Stoll. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Harden, Sommerhalder.

April 25 — (POSTPONED) - John Deere pedal tractor, toys, signs, German helmet, Van Briggle, Hummel figurines, coins, neon lights, tins, thermometers, clocks held at Topeka for Dan Gartner. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 25 (WATCH FOR RESCHEDULE DATE) — 1800s Conastoga wagon (complete), buggys, horse equipment, antiques & collectibles held near Eudora for Elden (Denny) & Marilyn Lynn. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 28 — (RESCHEDULED from March 31) — 57 acres m/l of Saline County farmland on spring creek held at Salina. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC, Ray Swearingen.

May 2 — 656 acres m/l of Washington and Marshall Counties Kansas land held at Hanover for The Heirs of Emil & Lyla Krause. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home.

May 9 — (RESCHEDULED from March 28) — Tractors, combine, trucks & machinery, motorcycles, antiques, collectibles, tools & more held West of Clay Center for Clarence & Marjorie Urban Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 12 — (rescheduled from March) — 415 acres m/l quality farmland on Gypsum Creek in Saline and McPherson Counties held at Gypsum for Micah Moffitt & Michael D. Becker. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

May 23 — (RESCHEDULED from April 4) — Collectibles & household held at Frankfort for Donna & Nilwon (Nick) Kraushaar Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

June 6 — Farm machinery, trailers, 1976 Lincoln, antiques, farm supplies, tools, iron & miscellaneous held at Talmage for Twila (Mrs. Rosie) Holt. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

Corteva Agriscience releases Global Food Security Index 2019 – North America Regional report

Corteva Agriscience recently released the Global Food Security Index (GFSI) 2019 – North America Regional report, which examines the state of food systems of the three countries in the region. The GFSI, developed by The Economist Intelligence Unit, presents an in-depth analysis of how the core pillars of affordability, availability, quality, natural resources and resilience impact the region's level of food security.

"For the second consecutive year, the North America region leads the world in

Agricultural Business Council to honor two local leaders

The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City will honor two of the region's leading agricultural figures on May 21 at a luncheon in the Chamber Board Room in Kansas City's historic Union Station. The honorees will receive the Council's highest award, the Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Agricultural Business Council chairman Greg Kressek notes the honorees are champions for agriculture in separate but very key areas in the region. The honorees are:

- Ralph Richardson - Kansas State University. Dr. Ralph Richardson served as dean and CEO of the K-State Olathe campus for four years after serving as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University from 1998-2015. He graduated from Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1970 and served as a Captain in the United States Army Veterinary Corps for two years. He completed an Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Purdue University and a Residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia. After a year in private practice in Miami, Fla, he returned to Purdue for 22 years. At Kansas State University, Dr. Richardson was instrumental in establishing legislation that provided debt forgiveness to new veterinary graduates who serve the Kansas livestock industry. He was a member of the inaugural Board of Directors of the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor, and he facilitated the creation of numerous programs at K-State such as the Beef Cattle Institute, the Center for Vector-borne Diseases, the expansion of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and the building of the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility. Dr. Richardson received the animal

food security," said Judd O'Connor, president, U.S. Commercial Business, Corteva Agriscience. "The region's success is due to factors including robust food and farm safety programs, access to financing for farmers, and good infrastructure to support food systems. We applaud efforts the region is making to continue investment in these critical factors."

For more information on the Global Food Security Index, please visit Corteva.com.

health industry's lifetime achievement award, the Iron Paw Award in 2015, and the Association of American Veterinary Medical

College's Recognition Lecture award in 2016. Dr. Richardson has had a lifelong commitment to agriculture, particularly the livestock industry. He was active in 4-H and livestock showmanship from grade school through college. Throughout his professional life he has championed the importance of safe food production, animal welfare, animal health, and public health.

