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Market Outlook

A marketing commentary
by Bret Crotts

As local economies around the country begin to reopen, there are a few things that we will have to focus on regarding the grain markets. The first, and most important thing, will be unleaded gasoline demand. Without increasing unleaded demand, there is no chance of increasing ethanol production, and therefore no chance of keeping corn ending stocks under control. Corn ending stocks near 4 billion bushels will have long lasting implications in all the global grain markets, so avoiding a number that big will be important.

The second most important thing moving forward will be Chinese demand. The Chinese have been making large

purchases of a number of products, but they are nowhere near the levels needed to meet the "Phase One" agreement. Even if they don't reach the "Phase One" levels, if they just keep the current pace it could have a huge impact on meat and grain supplies. Granted, we don't need any extra meat demand right now since we can't even kill the animals we have, but at some point we are going to need somewhere to go with our cattle and all our surplus of hogs. The Chinese have done enough buying to have a major impact on milo basis and they could buy enough corn, wheat, and beans to keep those ending stocks levels in check. What we don't need is another trade war es-

calation. Retaliation for the spread of COVID-19 would end badly for U.S. agriculture. At the rate the Federal Government and the Federal Reserve have been shelling out money, maybe there would be another series of MFP payments and nobody would care about another trade war, but hopefully we won't have to find out.

The third key in the next few months will be the summer weather. Weather is always important, but this year it is a distant third behind gasoline demand and Chinese demand, because if demand doesn't improve, it will be very easy to absorb a production loss in all crops.

The May supply and demand report will be released May 12th and that will be our first look at new crop supply and demand estimates. There is a very high chance that the numbers will be extraordinarily bearish for corn. We haven't seen 4 billion bushel ending stocks since the 1980s, and granted we can use twice as much corn as we did then, it is still a big number. Our stocks to use ratio could be the

highest in about 20 years, which would explain why we are at risk of seeing prices we haven't seen in about 15 years.

Wheat ending stocks are probably going to shrink a little bit more for the third consecutive year. Production won't be great because of low acreage and less than ideal weather. Meanwhile, demand has been solid, which is keeping a bid under the market. Our declining ending stocks are still not remotely bullish, and we are likely to keep trading in the bottom third of the past decades trading range, but at least things aren't getting worse.

The soybeans have the best chance at eventually seeing supply and demand numbers that could be bullish. The numbers shouldn't be too bad in the May report and if the acreage figure doesn't increase, and the Chinese keep buying, and we maybe have a sub-trend line yield, then we could get ending stocks below 200 million and the bulls would have something to work with.

As for the cattle and

hog markets, there are really two main things to watch. The first is the slaughter rate. If slaughter rates improve, we will know the worst is behind us. If slaughter rates get back to normal, we should be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. If slaughter rates are consistently above year ago levels, we will know that the light at the end of the tunnel is not a train. It is going to take a long time to work through these backed up cattle and hogs.

The second thing is that Chinese demand. We have to do something with all these hogs. Maybe the sow herd is being reduced enough to matter, otherwise the only way out of the glut is with demand.

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For our sale Friday, May 1, steer and heifer calves were selling at fully steady prices with local and out of state buyers being in attendance. Feeder weight cattle were also mostly finding a steady market with the 700 lb. cattle selling higher. Cull with condition were selling \$2-\$3 higher.

STEER CALVES — 275-550 LBS		
Westmoreland	7 mix	296@187.00
Westmoreland	8 mix	362@185.00
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Wamego	5 mix	451@171.00
Blue Rapids	7 blk	430@170.50
Waterville	7 blk	430@170.50
Desoto	6 blk	481@167.50
Allen	5 blk	468@166.50
Linwood	8 blk	483@164.50
Manhattan	4 blk	458@163.00
Westmoreland	20 mix	438@163.00
Manhattan	4 blk	400@162.00
Linn	13 mix	506@160.00
Effingham	11 Rd Ang	534@158.50
Riley	5 blk	394@158.00
Desoto	6 blk	520@156.00
Pamona	7 Heref	489@146.00

STEERS — 550-925 LBS.		
Blue Rapids	7 blk	550@158.00
Waterville	10 blk	566@150.00
Randolph	4 blk	590@148.00
Waterville	9 blk	576@147.00
Linn	10 mix	579@146.00
Effingham	8 Rd Ang	631@143.00
Wamego	9 blk	636@141.00
Blue Rapids	20 blk	631@140.25
Oskaloosa	10 blk	662@136.00
Waterville	50 blk	766@136.00
Wheaton	7	573@135.00
McFarland	4 blk	657@135.00
Randolph	6 mix	689@130.00
Wamego	4 blk	772@119.00
Waterville	30 blk	893@112.50
Vermillion	9 blk	922@108.00
McFarland	9 Hols	715@57.00

