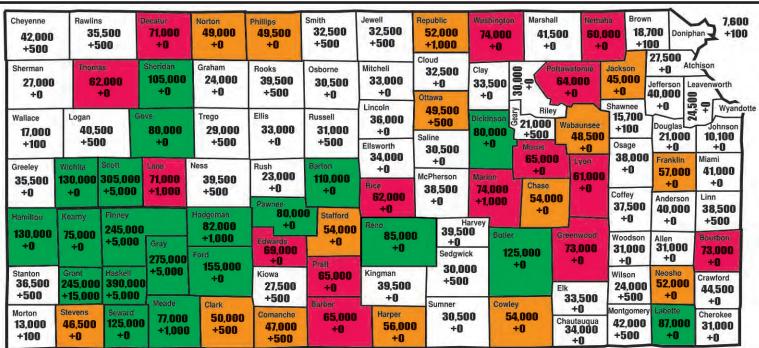
# Kansas county cattle estimate shows increase

Agricultural Statistics Services released their county cattle estimates May 11, showing the Kansas cattle herd at 6,450,000 head, an increase of 100,000 over last year's count. The number reflects all cattle and calves as of January 1, 2020.

After losing 10,000 head last year, Haskell County added 5,000 head in the 2020 survey for a total of 390,000 and held on to its number one position in the state. Scott County, with 305,000, saw a gain of 5,000 over last year to maintain its place at number two and Gray County added 5,000 for a total of 275,000, keeping the top three a mirror image of last year.

There were no counties showing losses, and only five counties with gains of 5,000 or more. Finney County also had a gain of 5,000 head and Grant County added 15,000.

Modest gains and no losses in the rest of the counties in the state pushed the total higher.



Major 75,000/Up

Important 60,000/Up

Average 45,000/Up

# Where's The Beef?

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# **Top 25** cattle counties in Kansas

9. (tie) Butler 125,000

9. (tie) Seward 125,000

11. Barton 110,000

12. Sheridan 105,000 13. Labette 87.000

14. Reno 85.000 15. Hodgeman 82,000

16. (tie) Dickinson 80,000

16. (tie) Gove 80.000

16. (tie) Pawnee 80,000

19. Meade 77.000 20. Kearny 75,000

20. (tie) Marion 74,000 Washington 20.

74,000 23. (tie) Bourbon 73,000

24. (tie) Greenwood 73,000

25. (tie) Decatur 71,000

25. (tie) Lane 71.000

# Bottleneck in beef industry pushes producers into making key decisions

Growth and Specialization maps are located on page 6.

33,500

42,000

+500

87.000

31,000

+500

13.000

Several members of Kansas State University's Extension beef team hosted an online workshop Thursday, May 14 to help producers with looming decisions on manag-

ing their herds in light of unique challenges in the

47,000

50,000

+500

77.000

+1.000

125.000

46,500

market. The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed Kansas' beef supply chain to as much as 40 percent capacity, though the state has rebounded in recent days, according to K-State agricultural economist Glynn Tonsor.

Tonsor noted that the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported on March 30 that Kansas' commercial cattle slaughter numbers were 120,000 head per day, "but then throughout the month of April, we've had almost day after day decline in the number of animals we were able to harvest," he said.

Though the numbers from USDA are preliminary, Tonsor said the volume fell to as low as 72,000 - a nearly 40 percent reduction in the number of animals harvested over the same period in 2019.

"The good news is that over the last ten days, we've had improvement,' Tonsor said, noting that the May 13 numbers indicate that 91,000 animals were harvested that day. "We continue to make progress. I anticipate that to continue, but there is a long road ahead to get closer to a feasible total

capacity in the weeks and

56,000

months ahead.' The bottleneck in beef processing facilities due to COVID-19 has led to less meat available at grocery stores, as well as higher meat prices, and lower livestock prices for pro-

ducers and processors. Because they move their animals to processing, livestock producers have had to adjust their management strategy to feed animals longer and sell them at heavier weights. To manage that most efficiently, K-State Research and Extension beef Extension specialist Dale Blasi said producers should know the average weight of the calves currently in their operation.

"Knowing this is critical to assess your marketing strategy," he said. "It allows you to examine how rations can be formulated dients at the least possible

He encourages cattlemen to use the feeder cattle risk management tool available from the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics, which compares net selling prices under futures market hedging, buying put options and the USDA's Livestock Risk Protection insurance plan.

Jaymelynn Farney, a beef systems specialist at the Southeast Research-Extension Center in Parsons, noted that the slowdown in the supply chain has come at a time when one of producers' preferred feed ingredients - dried distiller's grains crude oil.

is also limited due to COVID-19 and factors related to the availability of "So right now, we're trying to replace distillers grains with protein alternatives," she said. "The best options depend on

where you're located in the state or country.' In the eastern part of the commodities that can match or exceed distillers grains for the animal's protein needs include corn gluten meal, corn steep, soybean meal, whole soybeans or sunflower meal.

'You always want to evaluate what commodities you have in your area. and the cost per pound, depending on what you're wanting to use that commodity for - protein or energy," she said.

In western Kansas, Justin Waggoner, a beef systems specialist for the tension Center in Garden City, also has looked at alfalfa as an alternative protein source. "It's a good forage," he said, "but it's

still variable in quality." Farney and Waggoner note that before deciding on the best protein source to substitute for distillers grains, producers should visit with their nutrition-

To view the full May 14 webinar with the members of K-State's beef Extension team, visit KSUBeef.org.

### Kansas Beef Council launches new initiative to connect consumers to beef producers

In response to a growing number of people searching for local and online meat sales, the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) has created a digital platform to directly connect consumers looking to purchase beef with those who produce it. The online Kansas beef listing site also will provide information on how beef is

produced.

"Kansas is a top beef-producing state, and chances are if a consumer buys a steak at the grocery store, they are buying a steak that had a hoofprint in Kansas, maybe even their local community," said Kevin Thielen, KBC executive director. "So,

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# The Slow, Steady Course

By Glenn Brunkow, **Pottawatomie County** farmer and rancher

"We live in unprecedented times and need to take unprecedented measures." I don't know how many times I have heard this in the last two or three months. I know it is true, but I sure would like to go back to life before COVID-19. I realize it's wishful thinking, and soon we will be back to the new normal, whatever that will be. However, in the meantime things sure are

We see that unease in agriculture too, and it worries me. One good thing is I think we have the general public's attention. There are some cracks in our food supply chain and consumers realize that agriculture cannot be taken for granted. That is a positive. We can do some good when it comes to the public's awareness of where food on grocery store shelves comes from. But only if we do it in the right way. We must think our ac-

tions through. If this pan-

demic has taught us anything, it is that actions this minute can cause unintended consequences. English writer G.K.

Chesterton summed up the desire to make such changes in 1929 when he wrote, "There exists in such a case a certain institution or law; let us say, for the sake of simplicity, a fence or gate erected across a road. The more modern type of reformer goes gaily up to it and says, 'I don't see the use of this; let us clear it away.' To which the more intelligent type of reformer will do well to answer: 'If you don't see the use of it, I certainly won't let you clear it away. Go away and think. Then, when you can come back and tell me that you do see the use of it, I may allow you to destroy

In short, fences don't build themselves, and people generally don't spend their time, energy and capital building a fence which has no purpose. Before you change something, you need to understand the reason it was put in place.

That is why I am proud to be part of Kansas Farm Bureau. We are an organization that is grounded in grassroots activism, and we represent all of agriculture. Just by our very nature we are not prone to falling for the issue of the day and a knee-jerk reaction. At times it might be frustrating that our reaction time is slowed by the need to gauge the members and develop policy. However, in the end it helps us to think the

issues through and make sound decisions. It is my opinion that

Kansas Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau will help lead us through this unprecedented time because we represent all farmers and ranchers and we work to be a unified voice. We have the attention of the consumer, and it is important we work in a coordinated effort to make them understand the importance of a strong and resilient food production system. We cannot be using up political capital we are gaining by fighting amongst our-

I agree there are issues that have been highlighted by this crisis and they need to be discussed, but now is not the time for those discussions. Right

now, the fence in the road is how food makes its way from farms and ranches across the country to forks at dining room tables around the globe. This crisis has certainly highlighted some of the challenges on that route, but it's also given us an opportunity.

I ask that each of us make the effort to share the story of how we are #stillfarming to provide the food to feed a hungry world. This is our time and our opportunity to make an impact; let's 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.

### 4-H youth discourse encourage their communities." on issues like that." ple have gotten used to ence at the end of June.

A Kansas 4-H official says a program that has been tested with several hundred youth, volunteers and Extension agents will help introduce innovative ways to have tough conversations on society's issues.

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The program, called Community Conversations, is an idea to train youth to use their leadership and communication skills for reasoned, public discussion, said Aliah Mestrovich Seay, a 4-H youth development specialist for culture and communication skills development.

"We have been looking for ways to enhance the 4-H communication project area and tie it to leadership communication," Mestrovich Seay said. "What we are hoping for in Community Conversations is that young people will take the lead and find new ways of interacting in A pilot program has

been offered the past year across Kansas, she said, with much of the program moving online in recent months. Kansas 4-H is working with the K-State Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy. "The issues that our

young people want to talk about center around mental issues," said Lorenza Lockett, an assistant professor in the university's Department of Sociology. Anthropology and Social Work, which is assisting with the project.

"They want to address things like mass shootings and things that are going on in our world today that affect their lives in more ways than it has affected previous generations," Lockett said. "These young people are getting more involved in speaking

DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

Kansas 4-H alum Jarvth

Barten, currently an organizational leadership and communication studies major at Fort Hays State University, said Community Conversations has capitalized on important issues outlined by a couple partner agencies, the Kettering Foundation and the National Issues Forums.

Some of the topics those groups have addressed that can be uncomfortable to talk about in public include health care, gun violence, climate change, immigration and politics. "We've helped to fa-

cilitate these discussions with online software that includes a chat feature, but we've been experimenting with that lately to see if we can merge with video, such as through Zoom, since so many peousing that recently," Barten said. Mestrovich Seay said

the group plans to launch the online version of Community Conversations on May 22. Then, 4-H youth facilitators will lead online conversations during the virtual 4-H Campfer-

"I love the format we are using," Lockett said. "We are talking about deliberation, as opposed to debating topics. We are talking about seeking common ground, as opposed to trying to prove who's right and who's wrong. At the end of the day, we're all in

this together. "What's important," he added, "is that when we have these topics, we face them humanely. It's important to address them respectfully so that we can go forward together."

Learn more online about opportunities available through Kansas 4-H.

# KDWPT donates 2,000 pounds of elk and bison meat to local food banks

In a time when "every little bit helps," the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's (KDWPT) Public Lands Division has found a big way to help those in need. KDWPT's Public Lands staff donated 2.137 pounds of elk and bison meat to seven food banks across the state. The meat - delivered in five-pound boxes containing 20 one-quarterpound patties each - came from elk and bison herds managed at the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge in Canton and the Sandsage Bison Range near Garden City. "We typically harvest

one to two bison and a few elk annually at Maxwell and Sandsage," Stuart Schrag, director of KDWPT's Public Lands Division, said. "This helps maintain an optimum herd size for available habitat, which keeps the herds healthy, and allows us to do disease testing. We then have the meat professionally processed and utilize it for education and outreach efforts throughout the year, but this year we decided to donate everything we had. It was our way of helping out our neighbors in need."

As many Kansas food

banks experience an in crease in demand, dona tions such as this can go a long way. KDWPT's do nated elk and bison wil feed approximately 8,500 "We try to have a pro tein or meat item for every household, but ac cess to meat is difficult,' Joe Seitz, director of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry a Wichita-based ministry of Catholic Charities, said "One of these boxes is per

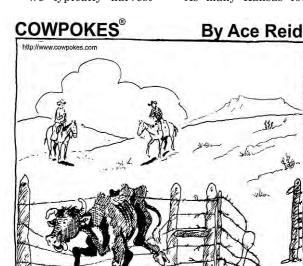
very much appreciative o Seitz added that al though times can be chal lenging, he finds joy ir knowing the families they serve will be able to go

fect for a family, so we're

home and eat. "I love my job," Seit: said. "We're here to feed people, and any time we can form partnerships like the one we have with

KDWPT, it's a good thing." KDWPT staff who helped deliver the 400-plus boxes of meat statewide included Tom Norman Manuel Torres, Cliff Pe terson, Dustin Mengarelli Jason Deal, Mike Nyhof and Schrag.

"I'm continually im pressed by the resource fulness of our staff and our Public Lands Division is no exception," KDWP7 secretary Brad Loveless said. "This effort is a fine example of the many ways our staff continue to find unique solutions to chal lenging situations, and I'm very proud that this partic ular solution will benefi Kansas families in need."



We live in extraordinary times and they call for extraordinary measures. That accounts for many things, but especially haircuts. Because of the stay-athome measures haircuts were on the list of things that were not allowed. I had been fortunate enough to get my hair cut right before the pandemic started, not because I had great foresight but because I was traveling to D.C. and wanted to look presentable. My hair had not been an issue until

the last couple of weeks. I am lucky to have a thick head of hair. Dad is bald and my worst fear as a younger man was that I would follow his lead. I know it is supposed to be your mother's side, but it did not work for him. In any case, I still have my full head of really thick hair and I tend to get hot easily anyway so it really bothers me when my hair gets too long and it had gotten to that point.

Normally I am a law-abiding citizen but like I said earlier we are in extraordinary times. My hair had gotten to the point that hippies were giving me the peace sign and calling me Dude and I had to let my hat out a couple of notches. There was no point in even trying to tame it down each morning so I would cram my hat over the mess and let gravity do its work. Other than being hot, it really did not matter because I was not going anywhere I could not wear a hat, and all the neighbors were sporting the same "do" as I was. However, this past week it had gotten

to the point that if the governor did not lift that part of the stay-at-home order, I was going to take drastic measures. I had even started to plan out my outlaw haircut, making sure not to leave a trail on my computer and talking about it in code on my phone. I knew for sure that the haircut police were out there and probably monitoring my every move.

My first thought was to go underground and find a speakeasy barber. I pictured someone in their garage; you would ease down the alley, parking a couple blocks away, making sure you were not tailed. There would be a secret knock and a password to get you into the place. It would be dimly lit, and you would be in between the minivan and the riding lawn mower. You would nod

to the other customers, making sure not

to make eye contact; they were some seedy-looking, long-haired types. The barber would give you a buzz cut: in a speakeasy barber shop there would be only one haircut and you would like it. You would pay in cash and slip back out into the alley hoping that the haircut police would not notice how loose your hat now fit on your head. The other even more extreme option

by Glenn Brunkow

was to go across the border and get a haircut. I don't live too far from the border of a place where the restrictions are not as tight, where you are at your own risk of picking up some virus, a place where normal people aren't required to stay at home. That place is Nebraska and I was thinking about making an early morning run for the state line, working my way up on backroads to avoid the checkpoints that are surely on the border of an unprotected state. I would stop in the first little border town and find a likely looking barber shop. Afterward I would hope that I could get back into Kansas without having to wait fourteen When I mentioned my plans to Jen-

nifer, she rolled her eyes and offered to get the clippers out and cut my hair. I shuddered and told her I would take my chances with clandestine barbers or little border town beauty shops. We had gone the home haircut route before, and I had the scars to prove it. If that was my only way to get my haircut, I had heard that man buns were now in style. Then, just as I had given up hope the

governor moved into Phase 1.5 and allowed haircuts to happen again. I immediately texted my haircut person (beautician would be a stretch in my case) and offered to take her 12:01 midnight on the first day appointment. She laughed and said I would have to settle for 10:00 on that Tuesday and I immediately jumped on the opportunity. Never has a haircut felt so good or have I tipped so well. We did learn some lessons like masks

are fine, but it is hard to trim around ears and sideburns with the mask on, so we had to take a calculated risk there. In the end, everything worked out and I did not have to resort to a life of crime, yet. These certainly are extraordinary times we live in, but as of yesterday I am sport-

ing an extraordinary haircut.