- Diane Olson - Missouri Farm Bureau. Olson recently retired as MOFB's Sr. Director of Promotion and Education after a 34-year career there. Regarded by colleagues as a "rockstar" in her profession, she is a native of Stone County in southwest Missouri. She learned the value of hard work and the importance of customer service in her family's general store. Following graduation from Reeds Spring High School, she earned her B.S. degree from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University). While working as a Child Development Specialist for the University of Missouri Extension Service, she earned her M.S. degree from the University of Missouri. She began her Farm Bureau career in November 1985 and has been a state and national leader in promoting agriculture in new and innovative ways ever since. In 2005, she secured a federal grant to develop a series of extremely popular Agricultural WebQuest, an online agricultural learn-

ing activity for users anywhere in the world. For 28 years she coordinated the Health and Safety exhibit at the Western Farm Show and she is a fixture at American Royal events each year. She was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City and makes annual visits to classrooms in the Kansas City metro area. She coordinated Missouri's Agriculture in the Classroom Program; served as president of the National Agriculture in the Classroom organization; hosted three National Agriculture in the Classroom Conferences, two of which were held in Kansas City; administered Missouri Farm Bureau's (MOFB's) education mini-grant and scholarship programs; and led the organization's outreach efforts during the Missouri State Fair. The ultimate professional, whether in a second-grade classroom, a teacher workshop or a Congressional briefing, Diane Olson's leadership has made a difference and her dedication to agriculture made her a worthy recipient of the prestigious Jay B. Dillingham Award.

"These individuals have had a positive and lasting effect on our community," said Council Chairman Kressek. "They are strong examples of what being an advocate for agriculture can accomplish."

The event will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Board Room in Union Station beginning at 11:30 a.m. for networking followed by lunch at noon. Visit www.agbizkc.com for more information and to register to attend.

LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020 — 10:00 AM
Hanover Community Building — HANOVER, KANSAS

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- Good Perimeter Fencing with some cross fencing
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Tract 2 Legal Description: East 1/2 Southeast 1/4 7-1-16, Herkimer Township, Marshall County Kansas. 79± acres

- 60± Acres of Cropland
- 14± Acre Pasture with Large Pond & Good Fence
- Balance of acres in Waterways & Hay Meadow
- Possession at Closing (20.4 Acres of wheat subject to tenants rights with possession upon conclusion of wheat harvest. Buyer to receive landlords cash rent payment at conclusion of harvest).
- 2019 Property Taxes = \$1551.65
- FSA Base Acres & Yields = 29 Acres Wheat, 39 Bushels; 33 Acres Milo, 65 Bushels; 0.5 Acres Beans, 17 Bushels.

Tract 3 Legal Description: NW 1/4 & N 1/2 of SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 in 8-1-6 Less 9± Acre Farmstead, Herkimer Township, Marshall County Kansas. 266.7± acres

- 17± Acres of Cropland featuring Wymore & Geary soil types on the upland and Muir, Kennebec and Wabash on the bottomland acres.
- 60± Acres of Pasture with 2 Large Ponds.
- 26± Acres of Excellent Wildlife Habitat with 2 Creeks and Old Growth Trees.
- Balance in Waterways & Hay Meadow.
- Possession at Closing (22.1 Acres of wheat subject to tenants rights with possession upon conclusion of wheat harvest. Buyer to receive landlords cash rent payment at conclusion of harvest).
- 2019 Property Taxes Estimated at \$4745
- FSA Base Acres & Yields = 19 Acres Wheat, 39 Bushels; 44 Acres Milo, 65 Bushels; 2.0 Acres Beans, 17 Bushels.

Additional Information:

- Possession at closing with Immediate Access granted to buyers on all tracts to allow for preparation for spring planting and pasture season upon the execution of the purchase contracts.
- Seller's interest in mineral rights to transfer with the sale of these properties.