HEIFER CALVES — 300-550 LBS.		
Westmoreland	9 blk	311@167.00
Riley	6	380@153.00
Westmoreland	13 blk	376@151.00
Linwood	6 blk	369@149.50
Manhattan	4 Cross	355@149.00
Auburn	5 blk	403@149.00
Linn	5 Ang	359@147.00
Waterville	9 blk	418@146.50
Blue Rapids	9 blk	467@146.00
Oskaloosa	6 mix	442@137.00
Linwood	4 blk	503@136.00
Wamego	5 blk	483@136.00
Linn	12	460@135.50
Wheaton	4 blk	440@134.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 8

- 12 Angus strs & hfrs, wenaed 45 days, 2 rds shots, 500-550 lbs.
- 19 choice Heref replacement heifers.
- 80 blk bwf Red Angus strs & hfrs, grass condition, 2 rds shots, 500-700 lbs.


Riley	5 blk	454@134.00
Desoto	8 blk	543@131.00
Manhattan	4 Cross	453@130.00
Allen	9 blk	512@127.75

HEIFERS — 550-900 LBS.		
Blue Rapids	12 blk	560@139.00
Allen	9 blk	552@133.00
Waterville	11 blk	599@132.50
Oskaloosa	9 blk	573@130.00
Dwight	11 Cross	584@129.75
St. George	9 mix	630@129.50
Leonardville	4 blk	577@129.00
Waterville	21 blk	690@125.00
Allen	6 blk	630@120.00
Wamego	20 blk	710@119.50
Vermillion	5 blk	888@87.00

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 850 LBS.		
Tonganoxie	3 bwf	958@98.00
Wamego	3 blk	865@97.00
Prairie Village	3	1010@94.50
Shawnee	1 bwf	1035@80.00
St. George	1	2350@80.00
Alma	1 blk	1410@63.50
Leonardville	1 blk	1240@62.00
Tonganoxie	1 bwf	1115@60.00
Clay Center	1 blk	1270@60.00
Leonardville	1 blk	1770@58.50
McLouth	1 blk	1435@57.00
Harveyville	1 blk	1530@57.00
Westmoreland	1 Rd Ang	1375@56.00
Westmoreland	1 Cross	1250@53.00
Wamego	1 blk	1005@53.00
Clay Center	1 blk	1580@52.00
Enterprise	1 blk	1285@52.00
Tonganoxie	1 blk	1300@51.50
Leonardville	1 blk	1385@50.00
St. George	1 Rd Ang	980@50.00
Vermillion	1 blk	1375@49.50
Home	1 blk	1060@49.00
McLouth	1 blk	1490@48.00
Leonardville	1 Rd Ang	1160@48.00
Randolph	1 blk	1625@48.00
Clay Center	1 blk	1225@48.00
Manhattan	1 blk	955@47.00
Enterprise	1 blk	1040@46.00


BULLS — 1,400-1,975 LBS.		
Waterville	1 blk	1420@81.00
Onaga	1 blk	1955@80.00
Home	1 bwf	1285@79.00
Olsburg	1 blk	1585@77.00
Dwight	1 blk	1680@76.00
Circleville	1 blk	1690@70.00

CALVES		
1 blk		@450.00
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1st CALF HEIFER PAIRS

- 6 Angus 1st calf hfr pairs w/ 45-60 day calves by side, cows and calves all worked.
- 9 Heref 1st calf hfrs w/ Feb.-Mar. calves by side.
- 11 blk bwf 1st calf hfrs w/ Feb.-Mar. calves by side.
- 7 Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs w/ Mar. calves by side.
- 15 Choice Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs w/15-30 day Angus sired clvs. by side. Worked & grass ready.
- 18 Home raised Red Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs w/ 30-80 day Red Angus sired calves by side, hfrs & calves worked & grass ready.
- 9 home raised Angus 1st calf Fall calving OCV hfrs w/ big Fall OCC Angus sired calves by side, bred back OCC Fleckvich Angus bulls. Worked & ready for grass.
- 5 gentle Red Angus South Dakota origin 1st calf OCV hfrs w/30-60 day calves by side. Grass & breeding ready, all shots.
- 15 blk 1st calf OCV hfrs w/60 day blk calves by side.
- 7 blk & blk cross 1st calf hfrs w/ late to Jan.-Feb. calves by side. All shots, grass ready.