"Looks like, if them neighbors are gonna keep lettin' their cows over here, they could at least git some that use the gate!"



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### USDA seeks feedback about 2020 crops and stocks

During the next several weeks, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the June Agricultural Survey. The agency will contact producers across Kansas to determine crop acreage and stock levels as of June 1, 2020.

'The June Agricultural Survey is a critical survev of commodities for the 2020 growing season." said NASS Kansas states statistician Doug Bounds. 'When growers respond to this survey, they provide essential information that helps determine the expected acreage and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2020 crop year. Results from this survey are used by farmers and ranchers. USDA, businesses, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others who use the survey information in making a wide range of decisions that benefit the producer."

Growers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online, by phone, or mail. They will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, including acreage for biotech crops, and

"NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents by keeping all individual information confidential, and publishing the data in aggregate form only to ensure that no operation or producer can be identified," said Bounds. "We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. I urge them to respond to the June Agricultural Survey and thank them for their cooperation.'

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage and quarterly Grain Stocks reports, to be released June 30, 2020. The survey data also contribute to NASS' monthly and annual Crop Production reports, the annual Small Grains Summary, and USDA's monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

These and all NASS reports are available at nass. usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Kansas Field Office at 800-582-6443.

# Kansas Beef Council launches new initiative

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whether a consumer purchases their steaks from the grocery store, the meat market on Main Street, or from a beef producer they found through this resource, we want them to know their beef is safe, wholesome and delicious.'

The new portal will be available to the public in June and will allow beef producers to share their contact information, including a website and social media platforms. The listing is free to Kansas beef producers and will be strategically targeted through Google ad

campaigns to consumers searching for direct sale and online beef sources.

"Not all consumers will have the available cash or freezer space to purchase a bundle, quarter, side or whole beef," said Scott Stebner, KBC director of communications. "However, for consumers who are actively researching the option of purchasing their beef in this way, we want to be a science-based and convenient resource for them. We want this factbased information to show up in their Google search-

There recently have

# Tractor safety training during summer 2020

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture training (tractor safety) will be handled via a home study option this year due to COVID-19. It is federal law that any youth 14 or 15 years old who will operate a tractor, works with livestock or do other qualifying farm labor for someone other than their parent is required to pass this training to be legally employed. There is both a written test and driving skills evaluation requirement. If this applies to you, please contact your

county Extension agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources, to register and obtain class materials. For Shawnee County, that is Leroy Russell and he can be reached by email lrussell@ksu.edu or phone (785)-232-0062

This training covers many areas of farm safety including safety basics on the farm, working with livestock, using pesticides and chemicals, grain bins, anhydrous ammonia, tractor safety, using power take-off, and operating skid steers and ATVs. The home study format is not ideal for youth or even for the instructors, but it is our only option to meet the legal requirement this vear. If you complete the requirements this year, you are good to go for any future legal requirements. However, if you would like to participate in the classroom and visual instruction that is part of our "normal" tractor safety training next year, you will be allowed to do so without the testing requirements.

Please contact your county agent as soon as possible, especially before you start work this sumbeen several new resources and efforts seeking to connect consumers to a wide range of farmers and ranchers selling their crops and livestock. KBC hopes to build upon these efforts and leverage a multitude of digital assets and techniques to be a positive included in the directory.

and effective contribution to this growing segment of the industry. "I believe any effort to get consumers and producers talking together is time well-spent,"

said Stebner. KBC currently is accepting submissions to be

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# The impact of soybean seedling diseases

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

Retired K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist Dr. Doug Jardine spent much of his career sharing information on soybean disease management. His estimates suggested we could increase soybean yields by over twelve percent if we could eliminate disease pressure. Disease elimination is not possible - but disease management is, and it starts at planting.

Early season seedling blights are estimated to reduce yields an average of two and a half bushels per acre with Pythium, Rhizoctonia, and Fusarium, the primary culprits. Fortunately, seed treatments are effective at dealing so long as we are using the appropriate active ingredients. What does your seed tag say? Whether you are done planting or just getting started, take a quick look at the active ingredients of your seed treatment and see what they are effective against. Some will likely be fungicides active against the aforementioned diseases. Others may be treatments designed to combat insect pressure. Knowing what you may have some protection against can be a big help when scouting. The Crop Protection Network has some great resources on fungicide efficacy. Drop me a line if you are inter-

The presence of a seed treatment doesn't guarantee elimination of disease. Environment, genetics, significantly impact seed treatment efficacy. Early season soaking rains or cool/wet conditions following planting can overwhelm seed treatments in conditions that are perfect for diseases to thrive. Many seed treatments are designed to provide protection of seeds/seedlings for approximately three weeks after planting. If environmental conditions conducive to disease occur after that time, the efficacy window may be closed.

For more information on soybean diseases, contact me for links to Crop Protection Network publications. Soybean Cyst Nematode - present in nearly twenty percent of our Kansas soybean fields and other diseases will be discussed in this space at a later time.



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Shirley Deiser, Ellsworth, Wins Weekly

Grass & Grain Recipe Contest This Week Winner Shirley Deiser, Ellsworth: "This is very good." **CRANBERRY BREAD PUDDING** 

12 cups bread in 1-inch pieces (day-old rolls are good) 2 1/2 cups half & half or milk

3/4 cup + 1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 1/2 cups cranberry sauce 1 tablespoon cold butter, chopped

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 2-quart shallow

baking dish. Place bread in a large bowl. In another bowl whisk half & half, eggs, 3/4 cup sugar and cinnamon. Pour over bread. Let stand stirring often until liquid is absorbed. Stir in cranberry sauce. Spoon into baking dish. Sprinkle with butter and remaining sugar. Bake 55 minutes or until browned.

Boil enough hot dogs for

your needs. While they are

cooking mix batter. Heat

oil for French fry cook-

ing. Drain hot dogs. Coat

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hot grease to brown. Drain

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1 3/4 cups milk

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vanilla pudding

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/

Alma knows "those gardens are growing. Us old-fashioned gals who plant turnips might find this dish a fun way to serve them. She also sends prayers for our readers to be safe and be well."

### TASTY TURNIPS

1 pound turnips (4 medium) 2 tablespoons margarine 2 slightly beaten eggs 1 tablespoon finely chopped

onion 1 tablespoon sugar 3/4 cup soft bread cubes 1 tablespoon parsley flakes

1/2 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon lemon juice (optional)

Peel and cube turnips

(you should have about 3 cups). Cook in small amount of boiling salted water until tender for about 20 minutes. Drain. Add margarine and mash. Mix all other ingredients together. Pour into greased 1-quart casserole. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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> Darlene Thomas, Delphos: PEACH CRISP

(3) 16-ounce cans of sliced peaches, drained

1/3 cup flour

1 cup uncooked oatmeal

1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/3 cup margarine, melted

Drain peaches. Spray an

8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray and arrange drained peaches on bottom. In a separate bowl combine flour, uncooked oatmeal, brown sugar, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Melt margarine in microwave. Stir into oatmeal mixture until crumbly. Sprinkle mixture over peaches. Microwave uncovered for 7 to 8 minutes. Can also bake in a 350-degree oven for 22 to 25 minutes.

Edwards, Kimberly Stillwater, Oklahoma:

PINEAPPLE CHICKEN 4 boneless chicken breast

halves, flatten to 1/4-inch thick

1 tablespoon flour 1 tablespoon oil (2) 8-ounce cans pineapple

chunks 1 teaspoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon honey 1 tablespoon soy sauce

1/8 teaspoons pepper Hot cooked rice

Coat chicken in flour. Cook chicken in oil. Brown chicken 3-5 minutes per side. Remove and keep warm. Drain pineapple and reserve 1/4 cup juice. In a bowl combine cornstarch and juice until smooth. Gradually add to skillet. Stir in honey and soy sauce and pepper. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thick. about 30 seconds. Add pineapple and chicken and heat through. Serve with rice.

### Time For Tea

By Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark Extension District, Family Life

People around the world have enjoyed drinking tea for thousands of centuries. Studies have shown that many varieties of tea may boost your immune system, fight off inflammation, and could help protect you from cancer and heart disease. With warm summer days approaching, a glass of iced tea might just be the perfect refresher!

White tea has a high level of antioxidants and the least amount of caffeine. Herbal teas are similar to white and contain a blend of herbs, spices, fruits, or other plants in addition to tea leaves.

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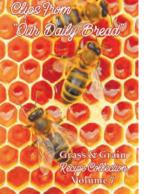
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Baking With Sugarbuns By Michele Carlyon to Bake Banana Blueberry

sessions is a small green plastic box that is either sitting on my kitchen counter or tucked away in a cabinet. It is quite possibly the cheapest box ever and nothing special, but it holds the key to my heart in the form of some of my all-time favorite recipes. It is the first thing I reach for whenever I feel the need to bake, so at least two to three times a week. When I find a new recipe that I love I am quick to write it down and add it into the ever-growing stash of paper love. They are all written in my less than perfect handwriting and with less instructions than I need and splattered with remnants of flour that never seems to go away, but they are the guides for the magic that comes out of my kitchen.

One of my favorite pos-

I bake for all reasons, seriously, I bake just to bake. It is truly my happy place. I love to cook as well, but baking holds a special place in my heart. Everyone seems to have their favorites, and no one is afraid to voice those opinions and make their requests, and for the most part I am happy to make those request a reality.

My favorite time to make those request a reality is for birthdays. Co-workers, friends, family, random people who ask, if they request a birthday treat, I love to make it happen. I have never been a huge fan of celebrating my own birthday, but I will do anything in my power to help ensure someone else has a great birthday.

Of course, with anything you do, you cannot be perfect all the time, like the chocolate silk pie that was pure milk, that refused to set up and was more likely to be drank than eaten. But with every failure comes great successes such as a killer banana pudding made entirely from scratch, takes forever, but so worth it.

My birthday treats are something that the guys at work have come to know, love and look forward to. They wait all year to be

able to make their request and know that it will come to fruition. They can ask for literally anything and if I will give it my best shot. Even their wives get in on it when they get a chance, I love it. May is one of my slower birthday months, with just two birthdays. One is always going to pick M&M cookies, the other ponders for weeks on end, this year he landed on my banana blueberry muffins. Happy baking! **BANANA BLUEBERRY** 

**Muffins** 

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1 egg

1/3 cup oil

1/2 cup sour cream 1 cup mashed ripe banan-

2 cups flour

1/2 cup sugar

1 tablespoons baking pow-

1/2 teaspoon salt 1-2 cups blueberries

Topping:

1 cup flour

1/2 cup sugar 4 tablespoons melted but-

Glaze:

1/2 cup powdered sugar

1 tablespoon milk Preheat oven to 400

degrees. Lightly beat egg. Stir in milk, oil, sour cream and bananas. In a separate bowl whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt, then add to liquid mixture. Gently fold in berries. Fill muffin liners ¾ full.

Combine ingredients for topping and gently press onto muffin batter.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool and then drizzle with glaze and enjoy!

Michele grew up in Junction City and graduated from Kansas State University. She worked in the restaurant management field for six years before deciding to switch careers and now works as an office manager for a company that manufactures oilfield products. Her passion for blogging and food can be followed on Instagram: boobsbrainsandbak-

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# **Cutting Food Waste Is Even More Important During Pandemic**

OLATHE - In normal times, it benefits consumers and the environment to not waste food.

But Londa Nwadike knows it's even more important now, when the COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions in the food supply chain.

"In 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service estimated that 30% to 40% of edible food in the United States went to waste," said Nwadike, a food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "And, at the household level, the average U.S. family of four loses an estimated \$1500 per year on wasted food."

Nwadike, who is located in Olathe and has a joint appointment with the University of Missouri, has worked with staff at both universities to publish a fact sheet to help consumers cut the waste and save money at home

"Working Together to Reduce Food Waste" is available for free from the K-State Research and Extension book-Nwadike said the

publication outlines a few strategies for reducing waste, including things consumers can do at home; donating to food banks; and building a compost pile. She said consumers

should try to reduce the volume of surplus food they have in the home to start. Some of the strategies for doing that in-

\* Shop your refrigerator first. Before buying more food, eat perishable food in the refrigerator or incorporate it into meal planning.

\* Strategic grocery shopping. Once you plan meals, make a shopping list - and stick to it. Avoid impulse buying.

\* Store food properly. Maintain your refrigerator at 40 degrees F or less, and freezer at 0 degrees. Store food in packaging that is designed for storage in the freezer, refrigerator or possibly at room temperature.

\* Extend the life of food. Frozen food can be safe for extended periods of time; follow recommended storage times. Canning properly is another way to extend food life \* Understand and

check food product dates. A "Sell by" date tells the store how long to display the product for sale. "Best by" or "use by" dates are the food manufacturer's recommendation for best flavor and quality.

For more tips on how to reduce food waste in the home, visit the K-State Research and Extension food safety website.

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### Joy Is In The Journey calling us more than By Lou Ann Thomas

I'm a country road

kind of gal. I love cities with their hustle and bustle, variety and diversity, and being able to find good Chinese take out any time of the day or night. But, at heart, I'm a country As much as I ap-

preciate the speed at which multi-lane highways can get me where I'm going, give me a gravel road in the country for the sheer pleasure of traveling on it. There is nothing better than a dirt road that's lined on both sides with cropland and shallow ditches the more winding and hilly the better.

I remember many Sundays my parents and I would take leisurely drives. Yes, it's true we were Sunday Drivers – the kind who drive as though they have all the time in the world and no particular place they have to be. On a long Sunday afternoon that stretched easily and seamlessly into evening, we felt as though we did have all the time in the world, and there was no place

the next hill or the next bend in the road. Rarely did we have

a destination in mind when we started out, and even if we did we weren't so attached to it that we couldn't change our minds at any moment, especially if ice cream sudheads. Many Sunday drives included unplanned detours for big cones of vanilla soft serve that never tasted sweeter than after a trip along a familiar dirt road. There's a natural

rhythm to time in the country with which I resonate. On days with no deadlines or "to do lists," the movement of the sun, rather than a mechanical device strapped to my wrist, can track time. Mornings come earlier, largely because it's difficult to sleep through the loud chatter of birds celebrating a new day. But that's perfectly OK, because it would be a shame to keep sleeping and miss the sun topping the hill to the east and splashing long, golden

denly popped into our ribbons of light across the corn and soybean fields in the valley.