Terms & Possession: 10% down day of the sale, balance due at closing on or before Thursday, June 4, 2020. Sellers to pay 2019 taxes buyer to pay 2020 taxes. Title insurance, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Property to be sold as-is, where-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and is not subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to auction. **Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller's interest.** Possession covered in descriptions above. All information has come from reliable sources; however, potential buyers are encouraged to verify all information independently. Seller expressly disclaim any liability for errors, omissions or changes regarding any information provided for these sales. Potential purchasers are strongly urged to rely solely upon their own inspections and opinions in preparing to purchase property and are expressly advised to not rely on any representations made by the seller or their agents. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all other printed materials.

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LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020 — 10:00 AM
Courtland Art Center — COURTLAND, KANSAS

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146± ACRES IRRIGATED REPUBLIC COUNTY, KS LAND

Legal Description: S29, T03, R05W, SE1/4 LESS 9.3 AC (house) & ROW CANAL 13.2 AC

IRRIGATION: Bostwick Irrigation District. • 126.5 irrigable Acres

Tract Info: Republic Co. Appraiser • 95.27 Irrigated Acres

- 41.92 Dryland Acres • 8.68 Native Grass Acres
- 116 Total Base Acres with 102 Corn Acres & 14 Wheat Acres

2019 Tax Information:
General Tax: \$ 3,753.30 • **Specials Irr:** \$ 5,566.00
Specials Irr Repay: \$ 554.07 • **Total 2019 Tax:** \$ 9,873.37

• Property is located in the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KBID).

Property Location: From the intersection of US 36 & 30th Road (Courtland Corner) go South 3 miles. Property is located on the Northwest side of 30th Road & Shady Road intersection.

Listing Broker's Notes: Agricultural Producers & Investors...
This incredible property is 94% in crop production with 126.5 irrigable acres that consistently produces year in and year out. A portion of the property is planted to Eastern Gamma Grass which produces many tons of excellent quality forage each year with little or no maintenance. The property also includes a 2008 T & L Center Pivot on approximately 46 acres and Drip irrigation installed in 6 zones on the balance of the irrigable acres. Drip irrigation is exceptionally efficient. With aggressive renters in the area looking to add additional lease acres this would make a GREAT investment property. DON'T miss this opportunity to add this tract to your operation or investment portfolio. Contact me with questions you have regarding this AWESOME Republic County Kansas property. Mark Uhlik - 785.747.8568 or Mark@MidwestLandandHome.com

Terms & Possession: 10% down day of the sale, balance due at closing on or before May 8, 2020. Sellers to pay 2019 taxes. Buyer to pay the 2020 taxes. Title insurance, escrow & closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Buyer will be given access to the property upon entering into a purchase agreement and placing 10% in escrow. Buyer takes full possession at closing. Property to be sold as-is, where-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and is not subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to the auction. **Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller's interest.** All information has come from reliable sources; however, buyers are encouraged to verify all information independently. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all other printed materials.

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AUCTION REMINDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Location: 1445 Granite Road — MINNEAPOLIS, KS
Location from: 106 & 4 lane Hwy. 81 interchange, go East Southeast on 106 continue on Heartland Drive 3 mi. to Granite Rd. Turn right go West 3 mi. to auction site. WATCH FOR AUCTION SIGNS.

To view the sale bill on the internet go to www.wacondatrader.com. On Facebook: Ottawa County, Kansas Buy/Sell/Trade, Saline County Buy/Sell, Bennington/Minneapolis Buy/Sell/Trade

FARM MACHINERY including JD 4250 model tractor, JD 4440 model tractor, JD 7720 combine, JD 7720 combine & More!
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LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT, SHOP POWER & HAND TOOLS, GUNS POSSIBLE ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES & OTHER MISC.

See last week's Grass & Grain for listings!
Lunch Served: Ada Youth Group

GERALD NEWELL ESTATE

Sale Conducted By: BACON AUCTION CO.
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LAND AUCTION

160 acres +/-
Cloud County, Kansas

Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 at 11:00 am
Auction held: Glasco Senior Center
109 E. Main St, Glasco, KS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, Cloud County, KS.