BRED 1st CALF HEIFERS

- 40 choice Angus Gardiner genetic OCV 1st calf hfrs AI bred Dec. 1st to GAR Breakthrough LBW Angus bull, cleaned up GAR Shurefire Angus to start calving Sep. 1st. Freeze branded/all shots.
- 14 choice home raised Moser Genetics blk SimmAngus Fall calving 1st calf OCV hfrs w/big Oct.-Nov. SimmAngus calves by side, hfrs exposed back SimmAngus bull, worked & grass ready.
- 5 bwf (4) & Heref (1) home raised Fall calving 1st calf hfrs bred LBW Angus bull to start calving Sept. 20th.
- 10 big fancy Red Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs, sired by 5: Red Angus, AI bred to Kniebel Excellence to calve Oct. 1, cleaned up w/ Kniebel LBW bulls for 60 days, all shots/ poured.
- 16 big fancy SimmRed Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs, sired by Mushrush Red Angus, age & source tagged, AI bred Kniebel Excellence to calve Oct. 1, clean up w/ Kniebel LBW bulls for 60 days, all shots, poured.
- 8 Angus 1st calf OCV hfrs, bred LBW Angus bulls, heavy Springers.
- 38 Red Angus NE origin, Fall bred 1st calf, 1 Iron Cross Diamond genetic, hfrs Synchronized & AI bred to LSF Conqueror for Aug 20 calving. Cleaned up w/ Brown Unequaled Son for 30 days.
- 38 Red Angus NE origin Fall bred 1st calf, 1 Iron Cross Diamond genetic, hfrs Synchronized & AI bred to LSF Conqueror for Aug. 20 calving. Cleaned up w/ Brown Unequaled Son for 30 days.
- 8 Angus 1st calf hfrs, bred Angus for Spring calving.

2nd CALF HEIFER PAIRS

- 5 quiet gentle blk Angus 2nd calf OCV hfrs w/ 2 week Angus calves by side. Cows poured, calves 1rd shots.
- 10 Angus 2nd calf hfrs w/ blk bwf Jan. calves by side. Cows & calves grass ready.
- 14 choice home raised Moser genetics blk SimmAngus Fall calving 2nd calf OCV hfrs w/ big Oct -Nov. SimmAngus calves by side, hfrs exposed back SimmAngus bull, worked & grass ready.

REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

- 10 Angus replacement heifers, 725-775 lbs.
- 25 choice SimmAngus replacement hfrs, 750-800 lbs.
- 48 Choice Blk OCV replacement heifers, all shots/ ready to breed. 725-775 lbs.
- 70 blk OCV replacement hfrs, 700-775 lbs.
- 8 Purebred Angus OCV replacement hfrs, 800 lbs.
- 5 Purebred Angus replacement hfrs, ready to breed, 800-850 lbs.
- 40 blk replacement hfrs, 750-800 lbs.

BRED COWS

- 70 blk & bwf Fall calving cows, 3-6 yrs, bred to blk Sim & Angus bulls for Sep.-Oct. calves.
- 20 blk Fall calving cows, 6 yrs to SS, bred Ohide Angus bulls for Sept.-Oct. calves.
- 21 big home raised Heref (14) & BWF (7) Fall calving cows, 3-7 yrs, bred to Heref & Angus bulls, due to start calving Sept. 20th.
- **COMPLETE DISPERSAL OF** 16 blk cows, 5-9 yrs, Angus bulls turned in Nov. 10, 2019.
- 45 Fall calving cows 5-6 yrs of which 35 are Red Angus, 10 Blk Angus, bred Blk Simm Angus bulls for Aug 15 calving.
- 35 Blk bwf cows, 5 yrs & older w/ Mar. & April Angus sired calves by side.
- 5 Blk & Red Angus cows, 4-7 yrs w/ Red Angus sired 250# calves by side. Worked & grass ready.
- 8 Blk bwf cows, 7 yrs & older w/ Blk bwf calves by side. Cows & calves grass ready.
- 13 Blk bwf Fall bred cows, 5 yrs bred Simm Angus bull w/ Dec. calves by side. Cows and calves grass ready.
- 3 Cows, (2 Blk, 1 Red) 5-6 yrs w/ Blk calves by side.
- 13 Angus cows, 3 yrs w/ 45-60 day calves by side. All worked/ grass ready.
- 15 Angus cows, 3 yrs, bred Angus for May & June calves.
- 63 Blk, few Char cross Fall calving cows, 3-6 mo. bred to Simm Angus bulls.
- 6 Blk bwf cows, 7 yrs & older bred Angus, heavy Springers.
- 10 Blk Fall bred cows, 3-6 yrs bred Heref bull.
- 40 Blk bwf Fall bred cows, 5 yrs bred Simm Angus bull, grass ready.
- 40 Angus cows, mostly 4-7 yrs, bred Angus for Fall calves.