I love the convenience and the cultural opportunities available in cities. But I feel settled into myself when I'm driving a country road with no particular route in mind. Give me a drive with the wind blowing through open car windows carrying the fragrance of freshly turned soil, the sight of a hawk riding a thermal above a perfectly planted field and the time to follow a country road no matter where it leads.

That's when I know I'm in the right place at the right time and that the destination is never as important as simply enjoying the ride.

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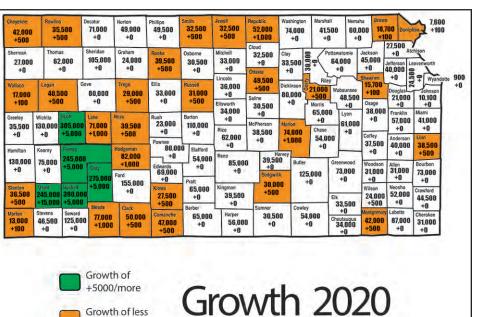
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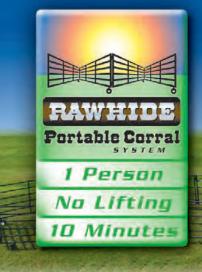
In light of the state Pennsylvania's guidelines, the American Angus Association has decided to move the 2020 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to July 19-25, 2020,

in Tulsa, Okla.
Although events will be much different than typical, the American Angus Association is continuing with the Eastern Regional Junior Show planned for June 25-28, 2020, in Lebanon, Tenn., and the NJAS.

"After much discussion it was concluded that it was in the best interest of the health of the Angus family to move the 2020 NJAS to Tulsa," said Jaclyn Upperman, American Angus Association director of events and education. "This year has been anything but nor-mal, but we are doing our best to carry out the NJAS

everyone knows and loves." Through discussions and collaborations with the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and consider-ation of the Pennsylvania reopening plans and outlook, it was decided to relocate the 2020 NJAS.

"We are extremely grateful for the patience of our members as changes occur day-by-day," Upperman said. "We look forward to making the most of the 2020 NJAS, and we hope to see you in Tulsa."



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When you deal with the nitty-gritty, mud-caked reality of animal health and production agriculture every day, it can help to step back from those trees and get a view of the for-

That's why veterinarian and Bayer Animal Health researcher Douglas Shane reached out to Professor Greg Thomas and his students at the Center for Design Research in the University of Kansas School of Architecture and Design.

Shane wanted to see what ideas they might come up with to improve the detection and diagnosis of bovine respiratory disease in cattle. The CDR had worked on previous projects with Bayer Animal Health, based in nearby Shawnee.

"We believe that receiving input, innovation and ingenuity from these

kinds of students may help us think of things we never would've dreamed of before," said Shane, whose title is Associate Researcher for Clinical Efficacy. "They come up with ideas, and then we bring in our practical knowledge."

One of Bayer's "flagship products," Shane said, is an antibiotic treatment for bovine respiratory disease, or BRD.

"Even as vets, it is challenging to accurately identify which cattle are and are not sick, and which of them need and do not need treatment," he said.

Cows, after all, can't tell vou how they are feel-

So, as Thomas explained it, feedlot operators in western Kansas and around the country employ "pen riders."

scouts who look for the telltale behaviors of cattle with BRD or other illnesses - like standing apart from the rest of the herd.

According to this protocol, suspect cattle are pulled from the herd to a barn and taken to a handling facility, where they are momentarily restrained to be safely examined to determine if they should receive treatment or not.

"When they get into the chute, it can still be dangerous to examine an animal," Thomas said. "How do vou put vour hand in the chute with a diagnostic device and get it in the right position to perform a scan or evaluation?'

So as Shane and Thomas explain it, the challenge to the students at the CDR this semester was to apply technology to improve this

a field trip in February to visit research farms at Kansas State University and a nearby commercial feedlot to watch the systems in action.

"It was a personal goal of mine to get students with little to no background in agriculture into the production-agriculture environment," Shane said. "This enhanced their understanding of feedlot production and gave them exposure to the challenges these producers face

Thomas said the students responded to both the task and the trip with enthusiasm.

"The charge was to de-

sign a better chute-side diagnostic machine using pre-existing technology," Thomas said. "But we wanted to take a more aggressive role in thinking how we can keep the cows healthy."

After Thomas reined in a couple of their ideas for improvements further back in the supply chain - during shipment and at the feedlot - the students have worked on Shane's explicit charge to improve chute-side tools.

They've been iterating nine different ideas for that. Thomas said, including some that extend the device into the chute on a pole or wand.

"The problem is not

just the ability to examine and scan the animal." Thomas said. "The cows have heavy, muddy fur, and you have to get past all that, either by spreading out the hair and spraying them with alcohol or by shaving a spot, as they do now. We have worked to incorporate both processes into our device... some resemble a power washer. Then you spin it around, and the probe is on the other side.

"They are all ergonomically better and safer for the ranch hand."

Shane and his group will be the final judges of that, though. The students gave their presentation to Bayer May 13 via Zoom.

# These are horse-mounted K-State beef cattle specialists discuss factors that influence the most efficient cow size

Genetics, feed resources and calf marketing windows are just some of the influencing factors that determine the optimum size for cows to grow, according to the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute's team of experts.

Defining the optimum cow size was a discussion topic on the recent BCI Cattle Chat podcast.

"That is a really difficult question to answer because for each operation the optimum cow size will be slightly different," said Bob Weaber, beef specialist with K-State Research and Extension.

To help answer that question, Weaber and veterinarian Bob Larson worked with former graduate student Dustin Ahearn to define what the ideal cow size should be.

"Our results showed that in eastern Kansas a 1,300- to 1,400-pound cow was optimum in that she was able to produce a moderate to high level of milk in an environment where all her nutritional requirements were met,' Weaber said. "The next phase of the study will be to see what happens if the cow's nutritional support is limited."

"One good way for a cow-calf producer to gauge economic success is to determine how much beef can they produce per acre," said K.C. Olson, a K-State range beef cattle nutrition expert who joined the recent podcast. He added that the average return for an extra 100

pounds of a cow's weight far exceeds the value the heavier calf brings," Olson

Brad White said producers need to consider the stocking density of the pastures and the timing of calving, which influences the calf marketing windows.

As an example, Olson prefers to calve in May and June because when his cows are at peak lactation, they have a plentiful source of forage for grazing.

"The most expensive time to feed a cow is from calving to peak lactation, which happens four to six weeks following calving," Olson said. "So that nutritional debt can be serviced by a renewable re-

The podcast team offered seven tips for determining the optimum cow

Consider calf marketing options.

Know the resource re-

# just five to seven pounds

calf at weaning.

K-State veterinarian

source - forage."

The timing of calving also dictates the marketing opportunities for the calves.

"I don't care what the calf size is at weaning because I retain ownership in them through at least yearling age and sometimes through the finishing phase," Olson said.

Assess the availability of economically efficient supplemental feed.

### Evaluate when you plan of additional weight of the to wean the calves. Understand the calving "The cost of the additime relative to available tional maintenance for 100 grass in the region.

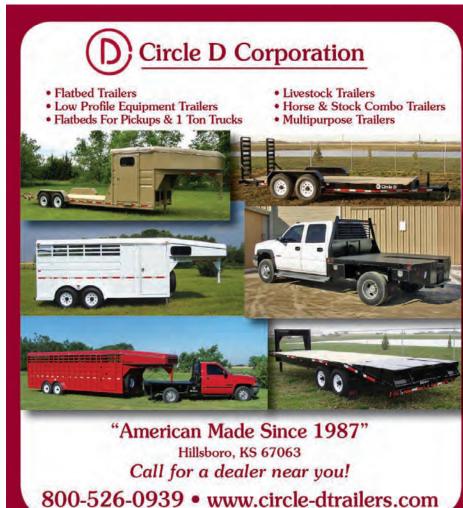
Determine the number of days available for graz-

> Optimize per-acre productivity.

ing without supplementa-

The bottom line is that each producer needs to look at their system and make a determination on what is the most economical for them, said White.

"There is no one-sizefits-all when deciding the optimum cow size," White said. "Rather, producers need to consider many factors when making that determination for their operations.'





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### Hay stocks and pasture and range update released Great Plains states posted

Two key pieces of data were released recently that indicate the status of hay supplies and current pasture and range conditions. USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) released the May 1 hay stocks figure in the May Crop Production report on Tuesday, May 12. It showed a giant leap in hay inventory available, increasing 5.5 million tons from last year, a 37% jump. Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, and Louisiana saw increases in excess of 100% more than last year. Great Plains corridor states all showed positive increases in hay available, while the Southeast was noticeably down compared to a year

After several years of hay stocks on farm below 20 million tons, May 1, 2020, was the highest May figures since 2017. Last vear, was the second-tightest hay stock level in the 48-season data set. With these higher levels, hay prices should see declines this marketing year, but that could change quickly as the drought indexes show worsening conditions across the west.

the highest absolute levels of stocks, while Western states, although they showed a year-over-year increase, are still below normal levels.

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### Lost Summer

In the year 1868, the Union Pacific Railroad, Eastern Division had extended its ribbon of iron rail to the latest "end of track" town of Sheridan, Kansas, named for General Philip Sheridan. The new railroad across Kansas meant that wagon trains bound for Santa Fe no longer had to begin travel at the Missouri River. Freighting operations set up warehouses at each end of track location

beginning with Junction City in 1866. Each time the track moved west new warehouses were built and the trail to Santa Fe was that much shorter.

Business houses stayed open day and night. The warehouses were quite extensive, handling every kind of commodity for the western trade. It generally took all day to load the wagons. Large trains of wagons might take several days. Once the loading was

accomplished the wagon master had to buy all the provisions needed for his teamsters, confirm the condition of the mules and oxen, sign the bills of lading for each wagon, obtain an advance of money for incidental expenses, and make out drafts of merchandise to the merchants who owned the goods that he was transporting.

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commission nouses such as Otero & Sellar employed two full sets of bookkeepers, salesmen, clerks and porters to keep things running smoothly. One shift worked all day and another shift throughout the night. The trails to Santa Fe and Denver City became well-beaten highways carrying continual traffic both to and fro.

Between the Santa Fe

Between the Santa Fe Trail along the Arkansas River on the south, and the California-Oregon Trail along the Platte River in the north, was Smoky Hill country and the range of the buffalo, elk, and antelope. The vast Smoky Hill prairies were the lifeblood of all native prairie bands. Foremost among them were the Cheyennes who ranged from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the rolling grasslands of central Kansas.

The old Cheyenne lead-

The old Cheyenne leaders tried to find a road to peace, but the likelihood of preserving the old ways was doubtful. The Dog Soldiers, a warrior society made up of Cheyennes, Arapahos, and Sioux, vowed to protect the traditions no matter the odds against them.

Like the calm before

the storm, all was quiet as the winter of 1868 turned to the spring of 1869. When Dog Soldiers returned to the Smoky Hill Trail and the busy freighting business the calm was broken. One of the warriors, known to the Americans as "Headache," later recounted that he was with a band associated with Tall Bull and White Horse.

At Sheridan, wagon

At Sheridan, wagon trains were waiting on the prairie for their turn to load freight the morning of May 26, 1869. Herders for the trading firm of William A. Moore & Company were grazing two hundred sixty mules when at high noon

Headache, charged among them. In the few moments of excitement and confusion, the herders were able to capture the "Bell" mare and hold forty-three head of mules, but they lost two hundred fifteen of the mules to the Indians. The raiders had planned well as they raced onward to another nearby herd of mules owned by Bradford Dailey. Another eightyone mules and two horses were sent hurtling over the prairie. Wagonmaster Robert

fifteen warriors, including

Poisal knew the ways of the Cheyenne well. He was half Arapaho, the nephew of Chief Left Hand, and fluent in the Cheyenne language. For the past fifteen years he had made his living freighting goods across the frontier. Poisal organized and led a small group of men in pursuit. The Indians were driving hard to the south toward the Arkansas River. The pace was too much for the horses in Poisal's contingent. After a thirty-mile chase they had to give up, even though they could see the Indians on the

Poisal had only enough mules to deliver seven wagons to Fort Union, New Mexico. The remaining one hundred twenty-five tons of freight had to be carried by hired teamsters for transportation to Fort Union which required a thirty-day delay. Poisal returned to the prairie in search of the lost mules. No mention was made of Dailey's arrangements after the loss of all but one of his mules.

Some of the mules were recaptured, not in the south, but far to the north when Major Carr destroyed Tall Bull's camp at Summit Springs, Colorado. Carr's men drove them from the battle site to Fort Sedgwick (near present-day Julesburg, Colorado). Poisal was obliged to travel to Fort Sedgwick to identify and claim sixty of the mules. One hundred fifty-five head were never recovered. Poisal finally returned to Fort Union on October 20, 1869, having spent his entire summer in search of mules that had vanished with the Dog Soldier raiders on The Way West.

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# Take steps now to reduce aquatic plants in farm ponds

In rural Kansas, the farm pond is a central part of family life.

Aside from providing a water source for range cattle and other livestock, some ponds provide recreation for family members, including swimming, fishing and even boating. In an emergency, water from the pond may even help to put out a property fire.

All of which, says K-State Research and Extension wildlife specialist Charlie Lee, makes it more important to maintain the health of those ponds.

"I get a lot of calls about aquatic plants causing problems in ponds," said Lee, who is also an instructor in K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. "Too much aquatic vegetation can reduce the enjoyment of fishing, swimming and boating; and provides too much shelter for young fish, which leads to an unbalanced fish population."

Lee said the plants he hears most about include filamentous algae (which looks like a floating mat on the water's surface), chara, coontail and cattails. He said when those plants reach the end of their lifespan, they can completely cover the surface, blocking sunlight and reducing oxygen levels.

Then, he notes, "You may end up with a massive fish kill. And the wrong kind of aquatic plants can cause foul odors and reduce the aesthetic value of ponds."

Blue-green algae are not algae at all, "but are a photosynthetic bacteria found in many ponds," Lee said. "Their rapid growth is enhanced by phosphorus or nitrogen runoff from nearby agricultural land." Blue-green algae can be toxic to animals and humans.

"Chemical control of aquatic plants is often the option many landowners prefer," Lee said. "Unfortunately, chemical control may be risky if the pond has an overabundance of plants and there is an extended period of overcast skies. If the aquatic plant is not properly identified, control may be ineffective. Plus, chemicals are expensive and are usually not

advised during the heat of

the summer."

The key to using chemicals, he said, includes properly identifying the plant, carefully calculating water volume and following label directions. "Success is greater when chemicals are applied earlier in the season," Lee said. "There are some restrictions on some chemicals when the pond is for livestock use, swimming or

Lee said there are

other options, including:

Management – Limit areas where the water is shallow. Or, Lee said, reduce areas where the water is clear, which prevents sunlight from reaching the bottom of the pond and stops plants from sprouting. Lee said commercial dyes can help to reduce water clarity, or an opaque tarp can be used

to cover parts of the pond.
Biological - Grass carp
are known to eat some
aquatic plants, though
they seldom eat filamentous algae or cattails, Lee

Altering the habitat –
This includes incorporating ways to intercept such
nutrients as nitrogen and
phosphorus before they

enter the pond.