LOCATION: Located at the Southwest corner of Hwy 24 & 20th Rd or 1 mile east of Simpson, KS and 1/2 mile north.

DESCRIPTION: 160 acres +/- with 102 acres +/- of cultivation with balance in grass and pit ponds. Tillable is currently 50 acres of wheat and 50 acres of summer fallow will be planted to soybeans. Windmill with solar powered well and good duck habitat on the grass.

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The Vet Wife's Refrigerator

A scream from the kitchen. The thud of a faint. She sighs and arises and walks with restraint. Her neighbor lays peaceful, eyes fixed in a stare She's passed out in front of the new Frigid-aire. She looks at the rack with eggs in its keep Winking up at her's the eye of a sheep. There's a bottle of Pen-Strep near the Swanson's Pot Pies And down in the crisp-er's a bagful of flies. The butter tray's filled with test tubes of blood Marked, 'E.I.A. samples, from Tucker's old stud.' High on the shelf near a platter of cheese is a knotted, but leak- ing, obscene plastic sleeve. Fecal containers are stacked, side by side, With yesterday's piece of chicken, home fried. The freezer's a dither of guts, lungs and spleens Scattered amongst the Birds Eye green beans. Her home's a museum of animal parts. Lymphomatous lymph nodes, selenium hearts. Enough tissue samples to hold up a bridge But why do they always end up in the fridge? But she doesn't worry or turn up her nose. She's the wife of a vet, it's the life that she chose. But maybe he'd worry at lunch if he knew He might just be dining on Whirl-Pack stew!

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Meat and poultry producers lean in to provide food for families in pandemic

The North American Meat Institute said meat and poultry producers are leaning in to continue efforts to meet the global demand for meat under difficult circumstances.

"As the coronavirus began to spread overseas, our members acted to protect their employees and develop contingency plans to ensure plants could still provide food for families around the world," said Meat Institute president and CEO Julie Anna Potts. "With increased demand in retail, our members acted quickly to adapt, taking steps to keep operations running at normal or increased capacity."

Meat and poultry retail sales increased 7.3% for the week ending March 8, 2020, and deli meat sales advanced 4.8% due to a shift from foodservice production. (Data and insights provided by IRI and 210 Analytics, LLC.)

"In these uncertain times, the data shows consumers are turning to meat and poultry to provide their families with the nourishment and comfort they need," Potts said. "Our members are committed to meeting this

need." Recognizing the pressure on employees, especially hourly employees with children out of school and day care, companies have acted immediately to enhance benefits, including paid sick leave and improving access to health care to treat or detect the virus and waiving co-pays and deductibles. The Meat Institute is working with members and the federal government to anticipate and address other labor concerns.

Companies are educating employees on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. They also recognize the critical value of the personal effort and sacrifice of employees up and down the food supply chain.

"Perhaps most important is the generosity of member companies in donating meat or funds to food banks and other charities to support those in need in their communities," said Potts.

The Meat Institute is working with livestock groups, food and beverage industry trade associa-

tions, manufacturing organizations, USDA, congress and the White House to ensure meat and poultry producers can operate as critical infrastructure.

"Member plants must be allowed to keep running to provide critical protein to the food supply chain," said Potts. "The Meat Institute is encouraging members to work with state and local health authorities to enhance their understanding of meat production, especially the extensive and frequent cleaning and sanitation of facilities."

Communicating industry concerns to USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, the Meat Institute sought and gained assurances that inspection service will continue and that actions are being taken to address labor shortages caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Meat Institute signed a letter to federal, state, and local leaders across the country urging them to follow federal guidelines in exempting meat packing facilities, including suppliers and truck drivers, from gathering restrictions and

curfews related to coronavirus. Emerging inconsistent policies have created confusion and delay in several areas of the United States.

Mindful of the disruption the pandemic has caused in the cattle markets, the Meat Institute is working with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and committed to do everything it can to alleviate the adverse effects the pandemic is having on these critically important suppliers.