PAIRS

- 5 Heref cows, 3-6 yrs w/ Heref & bwf calves by side.
- 21 Blk, bwf cows, 3-6 yrs w/ blk & bwf Feb. calves by side.
- 5 Red cows, 3-6 yrs, w/ Angus calves by side, cows & calves worked & grass ready.
- 6 blk & BWF cows, 3-6 yrs w/ Angus calves by side, cows & calves worked & grass ready.
- 47 Home raised Red Angus OCV cows, 3-6 yrs, w/ 30-80 day Red Angus sired calves by side.
- 8 blk bwf cows, 7 yrs and older, w/ blk bwf calves by side. Cows & calves grass ready.
- 8 blk cows 5-8 yrs w/ big calves by side, exposed back Angus bulls. Calves worked, grass ready.
- 5 Purebred Angus pairs, 3-5 yrs w/ March calves by side.
- 4 home raised Heref cows, 2-6 yrs w/ Heref str calves by side. All worked, grass ready.
- 4 blk cows SS bred Angus for Fall calves.

BULLS

- 1 Purebred Gelv bull, 18 mo.
- 2 Yearling Angus bulls.
- 2 Ang yring bulls. SFA Conversation 1908 & SFA Endurance 1910. 2 rds blakleg, 5 way, poured.
- 2 blk Angus bulls, 20 mos.
- (10) 7/8 Angus bulls, some 1/8 Simm 1/8 Gelv, 2 yrs.
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade slow; Prices steady; demand light to moderate. It certainly has been a wild ride recently. As one producer stated, "We are in uncharted territory." Several outside influences are applying pressure to the hay market currently and include freezing temperatures, insect damage, ethanol plant slowdowns or closers, low corn prices and its use as a feed source to grinder hay. Producers report that some are shipping more hay, some are shipping less; some want to raise price, and some want to lower price, and it all leaves you scratching your head. Discussion of new crop pricing are starting to get reported, primarily in the southwest, and seem to be starting where old crop left off. The upside: warmer temperatures and sunny skies will allow a lot of planting to get done and get the summer grass to growing. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a new area of abnormally dry conditions was introduced in portions of northern and southern Kansas. The dry areas are being discussed extensively by the local experts, who are monitoring the situation closely. Abnormal dryness (D0) increased to 16 pct, moderate drought (D1) remained steady at 4 pct, and severe drought (D2) increased to almost 3 pct. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-226.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00.

the past few weeks, the donation of a single N-95 mask could have easily been overlooked by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Instead, it made a lasting impression.

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South Central Kansas

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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 150.00-160.00. 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 4/19-4/25, 1,073T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered

steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 205.00-215.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00/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 55.00-65.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.50-10.50/bale. Dairy 1.00/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 130.00-140.00. 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 7.00-8.00/bale, 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 100.00-110.00 delivered, large rounds 60.00-70.00. The week of 4/19-4/25, 1,157T of grinding alfalfa and 665T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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Kansas couple's single N-95 mask a 'snapshot of humanity'

From *Kansas Living* magazine, a publication of Kansas Farm Bureau

The smallest things have the biggest impact precisely because they are beautiful, selfless, giving.

For all he's seen over

mask was a letter from Dennis and Sharon Ruhnke. Cuomo read the letter in its entirety during a press conference on April 24.

"I am a retired farmer hunkered down in northeast Kansas with my wife who has but one lung and occasional problems with her remaining lung," the hand-written letter from Dennis reads. "We are in our 70s now and frankly I am afraid for her."

Dennis went on to say he found five masks left over from his farming days. Sharon says he used them when cleaning out grain bins that held the corn and soybeans he grew. He kept



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Dennis Ruhnke and his wife, Sharon, stand on the front porch of their home near Troy. Dennis, a retired farmer, shipped one of the couple's five N-95 masks to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo for use by a doctor or a nurse.

Photo by Charlie Riedel, AP

four for his family, but the fifth one went to the governor to give to a doctor or a nurse in New York.

"It's that love, that courage, that generosity of spirit that makes this country so beautiful," Cuomo said. "And it's that generosity for me that makes up for all the ugliness that you see. Take one mask, I'll keep four."