More tips on taking care of farm ponds is available for free online from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore. Interested persons can find more than two dozen publications on farm ponds under 'Environment and Natural Resources.'



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### By Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Matching cattle to the land available to graze and the nutrition it offers is critical in optimizing production in an operation.

"More often than not, as a nutritionist, I'm called in to fix a situation where the cattle and environment are not matched," says Jason Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist in Amarillo.

He explains how cattle selection and the operation's environment feed off one another. Without balance, one will take away from the other. It's important to know what the cattle will need, as well as what the land can offer.

Smith also stresses how important it is to keep records to document progress and problems.

### Make critical female selections, year after year

"We need to ask a lot of a female if she is going to be a valuable component of the herd," Smith says. "She needs to check a lot of boxes if she is going to be the backbone of the operation. If she can't do those things as a calf, then as a replacement heifer and later as a mature cow, she limits the operation's ability to make forward progress."

If she's going to be kept as a replacement heifer, she must have been healthy and have performed at an acceptable level as a calf, become pregnant during the breeding season, calve without assistance by her second birthday, and then do it again the next year, he says.

"Those should be the bare minimum criteria," he stresses.

Smith also says that if a female wants to continue to be employed in the herd, she needs to be able to do all that while maintaining acceptable body condition with little to no protein or energy supplementation. Then, she must continue to wean a healthy, desirable calf that meets expectations year after year.

"If she can't do those things, she doesn't fit your environment and will hinder your ability to move forward" he gave

# forward," he says. Consider more than one quality when making selections

Major traits of concern that influence input costs are mature cow size, milk yield, feed efficiency and longevity.

"We often find ourselves focusing too much on output, without considering what else might come along for the ride," he says.

Selecting only for weaning weight or year-ling weight without considering other growth- or size-related traits will cause mature cow size to increase, which also increases forage intake and total nutrient requirements.

"That doesn't mean we can't use genetics to select for improvements in weaning weight, it just means that we need to divergently select the genetics that will allow for an improvement, without increasing cow size. The same concept applies to milk production, although that improvement is often less rather than more," he says.

# Fit cattle numbers to feed availability

"As cow size increases, nutrient requirements increase, and the carrying capacity of your land decreases," Smith says. "If we lose sight of that, then we generally find ourselves in a situation where cows are too big, the ranch is overstocked, and we either take a hit

on productivity or have to start to make drastic modifications to the environment through supplementation."

On the flip side, he says, thinking smaller cows are more efficient just because they're smaller isn't necessarily true. While there is certainly animal-to-animal variation in feed efficiency, the general rule of thumb is that efficiency of nutrient use for maintenance increases as body weight increases.

"What is true is that smaller cows generally eat less than larger cows, so ranch carrying capacity is often greater for smaller cows. When you're moving from a 1,000- to 1,300- to 1,600-pound cow, you must decrease stocking rate accordingly. How much does she weigh? That would be my first question."

Smith says that "A lot of us think we have 1,000-pound cows, but in reality, those cows often weigh 1,200-1,300 pounds. If we aren't objectively measuring mature cow weight, we'll almost always underestimate it. A set of scales will quickly pay you back."

What is perceived to be mature cow weight is also heavily influenced by that cow's condition, he says.

"If we want to get a handle on where we are as far as mature cow size, we need to level the playing field by correcting weight for body condition. Otherwise, we might inadvertently select for skinny, hard-doing cows," he adds.

### Set realistic productivity goals for the environment

Since cow size influences ranch carrying capacity, extremely large cows are problematic.

"It is terribly difficult to use weaning weight alone to compensate for the reduced revenue. A single unit increase in weaning rate, focusing on reproduction and health, will have a greater positive impact on herd revenue than a single unit increase in weaning weight," Smith says

He recommends producers focus on both.

Smith also says there are consequences to smaller cows in that cow size also influences finished calf weight. For instance, a 1,000-lb. cow at a body condition score of 5 will generally produce a solf that

finishes at just under 1,150 lb. if a terminal cross is not used to produce calves that can be marketed to hit industry targets.

"We probably need to have 1,200- to 1,300-pound cows to finish calves that meet current industry standards for finished calf and carcass weight," he says.

Smaller cows can be used to produce calves that meet industry targets for finished calf size, but that requires the use of different genetics to produce replacements than the genetics used to produce the calves that will be marketed as feeders, Smith says.

"If we try to use the same cattle to do both, and cow size isn't somewhere in that 1,200- to 1,300-pound range, then either the calves run the risk of being discounted for small frame size, or cow size will increase over time."

Smith also says that is why he believes that 1,200-to 1,300-lb. mature cow size is probably the sweet spot for most operations that can't or aren't willing to distinguish between maternal and terminal breeding decisions in their herd.

Milk production is also another area for concern. Not only is milk expensive to the cow from a nutrient standpoint, but the conversion of milk to calf weight gain is poor.

"A five-pound increase in average daily milk yield is expected to increase daily energy requirements by a little over 15%, but only increase calf growth by 0.2 pounds per day," he says.

Because of the way cattle partition, or prioritize, the use of nutrients, reproduction is generally the first thing to go when the cow's needs aren't met, Smith says.

"More often than not, less milk is more economical in a resource-limited environment," he says.

### Selection and culling decisions

"As the saying goes, it is incredibly difficult to manage what you don't measure," Smith says. "It is important to keep the records that will allow you to first identify where you are, then decide where you need to go from there. We often focus singularly on outputs without also

o influence input if we ars en't careful."

Smith reminds producers not to underestimate the value of heterosis, or hybrid vigor, saying intentional, strategic cross-breeding can drastically and positively influence lowly heritable traits such as survivability, reproduction, longevity and disease resistance.

He also encourages producers to be mindful of birth weights (specifically calving ease), mature weights and milk when making crossbreeding decisions, saying, "Choose genetics that are similar for those traits if you don't want to be surprised."

As for sire selection, Smith says to utilize bulls that match production goals. More is not always better.

He recommends using expected progeny differences, or EPDs, and production indexes, which are currently the best and most useful tools for comparing the genetics of one animal to another. However, Smith says, don't overlook the value of phenotype and actual data.

"If you want to select cattle that have a high probability of not working in the real world, then selecting only based on EPDs is a really good way to do that," he says.

Other considerations: Has he passed a breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE) with objectively defined criteria? When was he born relative to others from the same operation? Smith says a bull's birth date relative to the others within that operation's respective calving season can be an indicator of his dam's reproductive efficiency.

Some sire culling tips Smith passed on were to continue to monitor a mature bull's fertility and ensure he pulls his weight when compared to other bulls on the operation.

"Has he failed a breeding soundness exam? Is his fertility lower than other bulls? Do his calves have issues? Is his temperament an issue? If any of these raise concern, then his future in the herd should be critically evaluated."

Smith also says when culling cows and selecting replacement heifers, "We should think beyond some of our more conventional metrics of productivity. Does she reflect what you actually want to market? How old is she relative to the others? How soon does she conceive during your breeding season, or does she fit into your target calving window? And does she continue to wean a healthy calf, year in and year out?"

"We do a poor job of culling open cows and even poorer job of culling cows who calve but don't raise that calf," Smith says. "Is she working in the environment that you need her to? Does she continue to check all the boxes? If not, then find another career for her."

The bottom line, he says, is to "keep the records that allow you to make the decisions required to achieve your goals, then continue to move the bar forward."

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Rural communication operators are taking on

significant business and fi-

nancial risks to help their

State Veterans Cemetery for nearly a decade. This vear, it was a virtual cer-So Jake and I borrowed

a couple of boys from the Glassmans, Kiptyn and Keagan. They are a lit-

communities remain con-

nected during the COVID-

19 pandemic. Many opera-

tors are providing free ser-

it is difficult to find boys skinny enough to fit uniforms from fifty plus years ago. Don Geist and Howard Sauer, both ranchers near Wakeeney and part of the re-enacting group, left ranch duties for a while to meet us at the cemetery. Marla Matkin from Hill City, a veteran history presenter and actress, joined us wearing her "widow's weeds," the mourning clothes women would have donned in the We will air a segment on Around Kansas high-

tle on the young side but

lighting Memorial Day activities and invite you to share photos on our Facebook page. Rural telecom operators put aside financial risks to help communit

to ensure people living

vice, setting up free Wi-Fi across rural America have hot spots and taking other access to critical services, remote learning and emextraordinary measures

> According to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange division, the cash flow and debt risks these rural operators are absorbing to support their communities today could limit their ability to invest in networks to bridge the digital divide tomorrow.

ployment opportunities.

When I lived at Histor-

ic Topeka Cemetery, Me-

morial Weekend was the

most important time at

the cemetery. As grounds

crews scrambled to get

the entire place mowed

and trimmed, folks were

bringing flowers for

graves. Our friends, Her-

schel and Jacque Stroud,

Randy and Nancy Durbin,

and the re-enactors held

services by the Gage Me-

morial. Our Vietnam Vet-

erans groups would stop

in to visit and prepare for

services by that memori-

al. My fondest memory is

that of Jack Elliott and

Dale Vaughn's stopping by

in their trek to visit the

graves of all the men who

served in the 1st Kansas

"These rural operators are going above and beyond to help their communities in ways they've never envisioned and it's truly admirable," said Jeff Johnston, lead communications economist with Co-

Colored ('My Boys" Dale

called them). Jack was a

Command Sergeant Major

in the National Guard

and very active in the

Guard's museum. I loved

him dearly and miss him

so!!! Dale is in Arkansas

now but we catch up on

the phone every now and

then. I wonder if anyone

will ever care as much

as they did to place a lit-

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as a soldier from more

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departed soldiers. For an

hour or more, he stood

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payments, and will make able to anyone who needs them for 60 days. The pledge, initially set to expire in mid-May, has been extended through June 30. Supporting

learning has been a top priority for many rural communication providers. For people living in rural areas where internet service is not available, several operators have set up large Wi-Fi hot spots in public areas like fairgrounds and parking lots where students can access the internet free of charge from their cars.

Other operators have worked with school districts to locate students living in households that did not have internet access and provisioned them for service free of charge through the end of the school year.

Many network builds have been put on hold during the pandemic and these delays could linger if cash flows are not replaced. At the federal level, several government programs help build and maintain rural broadband networks. These programs total approximately \$37 billion that will be distributed over the next ten vears. Johnston estimates the real cost of bridging the digital divide is \$115 billion, which puts the

funding gap at \$78 billion. "Given the current circumstances, this may be an opportune time to implement long-term structural changes that will help ensure operators in rural America have the support required to bridge the digital divide," said Johnston. "COVID-19 has exposed the vulnerabilities of people living in communities where access to broadband isn't avail-

able." The current Universal tecture, intended to help fund bridging the digital divide, may no longer be an effective model, Johnston added. USF contribution reform that includes applying fees to broadband bills could stabilize the USF program and ensure that more money is available to help bridge the digital divide.

The full report, "Rural Telecom Operators Take on Risks for Their Communities, But for How Long?" is available on cobank.



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more; Jazzy power chair

scooter Elite, household

furniture & appliances,

shop power equipment &

tools, livestock equipment

& misc., Lonestar alumi-

num 14' V-haul Model 780

game fisher boat. Large

auction held near Ben-

nington for Bill Whitman.

(See March 31 Grass &

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Auctioneers: Bacon Auc-

June 1 (Online only) -

110 acres m/l of Ag Land

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June 2 - Real Estate

- Great investment prop-

erty with nearly 8,000

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and outdoor loading op-

tions. Also selling Ford

F350 with cooler box bed,

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tle washer, bumper stock

trailer held at Wheaton

for Union State Bank.

Auctioneers: Foundation

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older home with several

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June 3 — Real Estate,

Realty, Morgan Riat.

auctioneer/realtor.

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May 29 & 30 — Horses including well broke carriage and buggy horses, carriages & wagons and parts, farm related primitives & collectibles held at Hutchinson for K-14 Draft Horse, Carriage, Antiques & Farm Primitive Auction. Auctioneer: Morris Yoder Auctions.

May 30 — Tractors, combine, farm equipment, tools, collectibles, lots of iron & more held near Alton for Clifford Roach Trust. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction and Realty,

May 30 — Cows, equipment, tools, household held at Princeton for Richard & Irish Gragg. Auctioneers: Eastern Kansas Auction Barn, Daryl Stottlemire & Ron Weatherbie.

May 30 (RESCHED-ULED from April 11) — Guns & related items. bria. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service. www.soldbywilson.com

June 4 — 160 acres m/l & 320 acres m/l of Mitchell County farmland and grassland held at Beloit. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates, Gene Francis & Lori Rogge.

June 6 — Combine, swather, trucks, pickups, tractors & trencher, farm equipment, livestock items, grain trailer, shop & other farm items held at Beeler for Vyrl & Neah Auctioneers: Whipple. Berning Auction, Inc.

June 6 -Coin & guns including many collectible coins, mint & proof sets, dimes, nickels, wheat pennies, Peace dollars, Morgans & more. Guns including Winchester, Remington, Mauser & more, reloading equipment, shells, bullets, scope mounts, sights, dies & more at Portis for Bill & Barbara Siefers Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty, Jim Wolters.

June 6 — Estate auction including Corvair convertible, ATVs, UTV, antiques, boats, mowers, tractors, household. bicycles, tricycles, trailers, tractor attachments, tools, pedal cars & much more at New Cambria. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service, www. soldbywilson.com

equipment, construction, semi-trailer, horse trailers, guns, welders, tools, zero turn mowers, skid loader attachments, new electric motors, El Dorado batteries, household & more held at Salina from sellers including Great Plains Mfg., Landpride, G.P. Trucking, ElDorado, Dr. Jenkins Estate, Circle W Cattle Co. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service, Lonnie Wilson.

June 20 — (RESCHED-ULED from May 23)— Collectibles & household held at Frankfort for tioneers: Olmsted & Sand-

tioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 20 — Real Estate: Approx. 157.6 acres w/2010 sq. ft. 3BR, 2BA home; 2006 Chevy pickup 2500, tools, tool boxes, fence panels, engine hoist & much more at Lincoln for Estate auction. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service. Lonnie Wilson.

auction including farm

Donna & Nilwon (Nick) Kraushaar Estate. Auc-

June 20 - Continental Cargo enclosed trailer. 1998 Ford F150 XLT truck, 2014 Polaris Phoenix ATV, JD childs Gator, Craftsman riding mower, musical items including Ibanez acoustic electric guitar, Epiphone Duff McKay guitar, Willie Nelson acoustic guitar (autographed) & more, collectibles, office, tools & more held at Lawrence. Auc-

June 20 (rescheduled from March) — Construction liquidation including Bobcat, Grizzly, Milwaukee, Bosch, HILTI, Bostitch, Johnson, CST Berger, HITACHI & Many

Others: Vehicles, equipment, lawn mowers, dirt bikes, hand tools, shop items & misc., masonry & concrete supplies, Kushlan KPRO 350DD concrete mixer, scaffolding, step & extension ladders, air, gas & electric power tools & accessories, leveling transit & measurement equipment, nailing, framing, woodworking tools & accessories, culinary equipment & more held at St. George for Brian Weisbender. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Mor-

gan Riat. June 20 — Spring Consignment auction held at Holton. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service, Dan & Larry Harris.