"Everyone benefits from a transparent marketing system that ensures effective price discovery," said Potts. "Simply put, packers need cattle producers and cattle producers need packers, and the nation's consumers need us working together."

The North American Meat Institute is the leading voice for the meat and poultry industry. The Meat Institute's members process the vast majority of U.S. beef, pork, lamb, and poultry, as well as manufacture the equipment and ingredients needed to produce the safest and highest quality meat and poultry products.

Farmers & Ranchers

AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

Selling Cattle every Monday Hog Sales on 2nd & 4th Monday of the month only!

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK TOTALED 4473 CATTLE & 67 HOGS.

| STEERS | | | 50 mix | Minneapolis | 868@130.50 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 300-400 | \$170.00 - \$182.50 | 87 mix | Hope | 870@128.50 | |
| 400-500 | \$178.00 - \$190.50 | 58 blk | Hope | 892@127.25 | |
| 500-600 | \$159.00 - \$179.00 | 62 mix | Enterprise | 891@126.75 | |
| 600-700 | \$147.00 - \$156.00 | 18 blk | Chase | 936@123.75 | |
| 700-800 | \$131.00 - \$144.00 | 111 blk | Hunter | 939@121.50 | |
| 800-900 | \$126.00 - \$138.25 | 122 mix | Bennington | 939@119.00 | |
| 900-1000 | \$108.00-\$123.75 | 105 mix | Bennington | 1029@109.25 | |
| HEIFERS | | | 13 blk | Minneapolis | 406@159.00 |
| 400-500 | \$148.50 - \$159.00 | 12 mix | Minneapolis | 540@159.00 | |
| 500-600 | \$148.00 - \$159.00 | 8 blk | Marion | 476@158.00 | |
| 600-700 | \$130.00 - \$143.00 | 17 mix | Minneapolis | 449@156.00 | |
| 700-800 | \$109.00 - \$113.00 | 12 mix | Minneapolis | 507@156.00 | |
| 800-900 | \$115.00 - \$121.75 | 4 blk | Hutchinson | 435@155.00 | |
| 900-1000 | \$109.00 - \$115.35 | 5 mix | Haven | 469@153.00 | |
| | | 4 blk | McPherson | 420@151.00 | |
| | | 11 blk | Hutchinson | 587@151.00 | |
| | | 4 blk | Clay Center | 553@150.00 | |
| | | 2 blk | Hillsboro | 453@148.50 | |
| | | 8 blk | Abilene | 506@148.00 | |
| | | 5 red | Hutchinson | 565@148.00 | |
| | | 4 blk | Haven | 576@147.00 | |
| | | 5 blk | Marion | 584@147.00 | |
| | | 8 blk | Halstead | 592@145.00 | |
| | | 9 mix | Minneapolis | 592@144.00 | |
| | | 2 bwf | Concordia | 538@143.00 | |
| | | 6 blk | Marquette | 601@143.00 | |
| | | 22 mix | Abilene | 586@143.00 | |
| | | 6 mix | Brookville | 502@139.00 | |
| | | 40 mix | Marquette | 857@138.10 | |
| | | 3 blk | Wilsey | 582@138.00 | |
| | | 19 mix | Marquette | 780@138.00 | |
| | | 4 mix | Clay Center | 603@137.50 | |
| | | 37 mix | Abilene | 661@136.75 | |
| | | 18 blk | Miltonvale | 697@136.50 | |
| | | 11 mix | Wilsey | 674@133.00 | |
| | | 44 mix | Minneapolis | 683@130.00 | |
| | | 15 mix | Clay Center | 711@127.75 | |
| | | 20 blk | Chase | 717@127.00 | |
| | | 12 red | Beverly | 707@126.00 | |
| | | 8 mix | Clay Center | 743@124.50 | |
| | | 13 mix | Longford | 744@123.25 | |
| | | 65 blk | Assaria | 771@123.00 | |
| | | 60 blk | Minneapolis | 793@122.75 | |
| | | 61 mix | Lincoln | 815@121.75 | |
| | | 33 blk | Miltonvale | 804@121.00 | |
| | | 8 blk | Chase | 829@118.50 | |
| | | 65 mix | Assaria | 871@118.00 | |
| | | 126 blk | Lincoln | 908@115.35 | |
| | | 13 mix | Carlton | 906@113.00 | |
| MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020: | | | | | |
| HOGS | | | | | |
| | | 11 pigs | Esbon | 47@95.00 | |
| | | 2 fats | Esbon | 320@46.00 | |
| | | 2 fats | Abilene | 315@46.00 | |
| | | 4 sows | Abilene | 581@35.00 | |
| | | 1 sow | Abilene | 535@34.50 | |
| | | 1 sow | Abilene | 585@34.00 | |
| | | 5 sows | Abilene | 560@33.50 | |
| | | 3 sows | Abilene | 520@33.00 | |
| | | 5 sows | Abilene | 480@32.00 | |
| CALVES | | | | | |
| | | 1 blk | Gypsum | 85@425.00 | |

UPCOMING SALES:

SPECIAL COW SALES: SALE STARTS at 11 AM
Tuesday, April 21 • Tuesday, May 5
WEANED/VACC. SALE: SALE STARTS at 11 AM

IN STOCK TODAY:

- Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders
- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER METAL TOP
- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER
- 42' ROUND BALE DUMP TRAILERS
- HEAVY DUTY FEED BUNKS (Silage & Grain)
- HEAVY DUTY 5000# GRAIN TOTE

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Agenda, KS

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Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS

SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211
MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY
Hogs sell at 10:30 a.m. *on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.* Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY
Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD

For a complete list of cattle for all sales check out our website www.fandrive.com

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| BULLS | | | COWS | | |
|-------|-----------|-------------|-------|-------------|------------|
| 1 red | Abilene | 110@410.00 | 1 blk | McPherson | 1365@84.00 |
| 2 blk | Salina | 305@410.00 | 1 blk | McPherson | 1100@81.00 |
| 3 blk | Delphos | 275@400.00 | 1 blk | Wakefield | 1315@80.00 |
| 1 blk | Ada | 180@375.00 | 1 blk | Gypsum | 1554@79.75 |
| 1 blk | McPherson | 105@375.00 | 4 red | McPherson | 1545@79.50 |
| 1 red | Osborne | 80@350.00 | 1 blk | Salina | 1745@79.50 |
| 1 blk | Solomon | 1905@104.00 | 1 blk | Geneseo | 1330@79.00 |
| 1 rwf | Salina | 2030@97.00 | 1 blk | Ramona | 1440@79.00 |
| 1 wf | Salina | 2155@97.00 | 1 blk | Osborne | 1390@79.00 |
| 1 red | Salina | 2090@97.00 | 2 blk | Gypsum | 1465@79.00 |
| 1 blk | Salina | 2110@96.50 | 1 blk | Salina | 1340@79.00 |
| 1 red | Salina | 2045@95.00 | 2 blk | Gypsum | 1470@78.50 |
| 1 blk | Salina | 1525@94.50 | 1 blk | New Cambria | 1350@78.00 |
| 1 blk | Hope | 1995@93.50 | 1 red | Ellsworth | 1340@77.00 |
| 1 blk | Ellsworth | 1745@93.00 | 1 blk | Osborne | 1420@77.00 |
| 1 blk | Ellsworth | 1525@93.00 | 1 bwf | Tampa | 1630@77.00 |
| 1 red | Tampa | 1375@90.00 | | | |