June 27 — Real estate: 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with 1840 sq. ft. with 40'x60' Astro building located in Burlington. Also selling good vehicles, tools, commercial meat tenderizer, appliances & miscellaneous household furnishings held at Burlington for Eleanor R. Carley Estate, Bryan Joy, executor. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

June 27 — Yamaha 2 seat gas golf cart, collectibles including comics,

vintage toys & games, 100s of vintage books, tools. misc., coins & more held at Lawrence for Carl and Peggy Silvers Estate, Auctioneers: Elston Auctions

June 27 - Antique & household auction including glassware, some tools, furniture & more held at Manhattan, Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

July 8 - Real Estate: 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home built in 1998 held at Manhattan for Debra Johnson. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty. August 8 & 15 — House

hold, antiques and miscellaneous at Herington for Irene Finley Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service. August 22 (rescheduled from June 6) — Farm machinery, trailers, 1976 Lin-

coln, antiques, farm supplies, tools, iron & miscellaneous held at Talmage for Twila (Mrs. Rosie) Holt. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service. December 5 — Consignment auction held at Wet-

more for St. James Catholic Church. Early consignments contact Bill Burdick (785-547-5082) or Ron Burdiek (785-207-0434)

### automobiles & trailers. June 13 — Consignment fencing held at New Cam-NCBA opposes government mandate restricting cattle marketing options

Beef Association (NCBA) Policy Division Chair and South Dakota rancher Todd Wilkinson released the following statement in response to the bill introduced by Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) that would require a minimum of 50 percent of a meat packer's volume of beef slaughter be purchased on the cash mar-

"Currently, cattle producers utilize a multitude of methods to market their livestock, including the cash market. Increased price discovery will benefit all segments of the cattle industry — that is why

working with key stakeholders, industry experts, and our partners in academia to develop tangible means to meet that end. Any solution must not restrict an individual producer's freedom to pursue marketing avenues that they determine best suit their business' unique needs. Government mandates, like that being proposed by Senator Grassley, would arbitrarily force many cattle producers to change the way they do business. We will continue to work toward a more equitable solution and invite Senator Grassley, and other lawmakers interested in this conver-

sation, to join us in the solution based in free search for an industry-led market principles."



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LOCATION: Approximately 11 miles south and west of Asherville or at the southwest corner of the intersection of S Rd. and 350th Rd

TRACT 2: 320 acres +/- of dryland cultivation, grass, watershed

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: West Half of Section 8, Township 9, Range 6 West, Mitchell County, KS.

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# AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020 — 10:00 AM 2074 Cloud Road — PRINCETON, KANSAS 66078 59 HWY south of Ottawa To Cloud Rd Turn west go 5 Miles to Auction SOLD THE FARM! MOVING SALE.

COWS Sell at 2 PM followed by equipment

8 Pairs of younger cows with calves, 3 Cows 3rd stage. (1) 6-month

Preg. 4 Preg 1 Open. Checked by Vet. **EQUIPMENT:** 1955 850 Ford Tractor excellent condition; 1982 Hillsboro 7'x20' Cattle trailer; 22' gooseneck flatbed trailer; 15' ca hauler trailer; 8' 3pt disk; 3pt bale spear; 5' blade; 3pt ball for trailers 3pt dirt scoop; 3pt 2-bottom plow; 2 section harrow; 3pt boom; 3p brush hog 5'; Several Cattle panels; Round bale feeders; Stock tank Gates; Head Gate. TOOLS: Air compressor; Generator; Sprayer fo 4-Wheeler; Lincoln Welder; Like new wood splitter; Big generato needs work; Small air compressor; Chains; Lots of Hand tools; Old pocket knifes; 38 Special; 410 Shotgun. HOUSEHOLD: Couch & chair; Hutch, table, 6 chairs; Maytag Refrigerator; Washer/Dryer; Electric stove; Small deep freezer; Dresser Chest of drawers; End table Lots More too numerous to mention!

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NEW DATE! RESCHEDULED AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020 — 9:30 AM

(Rescheduled from April 11)

Location: 2018 Frontier Road — BENNINGTON, KS

From Bennington, North on 180th to Frontier East 2mi on right side of road. WATCH FOR AUCTION SIGNS.

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

GUNS & RELATED. AUTOMOBILES & TRAILERS: 1998 Ford F-250; 1949 Chev. 6400 mdl winch truck; 1957 Dodge Superior School bus converted to camper. ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: FR FLITF SL MODEL - LIKE NEW HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & AP PLIANCES. SHOP POWER EQUIP. & TOOLS, LIVESTOCK EQUIP. & MISC. BOAT: Lonestar alum. 14' V-haul mdl 780 game fisher

See March 31 Grass & Grain for listings!

**BILL WHITMAN. OWNER** Sale Conducted By: BACON AUCTION CO.
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# FARM & LIVESTOCK **EQUIPMENT AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020 — 10:00 AM** 

LOCATION: West side of BEELER, KS on Road C, turn south 1/4 mile flower 5x5 sweep plow w/pickers Crustbuster 30' folding hoe drill COMBINE & SWATHER: 1998 Gleaner R62 combine, 2618 separator hrs., spreader w/ 2005 platform, 30'; 2004 New Holland HW320 self-propelled swather, 3,288 hrs., 18' header; Donahue swather trailer: 30' header trailer

TRUCKS: 1992 Kenworth T-600 semi-tractor, N-14 Cummins motor, 9 spd. trans.; 1987 GMC Top Kick 7000 dump truck, 3208 Cat motor, 5 spd. trans., gravel box & snow plow; 2003 Chevy 4500 truck, Duramax diese motor, auto. trans., 165,354 mi. w/ Bramco flatbed; 1980 Chevy w Braffico liabed, 1980 Chevy ruck, gas motor, Allison auto trans., 4x4, 64,157 mi. w/Oswalt feed box; 1958 Chevy Viking truck, 350 motor, 4x2 spd. trans, 14' bed & hoist: 1948 Ford truck. flat head motor w/wooden feed box; 1948 Chevy truck w/1000 gal. steel water tank & pump.

PICKUPS: 1999 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup, SLT Laramie, ext. cab, 4x4, auto., Cummins 24 valve turbo motor w/Simpson 1100-gal poly tank, 54' booms, clean water tank, Honda motor & pump; 1974 GMC pickup, 4x4, auto., V-8 motor w/flatbed & fuel tanks; 1989 Chevy 1/2-ton pick-

up, ext. cab., auto., V-8 motor. TRACTORS & TRENCHER: 2012 New Holland T6.155 tractor, mfw, 2,240 hrs., 3 pt. pto, w/New Holland scoop & 4 tine grapple fork (nice); Allis Chalmers D-17 tractor, propane w/L-200 scoop; 1942 Ford 9N tractor, wts; Davis 700 trencher/backhoe. gas, rebuilt motor & trailer.

ARM EQUIPMENT: JD 1770 Max Emerge Plus planter, 12-row, monitor, liquid fert.; Sun-

10"; (3) Melroe #282 hoe drills, 8x12"; Crustbuster 30' folding springtooth w/harrows; JD 25 disk; Crustbuster folding drill disk; Crustbuster folding drill, 20'x8"; Wilbec 20' chisel plow; Krause 20' chisel plow; Simpson 1000 gal. nurse trailer, inductor & pump, shuttle space; Big Ox 10' rear blade, 3 pt.; BII 528 grain cart w/tarp, 400 bushels; BMB 5' mower, 3 pt.; H&S hav rake. 16 double wheels; Vermeer round bale hauler.

LIVESTOCK ITEMS: 60 & 80 bu. hog feeder; Hog shed, pen on skids; bale fork; JD 3 pt. post hole digger; neck over 20' gooseneck stock trailer; livestock sprayer, 3pt., pto; My-D-Handy

**GRAIN TRAILER:** 1995 Pace Setter grain trailer, 42', roll over tarp; Pickup bed trailer; Donahue

implement trailer SHOP & OTHER FARM ITEMS: Logan metal lathe, 4'; some hand tools; 125 gal. propane tank; pickup bed tool boxes; Chevy 350 motors & motor parts: Chevy 327 motor: Amie disk roll-

er; Marty J mower (one of the first); used tires; cutting torch & bottles; Power Mate 4000 portable generator, gas; Olson metal band saw; Craftsman table band saw; Craftsman table top jointer; MEC reloader, 410 & 12 gauges; Tom Lee table saw; small square Delta aluminum tool box; aluminum folding ramps; bumper hitch carrier for handicap scooter; Toro self-propelled lawn mower; 1978 Glastron 19.5' boat & trailer; Lots of

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TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 — 5:30 PM LOCATION: 312 Front Street, WHEATON, KANSAS

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seeing you all here with us again for another FOUNDATION AUCTION! REAL ESTATE: A Great Opportunity to purchase this part of Historic Wheaton, 312 Front Street, as well as a great investment property with great square footage! This warehouse was previously a milk processing plant that boasts almost 8,000 sq.

ft. of space to use to your advantage! It has a great office space up front with a bathroom, as well as a large Bay Door on the side of the building with indoor and outdoor loading options. For questions contact Morgan Riat, 785-458-9259 or email morgan@foundationks.com

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Ford F350 with cooler box bed; walk-in cooler; milk bottle washer: bumper pull stock trailer. TERMS OF PAYMENT: Cash or valid check. Any and all titles will be mailed out at least 10 business days post sale. TERMS OF SALE: All items will be sold to the highest bidder except in the case of a reserve. Auctioneer has no obligations to disclose re-

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

### Team Roping Handicap The sport (passion, or

affliction) of team roping experienced a terrific boom in popularity years ago with the creation of an association called United States Team Roping Championships (USTRC). It established a classification system based on the roper's skill. It is comparable to the handicapping system used in golf. The result is that ropers are able to compete with others of 'equal ability' therefore increasing their chances of winning. As a roper improves, his USTRC number increases.

Classifications begin at #1 which is defined as True Beginner. These ropers have trouble controlling the rope and their horse at the same time. Inexperienced riders with little or no roping experience. And it runs up to #9 which is defined as National Finals Rodeo-quality ropers.

I joined USTRC and applied for a number. After

300-400

400-500

700-800

800-900

900-1,000

reading the classification description, I realized they didn't go far enough. There are some handicaps, quirks and flaws that deserve special numbers. I suggested these additions:

#3/8 - One who can rope the dummy standing on a barrel, behind his back, between his legs, from the front seat and blindfolded, but couldn't rope a live elk in an eight-foot stock tank if his life depended on it.

#.0025 - Ropers who have been at it several years yet seem to have no aptitude for the sport. Still don't grasp basic concepts like nodding for the steer.

#.5 - Those cowboys condemned to always ride green, spooky, maladjusted "in training" horses. Although they might be fairly good ropers, it never shows between the pitching, squeals and cheers from the crowd.

#2 34 - Consistently poor ropers but so creative at inventing excuses that they deserve some credit. "Did you see how close that was? I had 'em both. I saw. Then the loop must have snagged on a gum wrapper and it broke my concentration just as my horse switched leads, and in this humidity... blah... blah... blah..."

#1/4 – Left-handers who rope right-handed. Easily spotted by the slight hesitations, looks of confusion and facial tics.

#1/8 - Left-handers who rope left-handed. Heelers who spend their life trying to get in position.

#4F - Usually mature ropers who suffer rotor cuff injuries, bursitis, tennis elbow, carpal tunnel syndrome or other maladies that result in unusual roping styles. Such as one swing, wince and toss it like they're trying to get a booger off their finger.

# 10+ - Poorly dressed cowboys, ridin' scruffy horses needin' a mane roachin' and tail-pullin', carrying a rope that looks like it spent the winter holdin' down tarps, bummin' Copenhagen and wanting to sleep in yer trailer, who can use a rope better than most of us can write our name.

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# K-State beef cattle experts share tips for treating calves "A few people that han-

By Lisa Moser

Spring branding and processing day is often a time when community members and families join together to administer vaccinations, castrate, implant calves and apply hide identification before summer pasture turnout. But this spring's COVID-

19 pandemic may require some changes, said experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute. They offered up some advice during a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

"It is critical to have the right labor on hand to help on processing day," said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson, adding that families may need to manage that differently this year because of the COVID-19 human health challenge. "This COVID-19 spring

means that we may need to organize our labor into family groups to promote social distance between folks who don't live together," Larson said. He also said that it is

important for cow-calf producers to involve help that know how to best move around the animals.

dle cattle well are way more helpful than a bunch of folks who don't know what they are doing." Larson said.

One way that cattle producers can inform themselves on good animal handling protocols is to complete the National Cattlemen's Association's Beef Quality Assurance trainings, said Brad White, K-State veterinarian and BCI director.

Bob Weaber, a beef cattle specialist with K-State Research and Extension, added that the training helps producers understand biological products and protocols,

"For example, modified live vaccines need to be protected from sunlight, so you'll want to have a cooler for storage when you are working the calves," Weaber said. "Also syringe maintenance is important. If you are using an automated syringe, make sure the tubes and gaskets are clean and in good shape."

He also said this is the time to implant the calves. "We know that through

implanting there is an im-

proved efficiency of gain and performance of calves and that is really valuable going into this fall with so

much uncertainty in the markets," Weaber said. White added that while the calves are gathered up, go ahead and castrate the

bulls to make them steers.

White added a note of caution: "As always, it is important to work with your veterinarian to come up with the right plan to fit the needs of your operation."