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

350 Fancy Black S&H 2 rounds vacc 450-550; 100 S&H home raised, long time weaned, vacc, open 700-900; 21 Black/BWF S&H vacc, knife cut 500-600; 50 Black Steers, Don Johnson sired, home raised, vacc 750-900; 175 Mostly Black S&H, 2 round vacc, long time weaned, no implant 600-800; 70 S&H home raised, off Rye, long time weaned 675-850; 40 Heifers 700-800; 10 Heifers 700; 140 Black Steers long time weaned, vacc 750-800; 13 Black S&H vacc 450-650; 15 Black S&H vacc, long time weaned 450-650; 50 Black S&H 450-550; 40 Steers home raised, long time weaned, hay fed 500-900; 24 Red/Black S&H home raised, long time weaned, gtd open 550-700; 9 Red/Black S&H home raised, long time weaned, gtd open 500-650

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 COW SALE

BULLS: 1 Char 18 months; 3 Black Angus 18 months; 4 2 yr old Black Charolais semen & Trich tested; 4 yearling Black Charolais semen tested; 16 18 months Registered Angus bulls, semen & Trich tested; 10 Black Angus & Balancer Bulls yearlings, semen checked; 3 Charolais Bulls 14 months, semen checked; 1 Charolais/Red Angus Bull 13 months, semen checked; 6 Angus Bulls 20 months, semen checked; 4 Registered Charolais Bulls, yearlings, semen checked.
BRED HEIFERS: 50 Red & Black bred Don Johnson & Lyons Angus, Fall bred for September 2nd calving, 13 Red - 37 Black. **HEIFER PAIRS:** 20 pairs Angus Hfrs & Angus Calves, home raised, calves worked; 18+18 Black Sim/Angus Heifers, home raised Hinkson Angus calves; 25+25 Black Heifer pairs, January calves black, Alpha 7, banded; 10+10 Red Angus, Fancy; 40+40 Black Sim/Angus, AI sired, all worked (Rosebrook Hfrs), home raised; 50+50 Black Heifer pairs. **REPLACEMENT HEIFERS:** 8 Black/Char replacement heifers OCHV'd; 10 Red Angus Heifers, open, pelvic measured; 6 Red Balancer Heifers, OCHV-d-pelvic measured; 34 Black OCHV'd, checked open, pre breeding, home raised, pelvic exam, vacc 750-800; 16 Red OCHV'd, checked open, pre breeding, home raised, pelvic exam, vacc 750-800. **COWS/PAIRS:** 210+210 Black pairs 2-9 yrs Angus calves, complete dispersal 20 Fall bred; 35+35 Angus pairs 3-8 yrs; 220 Black cows 3-5 yrs Northern Origin, bred Sim/Angus; 120 Black/Red 3-5 yrs Bred Sim/Angus or Red Angus, August 1 for 90 days; 35 cows 4-6 yrs, bred to black bulls; 50 Black cows 3-5 yrs, bred black; 130 Black & Red Angus, Fall calvers, 3-5 yrs; 3-5 yr old, Black & Reds; 40+40 Red Angus pairs 4 to older, Red Angus calves, worked for grass; 100+100 older pairs; 27 4-7 yrs, calving now; 10+10 Running age Black Angus; 40 Black & Red cows 4-8 yrs, bred black Fall calvers; 30 Black pairs 3-5 yrs, home raised, Angus/Char calves, calves worked; 7 young Red Angus pairs; 80+80 Black Sim/Angus Red Angus cows 3-8 yrs, Sim/Angus calves, February-March calves; 60+50 Running age pairs & heavy bred, red & black, red & black calves; 80 cows 3-5 yrs bred Baker Angus bulls; 80 Black cows 3-5 bred Angus; 20 Black Cows 4-9 yrs, Fall bred Gardiner Angus; 50 Black Cows 3-5 yrs, bred Sim/Angus September 1st 45 days; 64 Black Cows 3-7 yrs, bred Griswold Sim/Angus Bulls, bulls in November 15th for 45 days; 50 3+ Fall & Spring calving cows, Red & Black Angus, Black bred Black Angus, Red bred Red Angus; 50 Fall Bred Cows 5-6 yrs, mostly black, bred Angus