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56 mix Hope

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119 mix Abilene

60 mix Abilene

119 mix Hope

55 mix Hope

13 blk

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55 mix Longford

33 mix Valley Center

Hope

8 blk

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	HEIFERS
400-500	\$145.00 - \$156.00
500-600	\$139.00 - \$140.00
600-700	\$124.00 - \$139.00

\$170.00 - \$178.00

\$167.00 - \$175.00

\$110.00 - \$117.00

\$108.00 - \$114.00

\$100.00 - \$102.00

### **THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020: STEERS**

Durham

Ellsworth

73 mix Longford

63 blk

14 blk

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4 mix	Claflin	373@178.00	58 blk	Chapman	1011@108.75
9 blk	Solomon	436@175.00			
26 blk	Marion	481@174.50		HEIFERS	5
5 blk	Raymond	494@170.00	6 blk	Buhler	422@156.00
18 blk	Goff	508@169.00	2 blk	Lincoln	455@153.00
3 Char	Randolph	503@169.00	12 blk	Solomon	402@153.00
10 mix	Lyons	509@167.00	5 rwf	Lyons	414@150.00
3 blk	Enterprise	488@166.00	17 blk	Solomon	488@149.00
8 blk	Solomon	540@164.00	8 mix	Randolph	493@147.00
6 mix	Bennington	502@162.00	10 mix	Lindsborg	495@145.00
8 blk	Holyrood	622@158.00	2 blk	Holyrood	505@140.00
9 Char	Randolph	578@157.00	7 blk	Solomon	606@139.00
4 blk	Dorrance	543@156.50	11 mix	Randolph	576@139.00
14 blk	Goff	601@155.00	2 blk	Buhler	588@138.00
4 blk	Solomon	646@149.00	9 mix	Lindsborg	581@138.00
3 blk	Moundridge	615@148.00	5 blk	Lincoln	553@137.00
7 Char	Randolph	661@146.00	4 red	Lyons	615@136.50
8 blk	Lindsborg	691@145.50	10 blk	Dorrance	616@135.00
21 blk	Holyrood	729@140.50	2 blk	Holyrood	638@133.00
31 mix	Salina	675@138.00	14 Char	McPherson	670@129.00
13 blk	Longford	722@137.50	7 blk	Solomon	663@126.00
53 mix	Hope	760@134.85	3 blk	Dorrance	637@125.00

820@132.54

816@132.50

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# **UPCOMING SALES:**

8 blk

4 blk

Ellsworth

10 mix Miltonvale

Enterprise

# THE LAST THURSDAY SALE WILL BE MAY 28

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# **EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020** 18 Black pairs 5-8 yrs, March calves CharX

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# Committed students earn **CAB Colvin Scholarships**

Goal-getters and difference makers, innovators and change curators - today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Supporting these creative and intelligent young people, the 2020 Colvin Scholarship Fund awarded \$42,000 to ten who are pursuing degrees in animal and meat sciences across the coun-

Honoring the Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) brand co-founder and executive director of 22 years, Louis "Mick" Colvin, the Fund supported 86 recipients to date. Since 1999, the scholarship has carried on Colvin's legacy of making dreams a reality and inspiring others to do

their best. Recognizing community involvement, commitment to success and progress in the beef industry, the program recently announced 2020 recipients.

Undergraduate awards: \$7,500 - Conner McKinzie Stephenville, Texas – Texas Tech University \$5,000 - Natalie Haw-

State University \$5.000 - Kaylee Greiner. Christiansburg, Va. – Texas A&M University

kins, Atwood, – Oklahoma

\$5,000 - Sarah Bludau, Hallettsville, Texas Texas A&M University

\$3,000 - Emily Glenn,

Scott City, - Kansas State University \$3,000 - Hattie Duncan,

Wingate, Ill. –University of

Graduate awards: \$7,500 - Luke Fuerniss,

Loveland, Colo. - Texas Tech University \$3,000 – Samantha

Werth, Rancho Buena Vista, Calif. – University of California, Davis \$2,000 – Lindsay Upper-

man, Chambersburg, Penn. University of Nebras-

\$1,000 - Keayla Harr, Je-

romesville, Ohio – Kansas State University

Their essays on ambitious goals and plans to impact the beef business were part of the highly-competitive selection process. Applicants were asked to outline a proposal to distinguish CAB from the 90 other USDA-certified programs that use "Angus" labels in market-

Texas Tech University animal science junior Conner McKinzie proposed a "relatable" approach to differentiate CAB from others: deploy unique packaging to help tell the story of who the brand's producers are and how their cattle live.

"Never before has there been a generation more in touch with their emotions and socially 'awakened' than there is today," said McKinzie. "People want to know what they're buying, where they're buying it from, who raised it and what was it given in its lifetime."

He explained how "augmented reality" can be a part of product packaging that could engage a wide variety of customers. "This would be the cornerstone for building authentic relationships with customers new and old."

McKinzie hopes to earn master's and doctorate degrees in food science to explore solutions to food waste and the insecurity epidemic. Embodying a service mindset, his goal is "to make our world a more efficient and food-secure place to live."

Another idea? Kaylee Greiner suggested capitalizing on the relationship with the American Angus Association and the CAB brand to better connect producer to consumer. As the only branded beef program directly affiliated, Greiner said, "Conan increase in credibility that comes with the asso-

ciation." The Texas A&M University animal science major said connecting the Angus community and its families to the final product will build consumer trust and bring transparency to the meat case and CAB brand.

Luke Fuerniss's research agenda says he wants to discover new options for breeding and feeding for more high-quality beef. The Texas Tech doctorate student and graduate-award winner wrote about his project to "clarify targets for genetic selection, inform feedlot management decisions and assess the potential to replace dairy steers in the U.S. beef industry."

Fuerniss aims to shine a light on using quality beef genetics that support feeding efficiency, sustainability and carcass consistency so that more qualify for premium branded pro-

The Certified Angus Beef Colvin Golf Classic and auction funds the scholarship program, with CAB partners raising more than \$91,000 just last year, confident in the future of agriculture and students pursuing lifelong careers.

"This year's recipients demonstrated a level of engagement, understanding and leadership in the industry rare among many young people who have already entered the industry, let alone those who are still students," said John Stika, CAB president. "Their list of activities and plans for the future instilled a great deal of confidence that they will make a positive impact on the beef business moving

forward."

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Ann Hess, National Hog Farmer (moderator)

Bill Even, CEO, National Pork Board

Bryan Humphreys, vice president, producer and state engagement, National Pork Board What's new with African swine fever, Secure Pork Supply and AgView

Dr. David Pyburn, chief veterinarian with the National Pork Board, and Dr. Patrick Webb, director, Swine Health with the National Pork Board, give an update on African swine fever and other foreign animal diseases related to the Secure Pork program.

Speakers

Ann Hess, Editor, National Hog Farmer (moderator)

Dr. David Pyburn, chief veterinarian, National Pork Board Dr. Patrick Webb, director, Swine Health, National Pork Board Other scheduled programming:

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al offerings carrying extra flesh. Cull Riley 4 blk 445@143.00 **HEIFERS** — 550-900 LBS. 588@137.50 Tonganoxie 5 bwf 607@136.50 BULL & STEER CALVES — 400-550 LBS Goff 9 blk 565@133.00 Goff 3 blk 416@182.00 St. George 3 Cross Linwood 6 blk 424@179.00 Alta Vista 5 blk 594@131.00 Riley Alta Vista 470@168.00 6 blk 606@121.00 4 540@166.00 3 blk Vermillion 5 Heref 652@111.00 Goff 3 blk 516@165.00 Vermillion 10 Heref 878@108.00 St. George Manhattan 8 blk 526@158.50 Vermillion 7 Heref 772@105.00 825-1,600 LBS. Alta Vista 5 blk 508@157.00 **COWS & HEIFERETTES** 514@149.00 1025@88.00 Olsburg 5 blk Frankfort 1 blk 3 Rd Ang 538@142.00 1 blk 850@80.00 Marion Randolph **BULLS & STEERS** 575-1,075 LBS. Holton 2 blk 840@75.00 Cummings 5 blk 583@159.50 Frankfort 1 Cfross 1580@63.50 10 blk 644@146.50 Frankfort 1 blk 1595@62.50 Goff 7 blk 669@142.00 Blaine 1 blk 1305@61.75 Tonganoxie

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# Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade slow; demand light; Spot market activity on feedlot and dairy hav is virtually inactive. Most of the activity is on previously contracted hay. Reports are coming in that alfalfa hay is hitting the ground, but tonnages are lower due to freeze damage, insects. and dry conditions. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, drought is intensifying quickly across southern Colorado through western Kansas. Most of this region has recorded less than an inch of precipitation during the past three months and abnormally warm weather is exacerbating the acute dryness. The exception would be southeast Kansas where some locations received between eight to nine inches of rain recently. Folks in that region would welcome some dry, warm weather. Abnormal dryness (D0) decreased to 27 pct, moderate drought (D1) increased to 16 pct, severe drought (D2) increased to 9 pct and an area of extreme drought (D3) increased to 2.5 pct. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

### **Southwest Kansas**

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-226.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow 160.00-165.00. Old crop, Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00, new crop grinding alfalfa



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Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, alfalfa pellets, steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy, 1.00/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-178.00. Stock cow, 140.00-150.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 85.00-100.00, Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 140.00-150.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 190.00-200.00, 17 pct protein 195.00-210.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 300.00-310.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, none reported. Sudan: large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat Straw: none reported. The week of 5/10-5/16, 4,879 of grinding alfalfa and 814T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold. The average paid by feedlots on May 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 138.04, dn 0.87 from the previous month, usage was 260T/day, dn 2% and total usage was 7,814T.

### **Southeast Kansas**

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00/point RFV. Stock cow 140.00-150.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 115.00-125.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 125.00-135.00, good, mid squares 105.00-120.00, large squares, 90.00-110.00, large rounds 60.00-65.00. Brome, good, small squares 125.00-150.00, mid to large squares 100.00-110.00, large rounds 70.00-80.00. Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 60.00-70.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 5/10-5/16, 1,116T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 205.00-215.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 95.00-105.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 125.00-135.00. Sudan, large rounds 55.00-

**Northwest Kansas** 

### North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares none reported. Dairy 1.00/point RFV. Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock Cow, none reported. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered 120.00-130.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, mid to large squares 80.00-90.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. Brome, small squares none reported, large squares 90.00-100.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00; Sudan, large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat Straw: small squares 5.00-6.00/bale delivered, large squares 70.00-80.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 5/10-5/16, 732T of grinding alfalfa and 775T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/

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

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

Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan,

Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709

Posted to the Internet: www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/

# Turner to retire from River Valley Extension May 30

After nearly 46 years of service to Kansas State University, Clay County Extension, the River Val-Extension District. and the citizens of Kansas, Deanna Turner, River Valley Extension agent for Adult Development and Aging will retire May 30. Due to current KSRE COVID-19 protocols a card shower is being held to recognize Deanna, Please send cards to: Deanna Turner, 803 Court Street, Clay Center, KS 67432.

Deanna graduated from Kansas State University in May of 1974 with a degree in Home Economics Education. She began her Extension career in Scott County in June of 1974, where she served as the Home Economics Agent, sharing 4-H and Community Development responsibilities. She was out of



her husband served in the military and was stationed in Norfolk, Va. She returned to the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service in November of 1977 when she was hired as the Home Economics Agent in Clay County. Her educational responsibilities were again in the areas of Home Economics with shared responsibilities for 4-H and Community Development. Deanna completed her Master's Degree in Human Resources & Family Sciences from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in May of 2003.

With the formation of the River Valley Extension District in July of 2005, the agents specialized, and Deanna was assigned to

opment and Aging. In her roles. Deanna has provided educational programming such as Extension Homemaker Unit Lessons; Stay Strong, Stay Healthy; Gray for a Day; Alzheimer's; Downsizing; Aging in Place; Defensive Driv-Kansas Optimizing Health Program (KOHP); Decluttering; Succession Planning; Culture of Health; Farm Stress; and countless other 4-H, FCS, and Community programs.

Deanna is a certified Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) Counselor and has provided Medicare Part D counseling to hundreds of clientele during open enrollment each fall. She has worked with countless seniors as they leave the workforce and enter retirement or as they experience issues with Social Security or Medicare. She has recruited, trained. and supervised twelve SHICK Volunteer Counselors. Since the beginning of this work in 2006, Deanna, and the volunteers, have collectively saved River Valley Seniors an estimat-

ed \$5.6 million. Deanna is a true professional and has always worked to support K-State

as a whole. She is a member of the Adult Development and Aging Program Focus Team. She belongs to the Kansas Extension Association of and Consumer Sciences where she received both her Distinguished Service and Continued Excellence Awards. Deanna has at tended several NEAFCS National Meetings to continue to search for ways to better serve and educate her taxpayer clientele. She is also a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. She

committees over the years. Deanna lives in Clay Center with her husband John who is a retired

has served on a number of

# **KDA** issues guidance for livestock

shows Under the state's re-opening framework established through Executive Order No. 20-29 from Gov. Laura Kelly, competitions and events not affiliated with fairs or festivals were allowed to resume as of May 22. This includes livestock shows for which the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) has pro-

vided guidance protocol.

According to KDA, livestock shows and competitions taking place under Phase Two of the re-opening framework are to only involve competitive classes in show rings. They cannot include any entertainment or other group activities. At least six feet of distance must be maintained between individuals or groups. Any instances in which more than 30 individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain six feet of distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity must be avoided. Additionally, concessions must not include self-service food or beverages.

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Yield as percent of expected

### By James Coover, crop production agent, Wildcat **Extension District**

That is the question that many producers ask themselves in spring for a variety of reasons. Corn and soybeans fields can lose their plant populations for various reasons. A lack of soil moisture is a possible cause but this year it is more likely a problem due to too much water that flooded parts of the field, uncovered seeds, washed out seedlings, or even crusted over the soil making germination more difficult. At times, cold weather and slow growth can make well-intended herbicides cause injury in the crop rather than reduce weed seed germination. Of course, lower yields are expected for later planted crops and there is always the cost of planting new seed, so it can be hard to determine where that replanting line should be crossed.

With soybeans, it is possible to overplant part of a field with an exceptionally poor stand. Not recommended, but possible. However, corn does not do well with a mixture of plant sizes and often the differences in maturity will be a problem at harvest. With corn, it would be better to start that part of the field over with tillage and replanting, though the pre-emergence herbicide will need to be reapplied. All this extra effort is re-

Population	Yield environment		
	Normal	High*	
	Percent of	expected yield	
36,000		100	
34,000		99	
32,000		98	
30,000	100	96	
28,000	99	93	
26,000	98	90	
24,000	95	87	
22,000	92	82	
20,000	88	77	
18,000	83	72	
16,000	78	67	
14,000	73	62	
12,000	68	57	

Table 1. Population reduction yield potential. University of Missouri Extension

corn.

ally only worth large areas with really poor stands. So the real question is, how poor of a stand do I really

The first step is to count the number of plants in a row for a certain length then times that number by what part of an acre that

15" rows: Number of plants in row for 34 ft and 10 inches X 1000 = population per acre

represented. The easiest

to do this is in 1/1000 of

an acre row lengths. For

30" rows: Number of plants in row for 17 ft and

Kansas Wheat estimates crop at 284.4 million bushels after virtual tour rust will decrease yield potential. South central

> Overall crop yield potential for the state was estimated at 44.5 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels lower than the USDA estimate

46.5.

of 47.

Kansas' calculated yield

was 49.5 bushels per acres.

Central Kansas was 47.6,

and eastern Kansas was

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on the high ground and nearly gone in the terrace channels and low areas. making this calculation spilt the field in two parts. Yield is also reduced the later in the season it is

Soybean

May 8

May 15

May 22

May 29

June 5

June 12

June 19

June 26

July 3

July 10

Planting date

planted, on average. By the time it dries out enough again for planting, it could be late May to early June and this could be another year where soybeans get planted before the second attempt of corn. Table 2, also from the University of Missouri, is the planting date and yield expectation from southern Missouri, which is closer to our planting than the rest of Kansas. Keep in mind that this is an average. There are years when early June planted corn has yields nearly as high as early April planted corn.

The final determination of replanting is a calculation of what will the affected area vield revenue be and if that is higher than the expected yield is replanted minus the cost of replanting.

Originally expected

Table 2. Yield reduction from late planting. University of Missouri Extension

5 inches x 1000= population per acre

Corn

April 6

April 11

April 16

April 21

April 26

May 1

May 6

May 11

May 16

May 21

May 26

Planting date Yield as percent of expected

98

94

91

88

82

79

75

70

Make several checks throughout the area in question and attempt to be as random in sampling as possible.

While yield is mostly influenced by weather and especially the weather during July and August, it is difficult to tell in May what the yield potential might be. Table 1 from the University of Missouri shows that corn has some ability to compensate yield with lower plant populations. Also, if it ends up being hot and dry this summer, then a slightly lower plant population would have more preferred for yield anyway. However, most of the

yield x Effects of poputime with flooded corn, lation loss (Table 1) = Esthe population is just fine timated vield from the sparse stand x estimated market value = Profit from sparse stand. Originally

expected yield x Effect of late planting date (Table 2) = Estimated yield of replant x estimated market value = Gross revenue from replant - cost or replanting = Profit from replant.

There are Excel sheets and worksheets from Extension to help you make this calculation. However to muddy the waters, there is also the factor of crop insurance or FSA payments to compare in the question of to replant or not to replant.

If any crop producer needs help finding resources or replanting calculation sheets, please give your local extension office a call. The number for me in the Wildcat District is 620-778-1037 or email icoover@ksu.edu.

For more information, please contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, jcoover@ksu.edu or (620) 724-8233.

### from the Kansas Departlow pressure wheat streak with a fungicide, but if not,

Kansas Wheat is estimating the wheat crop at 284.4 million bushels, 7% lower than the May 12 USDA estimate of 306 million bushels and down 16% from last year's production of 338 million bushels.

This estimate was re-

leased on May 21, after yield calculations were made in hundreds of fields across the state by crop scouts, including extension agents, agronomists and farmers. This estimate is a snap-

shot in time of the potential of the crop, if weather conditions are favorable.

Crop scouts stopped

in wheat fields across the state over three days and calculated potential yields using a history-based formula provided by USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. This formula has traditionally been used by the Wheat Quality Council's Hard Red Winter Wheat Tour, which is held each year during the first week of May. This year's tour was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so a virtual tour was held the week of May 18 by Kansas Wheat and Kansas State University Research

& Extension, with support

ment of Agriculture. While the virtual tour

was based loosely on the WQC's tour, it did not follow the same routes, nor did scouts visit as many fields. This virtual tour gave a broad look at the crop in the lieu of the regular tour. Day 1 covered north

central and northwest Kansas. The north central district has been plagued by spring drought. Stripe rust is also becoming more prevalent, and barley yellow dwarf was found. The spring freeze also had a large effect on the crop in the area. The average yield for north central Kansas was 41.1 bushels

The crop looked better in northwest Kansas, but was still variable. Jeanne Falk Jones, multi-county Extension agronomist, said, "April took a toll on the wheat crop this year with all the cold temperatures." She reported that there was cosmetic leaf burn from cold temperatures on April 2-3 and again on April 12-15. The area has suffered from drought stress, weed pressure due to thin stands,

mosaic virus, tan spot and stripe rust. The average yield was 51.7 bushels per acre.

Day 2 covered west central and southwest Kansas. Gary Millershaski, Kansas Wheat commissioner from Lakin, reported that due to extreme fall and spring drought conditions, many acres of wheat have been abandoned. In addition, planted acres were already down significantly in the area. He said only 30-40% of wheat in the area emerged last fall like it was supposed to. The remainder didn't emerge until spring, which will have a negative effect on yield. Millershaski said, "I be-

lieve our quantity is going to be down a little bit, but I feel like our quality is going to be unbelievable."

Calculated yield for west central Kansas was 42.5 bushels per acre, ands outhwest Kansas was 32.4 bushels per acre.

Day 3 covered south central, central and eastern Kansas. The crop was much improved in these areas: however, stripe rust is evident. Many fields have already been sprayed

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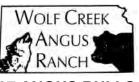
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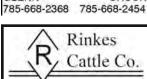


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in need. "America's farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavirus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure our patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers," said Perdue. "These payments will help keep farmers afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. America's farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work, and de-

termination." Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency

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(FSA), will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

Background:

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percentor-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disrup-

### **Non-Specialty Crops** and Wool

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans,

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durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A payment will be made based 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates. Livestock

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15. 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

### Dairy

For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same

quarter. The second part of the payment is based a national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter.

For eligible specialty

**Specialty Crops** 

crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash. strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later

### Eligibility

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability

companies or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions. **Applying for Assistance** 

Producers can apply for assistance beginning on May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately need-

ed. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

### **Payment Structure**

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

USDA Service Centers are 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 FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers. gov/coronavirus.

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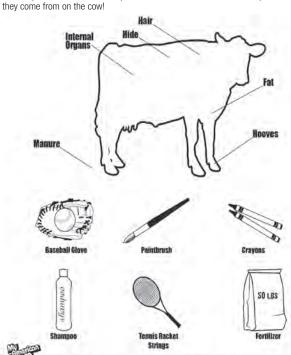
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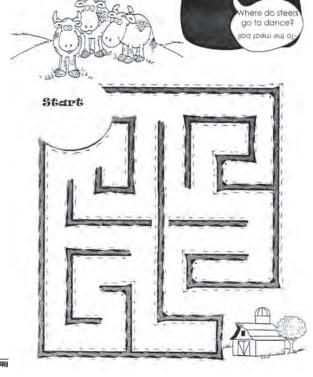
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# Sens. Moran, Bennet introduce legislation to support small meatpacking plants operating overtime to keep Americans fed

Moran (R-Kan.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) recently introduced the Small Packer Overtime and Holiday Fee Relief COVID-19 Act to support small meatpacking plants that are operating longer hours during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep our supply chain moving. U.S. Representatives Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Angie Craig (D-Minn.) introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

"Meatpackers in Kansas and across the country are doing everything they can to stay open and work longer hours to keep our meat supply in stock

during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Moran. "Unfortunately, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service charges meatpacking plants a fee for overtime hours for food inspectors, and this legislation would reduce these fees that discourage smaller packing plants from extending operating hours. During this pandemic, it is necessary we remove cost-prohibitive barriers so our packers can keep working, ranchers can harvest their livestock and Americans can have access to quality "The COVID-19 crisis

has hit the food supply

our essential workforce particularly hard," said Bennet. "In addition to prioritizing the health of workers, we should look to reduce barriers for small meatpackers who are stepping up and running overtime to keep the supply chain moving. This bill would do just that by reducing fees for small meatpacking plants, expanding options for ranchers to harvest their livestock while maintaining strong safety stan-

"We need all hands on deck to work through this processing bottleneck," said Johnson, "Small processors need flexibility and that's what this bill would provide. The cattle industry is struggling, and during this pandemic, it's crucial we keep overtime costs low for our small processors and producers who rely on this capacity." "Our small meat pro-

cessers have stepped up during COVID-19 to keep our local food systems alive and food on our tables," said Craig. "As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I've heard from family farmers who aren't sure how they are going to make it past this global pandemic. Local meat processors have addressed the increased demand for processing amidst this pandemic. I'm proud to work with Rep. Johnson to lessen the federal burdens as they are rising to meet the current demands of our communities." According to data from

the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), cattle slaughter in May has decreased by approximately 31 percent compared to last year. This decrease is largely due to meatpacking plants being temporarily closed due to outbreaks of COVID-19 or plants slowing processing operations to take precautions to stop the spread of the virus.

The charges meatpacking plants a fee for overtime and holiday hours paid to food inspectors. This legislation would provide funding to FSIS to reduce fees charged to small meatpacking plants when they request overtime and holiday inspection ser-

Meatpacking plants with fewer than ten employees would be required to pay 25 percent of overtime and holiday fees and FSIS would pay the remaining 75 percent. Plants with 10-500 employees would be required to pay 70 percent of overtime fees with FSIS paying the remaining 30 percent.

This legislation was cosponsored by senators Tina Smith (D-Minn.) and

rose again in 2019, largely owing to government support payments meant to buffer the effect of trade disputes amid lackluster commodity prices, according to the annual summary by the Kansas Farm Man-

Net farm income among

KFMA members averaged \$110,380 in 2019, up from \$101,274 a year earlier and well above the fiveyear average of \$66,336. Net farm income has risen every year since 2015 when

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The data were compiled for the 2019 KFMA Executive Summary. Although not all farms are KFMA members, the numbers serve as a barometer of Kansas agriculture in

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We are continuing in a period of tight margins and cash flow constraints as we move forward into 2020," said Kevin Herbel, KFMA executive director.

"It's difficult to think back just a few months to before the changes brought into our lives by COVID-19," Herbel said. "As 2019 ended, none of us had any thought of PPP or EIDL loans, or that additional unknowns and complications would impact trade agreements and influence domestic markets," referring to financial programs designed to help small businesses, including farmers caught up in the effects of the pandemic.

"Strong yields in many parts of the state were a significant factor in 2019," he said, citing good dryland fall crop yields in northwest and north central Kansas and impressive wheat yields in southwest areas.

Similar to a year earlier, however, the increase in 2019 net farm income was primarily linked to crop insurance and govdisruptive effects trade disputes with other countries that began pre-COVID-19. The total of all government payments received by KFMA farms last year was more than 70% of net farm income. Without those payments, the 2019 average net farm income would have been \$30,361 per farm.

"It just indicates the importance of a strong safety net program that allows farmers to keep producing in order to help feed the world," said Mark Dikeman, KFMA associate director.

Farms in four areas of the state showed stronger net farm income compared with 2018. However, net farm income in south central and southeast Kansas fell compared to the prior year, at least partially because of more precipitation than usual during the critical planting and growing seasons.

Net farm income in northwest Kansas averaged \$127,244 versus \$116,077 a year earlisouthwest averaged \$188,051 versus \$153,660; north central averaged \$109,961 versus \$76,238; south central \$70,566 ver-\$99,709; northeast \$109,768 versus \$60,944; and southeast \$111,310 versus \$136,916.

The KFMA summary breaks down data by type of farm, for example average dryland crop, cow herd, crops and beef. It provides comparisons against the previous four years in categories such as value of livestock produced, value of farm production, depreciation, number of workers, crop production costs/crop acre, and family living ex-

"To get a true picture of 2019, you have to look at the fall of 2018," said Brian Manny, KFMA economist in south central Kansas, adding that the area experienced one of the wettest Octobers in history during the normal wheat planting time that year.

Will Feldkamp, KFMA economist in north central Kansas said that area had "phenomenal wheat yields" and good soybean yields last year.

"We're used to getting a lot of rain but had more than usual in 2019. Crops were planted late because said Dillon Rapp, KFMA economist in southeast Kansas, one of the areas where net farm income slipped from a year

earlier. In addition to this year's weather challenges and ongoing trade issues, COVID-19 lends even more uncertainty to the financial picture for Kansas farms, Herbel said. He encourages farmers, whether KFMA members or not, to use the KFMA data as a benchmark against their own farms to identify

strengths and weaknesses. "There is much producers can't control, but there are things they can control," Herbel said. "A good set of records will help identify production costs, can provide a starting point for market planning, and can help a farm manager understand their farm business better than anyone else. The investment of time into this process is important to manage today's economic envi-

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22 GAR Ashland sons

18 GAR Proactive sons

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Jim Kramer, J-Six Farms,

Seneca: Britt Claxton, Mil-

len, Georgia; Jaime Snid-

er, S/S Cattle Co., Lipan,

Texas; John and Marisa

Klevsteuber, Garden City:

Kelly Giles, Giles Cattle

Co., Canyon, Texas; Giles

Ranch Co., Bucklin; Brent

Burrow, Ag Partners, Gru-

ver, Texas; Dudley Brew-

er, Brewer Land & Cat-

tle, Oakwood, Texas; JLB

Ranch, Douglass; Tuda

& Jack Crews, Ute Creek

Cattle Co., Bueyeros, New

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dered about the engineer? thought to how the hand-

I never considered such things until I befriended an architect student in college. He enjoyed pointing out weak links, flaws and poor design choices that made me suddenly fear for my safety.

same experience. Never food comes from or walked up on an empty meat case, they didn't imagine what different perspective, and it's not a positive one.

thought to what went into a product before buying. We're usually focused on the product, the experience, our needs—not those who made it possible.

Until something signals that we should question it. Those questions, increasingly pressed on ag-

### Trump addresses beef imports during **NCBA** White House visit

NCBA CEO Colin Woodall said the following in response to comments made by Trump about beef im-

"Today's comment by President Donald Trump demonstrates the complexity of the U.S. beef business. Live cattle imports to the United States only come from Canada and Mexico and will continue to do so under the terms of the president's newly negotiated USMCA. America has not imported live cattle from other nations for several years. However, if President Trump is serious about reconsidering import decisions, NCBA and its members strongly request the White House to take another look at his decision to allow fresh beef imports from nations like Brazil, where there continue to be concerns with footand-mouth disease and US-DA's decision to reopen the

### Decades of quality beef at consumers' fingertips should count for something, right? It does. There's still comfort in a family pot-roast dinner, the simple convenience and versatility of ground

severely strained.

beef and holidays celebrated around what comes off the grill. The relationship, the memories, the flavor are bonds yet unsevered, though fraying with guilt for too many of our cus-

spotlights fragility in the

meat industry. Whatever

trust was built into the sys-

tem behind beef has been

tomers. There's fear that the joy of beef might come at a cost they don't want to pay. Ranchers have done their part, gone the extra mile. Making sure calves have a solid vaccine program to keep them healthy down the line. Investing in better genetics to add

value from the ranch to the end user. Add the bells

and whistles—if it's what

consumers want, it will

pay off in the long run. It has; beef consumption and demand have grown. But if vou're staring at red ink on a balance sheet today, it sure doesn't

feel like it. There's folks who say cattle bred for premium quality won't be important moving forward. I agree. They'll be absolutely vital.

Our consumers need assurance in their food supply. The media narrative highlighting weak links in our meat supply chain is equivalent to at least 20

No single PR campaign can erase the damage

Safety, wholesomeness, proof of care, a promise of quality, a guarantee of our commitment to our people-those are keys to guilt-free beef. Consumers won't take our word for it—we have to show the work. We'll also have to

day at a time.

When I think about the thing that sparked my own faith in agriculture, a commitment to this career and this life, it was a kind of code. A pledge to always make the best better.

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Market Report - Sale Date 5-21-20. 371 Head.

300-400 lb. No test; 400-500 lb. steers, \$136-\$170; heifers, \$149-\$156.50; 500-600 lb. steers, \$127-\$150; heifers, \$112-\$133; 600-700 lb. steers, \$108-\$139; heifers, \$106-\$127; 700-800 lb. heifers, \$102-\$115; 800-900 lb. heifers, \$100-\$106;

1,000-1,100 lb. steers, \$94.50-\$106.25. Trend on Calves:

Mostly steady on a light test. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Steady

to little firmer. Butcher Cows: high dressing cows \$60-\$70;

Avg. dressing cows \$50-\$60; low dressing cows \$40-\$50.

Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls: \$75-\$91. Trend

HIGHLIGHTS:

on Cows & Bulls: \$4-\$6 higher.

**HEIFERS** 

6 blk

3 blk 7 blk

4 mix

7 mix

DORADO

### are now louder as media scrutiny during COVID-19

show our hearts. These things can feel overwhelming, impossible, or simply outrageous when we're still riding out this storm. But like compound interest, small investments over time grow into

powerful assets. Meaningful change isn't accomplished overnight. More often, it happens slowly by chipping away piece by piece until something new suddenly takes shape.

Overcoming the consumer trust challenge seems wholly insurmountable until I think of thousands of cattlemen making small improvements, one

I'm not afraid any buildings are going to fall on me because we have building codes. There are people who enforce safety measures; there are certificates that prove someone else did their job. However, I don't appreciate structures like I crave a medium-rare New York strip. Food is more per-

# At the table: the code

Have you ever walked into a building and won-Who verified that each beam sits right where it's supposed to? Was he the details type of guy that checked everything to be sure gravity or a strong storm won't harm those inside? Maybe he was a hasty type with a small budget who didn't give any rail choice might one day lead to a terrible fall.

Many of our beef consumers are having the having considered where services a packing plant provides. Now they have a

It's no sin to give little

riculture in recent years,

American market to Brazil-

"Beef trade is a complex business, and America's cattle producers rely on safe and reliable international trading partners, both as a destination for the undervalued cuts we produce here, such as hearts, tongues and livers, and for importation of lean trim for ground beef production to meet strong consumer demand."

### LLC, Gage, Okla., respec-JLB Ranch continued to add to their impressive bull battery with Lot 5. GAR Momentum 8821H, on a winning bid of \$8,500. GAR customer for three generations, Giles Ranch, Bucklin, also paid \$8,500 for Lot 33, GAR Ashland

Harry & Lisa Moser, Wheaton, selected Lot 6, GAR Ashland 8818 and paid \$8,000. 8818 is a powerful combination of growth, meat and muscle with outstanding end product merit potential. Giles Ranch returned to the auction and also paid \$8,000 for Lot 53, GAR Momentum

Five bulls sold in the \$7.500 range to four buyers. Lots 13, 14, 62, 74 and 87 sold to Rvan Hartman. Malin, Oregon; Michael Mertz, Mertz 09 Ranch, El Dorado, Texas; Charles Mertz, Ponca City, Okla.; and Giles Ranch, respec-

Eight bulls sold for \$7,000 each to four buyers. Lots 8, 9, 10, 22, 37, 59, 81 and 141 sold to Dudley Brewer, Brewer Land & Cattle, Oakwood, Texas; Michael Mertz, Rob & Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms. Kan.; and Ryan Hartman.

The sale was concluded in one hour and forty minutes selling to 76 buyers from 16 states.

Notes of interest: 76% of the bulls sold to Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

808@129.00

772@127.25

439@156.00

457@155.00 443@153.00

480@150.00

480@142.00

559@139.25

575@138.75

536@134.00

696@134.00

621@133.50

663@129.50

723@129.50

671@126.00

5 red blk strs

5 rwf bwf strs

4 blk bwf hfrs

9 blk strs

5 blk hfrs

4 blk hfrs

10 blk hfrs

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kins, president and CEO of PERC, a national nonprofit organization. "We wanted to do our part to help provide a fun, free learning center for young children, and we think parents are going to really like what PropaneKids.com has to offer. color digital coloring pages, and conduct fun science experiments.

and education with a focus on the farm.

At PropaneKids.com, parents, caregivers, and their children can explore a virtual farm or create their own, play games like farm bingo and spot-the-difference, Americans living on acreages and farms away from the city center are already

activity center for parents and caretakers of preschool and young school children

looking for fun learning opportunities while much of the country is keeping safe

ments for children that are designed to reinforce the importance of propane safety

ronment this spring, and many parents are left to their own devices to find engag-

ing, fun ways to keep children learning while they are at home," said Tucker Per-

The site, PropaneKids.com, includes games, activities, and even science experi-

'Millions of school age children have been thrust into a remote learning envi-

familiar with propane in use on their land. Propane is a versatile alternative energy source already being used in nearly 12 million U.S. households for home

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U.S. propane supplies are produced in the United States. Parents can visit PropaneKids.com to explore all of the activities available for

Scale House W1158, W1158

is an excellent example of

double-digit calving ease,

top 1% early growth and

end product merit support-

ed by a %IMF ratio of 121.

Linda Lynch, Lynch Cattle,

Pearsall, Texas, competed

hard to have the winning

bid on Lot 28, GAR Ash-

land 238G, at \$9,500. Three

bulls sold for \$9,000 each.

Lot 7, 11 and 32 sold to

Tommy Cartrite, Sunray,

Texas; Tom Betschart, Ash-

land, and Jenkins Angus

Pragmatism and optimism rule the day at Gardiner Angus Ranch fifth annual "Meating Demand" bull sale The fifth annual Gardiner Angus Ranch "Meating Demand" bull sale

confirmed a pragmatic confidence among producers' need to invest in their future, despite the current global environment.

There is a heightened awareness that progress. inherent production efficiencies and our system of producing massive supplies of meat protein cannot be taken for granted. The recovery has begun and practical beef producers in attendance confirmed their optimism by confidently continuing to value elite, high-valued ge-

The sale offering featured 159 20-month-old bulls ready to turn out on summer pastures. The average of the offering ranked the bulls in the top 3% of the Angus breed for marbling, \$Beef and \$Combined; top 20% of the breed for calving ease, bottom 38% of the breed for birth weight and top 10% of the breed for vearling weight. The offering represented 19 different sires, with the majority of the bulls sired by GAR Sure Fire, GAR

\$11,000. Heartland scored a perfect top 1% trifecta on

A top commercial ranching operation and longtime GAR customer, JLB Ranch, Douglass, paid

Method, GAR Ashland and The top selling bull of the day was Lot 1, GAR Momentum 7138. A top 1% for marbling, \$Beef, \$Combined and Method Genet-

ics ROI, he sold to longtime Angus breeder, Doug Benoit, Benoit Angus, Esbon, for \$12,000. Longtime GAR Allied Produc-

er, Clint Smith and Smitty Lamb, Ogeechee Farms, Wadley, Georgia, had the winning bid on Lot 2, GAR Heartland, selling for

all three Method Genetics indexes, as well as top 1% \$B, \$C and marbling.

\$10,000 to own Lot 58, GAR **Holton Livestock Exchange, Inc.** 

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3 blk hfrs 5 blk red hfrs 4 rwf bwf hfrs 8 blk bwf strs 588@144.50 6 blk strs 7 blk char strs 670@142.50 617@142.00 666@141.50 12 blk bwf strs

16 blk bwf hfrs 5 blk hfrs 6 blk bwf hfrs 697@138.00 673@137.00

4 rwf blk hfrs 11 blk hfrs 5 blk hfrs

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### artificial insemination in very warm weather Using By Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University Emeritus

**Extension Animal Scientist** 

As the breeding season for spring calving herds is getting under way, understanding heat stress in Southern Plains cattle takes on increased importance. Producers that choose to synchronize and then artificially inseminate replacement heifers or adult cows have already started the process. If the hot weather arrives during the AI breeding season, some management and breeding alterations may be helpful.

For years, producers that bred artificially upon detected standing estrus (heat), would wait 12 hours before breeding the female in heat. If she was first observed in standing heat in the morning she would be inseminated that evening. If she was first observed in standing heat in the evening she would be inseminated the following morning. (This was called the A.M./P.M. rule of artificial

More recent extensive research with dairy cattle has indicated that there is no significant advantage to the A.M./P.M. rule. Similar pregnancy rates have resulted from inseminating in the morning only compared to following the AM/PM rule. Plus new research at Oklahoma State University on the internal temperature of heat stressed cattle adds even more concern about handling and inseminating cattle in the evening.

Research with rumen temperature boluses has shown that the core body temperature of beef cows peaks at two to five hours after the highest daytime temperature (Pye, Boehmer, and Wettemann. 2011 ASAS Midwest Abstracts Page 104; Abstract 285 or 2013 OSU Animal Science Research Reports). On a warm spring/summer day the highest daytime temperature is often late afternoon. In this study, the mid-June daytime high was about 93

The body temperature of the cows was averaging 102.2 degrees F. in the late afternoon. However the peak body temperature of the cattle occurred at about 7 p.m. at 103.1 degrees F. Elevated core body temperatures have been implicated from other research in reduced pregnancy rates in heat stressed cattle. An increase of 0.9 degrees F. in uterine temperature the day of insemination resulted in decreases in conception rates of 12.8% (Gwasdaukas, et al. 1973).

Inseminating all cattle in the morning hours would avoid the heat stress of evening breeding. Some would be bred at first standing heat, others would be bred at the conventional 12 hours after standing heat. If timed AI is the method of choice, cattle working (especially the actual insemination) should be scheduled for the

### **Merck Animal Health and American Hereford** Assoc. announce five-year educational partnership animal health programs critical to the success educational sessions at

Merck Animal Health (known as MSD Animal Health outside the United States and Canada) announces its five-vear part-

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY

Chance T-storms High: 76 Low: 63

THURSDAY

High: 74 Low: 65

FRIDAY

Cloudy High: 83 Low: 73

SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 70

SUNDAY

Sunny High: 84 Low: 71

MONDAY

Sunny High: 82 Low: 73

TUESDAY

High: 89 Low: 76

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

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Expo

Grass & Grain Weather Report

nership with the American Hereford Association (AHA) to educate members and cattle producers on the importance of

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 76°,

thunderstorms, high temperature of 76°, humidity of 64%. Light winds. The record

erature for today is 98° set

77/52

Normal rainfall .....

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6:04 a.m.

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6:03 a.m

6:02 a.m.

May 27, 1896 - A massive tomado struck St. Louis, killing 306 people and causing 13 million dollars in damage. The 5/15

tomado's path was short but cut across a densely populated 5/16

as the most destructive tornado of record in the 5/17

Weather History

in maximizing cattle's genetic potential. Through the partnership, Merck Animal Health will lead

Today's Local Outlook

75/62

76/66

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Abilene 76/61

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

8:44 p.m.

8:45 p.m. 8:45 p.m. 8:46 p.m.

8:47 p.m.

11:26 a.m.

12:36 p.m

1:46 p.m. 2:56 p.m.

Blue Rapids

Mahattan

76/63

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1:18 a.m.

1:57 a.m

Degree Days

**Growing Degree Days** 

Degree Days

Junction City 77/63

May 27, 2020

75/63

Wamego

76/63

Council Grove 75/63

the AHA's Annual Membership Meeting and Conference, as well as at the association's in-person and online educational opportunities. "Merck Animal Health

is proud to partner with the American Hereford Association to deliver the latest information on building animal health programs and protocols that help improve cattle wellbeing and performance," says Kevin Mobley, executive director of cattle sales and marketing for Merck Animal Health. "The AHA has a strong history and even brighter future as it continues to serve and educate its growing membership, including its younger members and future leaders of the industry."

The new partnership will support the value of developing strong genetic and animal health programs. "It's great to have Merck Animal Health work with our team," says Jack Ward, AHA executive vice president. "Animal care and health are

of our producers' operations, and we look forward to Merck Animal Health's contributions in this educational effort."

### Submit photos and support the Hereford **Youth Foundation**

To help kick off the new partnership, cattle producers are encouraged to share a photo showing them using a Merck Animal Health product with their own cattle. For every photo submitted to the AHA, Merck Animal Health will donate \$100 (up to \$15,000 total) to support the Hereford Youth Foundation of America.

icated to scholarship, leadership and educational support of youth in the business of raising Hereford cattle.

The foundation is ded-

"We encourage our adult and youth members, as well as commercial cattle producers to submit photos showing how you implement your animal health protocols using Merck Animal Health products," says Ward. "Not only do health programs add value to cattle, the photos you share will generate funds for our educational, leadership and research efforts of the Hereford Youth Founda-

tion of America." Submit photos via Facebook Messenger to the AHA and use #HerefordStrong in the message. Photos must be submitted by Sept. 15, 2020. By providing a photo, the participant grants Merck Animal Health and the AHA the permission to use the photo for purposes of advertising, publicity, trade, display, exhibition and any other commercial or other business

purpose. Merck Animal Health offers trusted, innovative products and programs to help keep cattle healthy and productive.

# Agribusiness industry awards annual scholarships

Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association's (KARA) scholarship committee met in late-April and awarded nearly \$10,000 in scholarships to Kansas high school graduating seniors and current college students for the 2020-21 academic year.

The scholarship committee, comprised of KARA's membership, received more than 100 applications and awarded six students scholarships to assist in advancing their academic endeav-

"KARA has a long and proud history of providing scholarships to worthy students," KARA's president and CEO Ron Seeber said. "We congratulate ear's recipients and wish them the best with their studies and their future contributions to the

industry." Each year, awards one \$500 Jim Lee Memorial scholarship, four \$1,500 KARA general scholarships and one \$1,500 Dr. David Whitney

Agronomy scholarship. The winners of 2020-21 scholarships are listed below with their current

Jim Lee Memorial Scholarship - \$500 Total

Toby McClure - Hugot-KARA Scholarships

\$1,500 Total Zachary Eck - Ellis

Caleb Stout - Cottonwood Falls

Abby Vetter - Randall Cooper Zenger - Mull-

Dr. David Whitney \$1,500 Total

Courtney Sherbert Morganville

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1 bwf hfrt

475 @ 139.00

10:30 AM

830 @ 85.00

1 blk cow

1 blk cow

We sold 1451 cattle May 19. Steer and heifer calves 8 blk/red hfrs were in good demand at steady prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$3.00 higher. Cows and

Sell

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bulls were steady. **STEER & BULL CALVES** 59 blk/bwf strs 830 @ 120.75 4 blk strs 374 @ 182.00 28 blk/red strs 858 @ 119.75 409 @ 176.00 4 blk strs 892 @ 118.00 61 blk/char strs 4 blk/char strs 369 @ 172.00 946 @ 117.00 60 blk/bwf strs 17 blk strs 459 @ 170.00 907 @ 116.75 7 blk strs 9 blk/char strs 482 @ 169.00 171 blk/red strs 911 @ 116.75 474 @ 164.00 946 @ 117.00 4 blk/red strs 60 blk/red strs 528 @ 163.50 907 @ 116.75 5 mix strs 17 blk strs 385 @ 161.00 911 @ 116.75 2 blk strs 171 blk/red strs 545 @ 155.00 932 @ 114.75 5 blk/bwf strs 60 blk/red strs 6 blk/red bulls 468 @ 154.50 971 @ 112.60 59 mix strs 442 @ 150.00 919 @ 111.25 3 blk bulls 53 mix strs 534 @ 148.00 1014 @ 110.10 6 blk/bwf strs 61 mix strs 478 @ 141.00 3 x-bred strs

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30 black steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs., vacc.

1 blk bull

- 60 black heifers, 775-800 lbs.
- 60 black heifers, 725-750 lbs.
- 60 black steers, 900-925 lbs. 60 black steers, 800-850 lbs.

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