From her home near Troy, Sharon, who retired after 45 years of teaching, says she didn't know Cuomo had read the letter until her son called later that afternoon.

"He said, 'I knew that was you because of dad's

terrible handwriting,'" she says.

Sharon says her husband checked that a niece who's a paramedic in Atchison had enough masks before boxing up the one they didn't need. He sent it to the governor because that's the first address he found on the internet.

"We try to give back as much as we can," Sharon says. "We help out if we can. We don't have a lot, but we'll share what we have. We're just thankful that one nurse is going to be able to have the proper mask."

Sharon says she and

Dennis are fortunate to have the support of friends and family to help with grocery shopping and running errands, so they don't have to risk their health by going out. Still, times are tough for everyone.

"I'm not going to the museum and donating my time," she says. "I miss my grandkids so much. My little granddaughter, she's two, and it's hard for her to understand why she's kissing grandma through the patio door."

The attention the letter has garnered is a pleasant distraction though.

"I was so moved by a text I received from someone in New York," Sharon says. "They thanked us for the mask and asked if we needed anything. Their problems are just unbelievable ... for them to even think we needed something or think of sending us anything made us feel so grateful."

For his part, Cuomo called the mask and letter a "snapshot of humanity."

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Gossen selected as dean of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Dr. Larry Gossen, a trusted and effective leader and educator in the field of agricultural education, has been selected as the next dean of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb.

Gossen will succeed Ron Rosati, who retired in August of 2019 after six years at the college. Kelly Bruns, director of the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, has served as interim dean.

Gossen brings both classroom and administrative experience to the position. After graduating from Kansas State University, Gossen taught for 24 years at Elk Valley and Neodesha high schools in southeast Kansas. In 2001, he accepted a position with the Kansas Department of Education as the state supervisor for agricultural education and State FFA Advisor. In 2005, Gossen joined the National FFA Organization in Indianapolis, where he served in a number of roles until 2018. Since August 2019, he has served as the Nebraska State FFA advisor. Throughout his career, he developed a robust, nationwide network of ag educators and FFA alumni and stakeholders.

Gossen is a lifetime member of the National FFA Alumni, has received his Honorary American FFA Degree, the National FFA VIP Award, and was a national finalist for the National FFA Agriscience Teacher of the Year. He received his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction



in 2011 from Kansas State University.

"I am absolutely thrilled that Larry Gossen has agreed to lead the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture into the future," said Mike Boehm, vice president for agriculture and natural resources for the University of Nebraska and vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "Larry's experience and network uniquely position NCTA and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL to partner with post-secondary and K-12 institutions in Nebraska and beyond. I am excited to see how NCTA under Larry's leadership will serve the diverse educational and workforce development needs of learners in Nebraska and the region."

Part of the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a two-year institution with a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology and related industries.

NCTA is known for its affordable tuition, high job-placement rate for its graduates, and for the success of student teams in numerous competitive activities including crops judging, ranch horse events, livestock judging, shotgun sports, stock dog trials, and intercollegiate rodeo. The college is consistently ranked as one of the best two-year schools in the nation.

"I am excited to strengthen existing partnerships with community colleges, public schools, UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, industry partners, and alumni to ensure the agricultural and vet tech workforce and talent needs of Nebraska and the surrounding region are met," Gossen said. "We are in the midst of challenging times, but challenges also bring opportunities for innovation. I hope to build on the work previous deans and Interim Dean Bruns, and together with faculty, staff and students take NCTA to the next level."

Gossen's appointment as dean comes on the heels of the announcement of the Nebraska Promise, which offers free tuition to University of Nebraska students whose families make \$60,000 a year or less. The Nebraska Promise applies to students at all NU campuses, including NCTA.

Gossen will begin his new position on June 15. More information about NCTA can be found at ncta.unl.edu.

NCBA ensures cattle producers can access additional PPP relief

NCBA vice president of government affairs Ethan Lane released the following statement in response to final Congressional approval of the Paycheck Protection Program Increase Act.

"America's cattle producers are working hard every day to keep feeding America, even as they face more than \$13 billion in financial losses while also tending to the health of their families during this pandemic," said Lane. "We truly appreciate the swift bipartisan passage of the PPP Increase Act, which we hope will make more aid available to cattle producers across rural America. We're also thankful Congress explicitly authorized producer eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans and emergency grants administered by the Small Business Administration."

Extending this program to agriculture provides another critical source of financing to help preserve family farm and ranch businesses suffering in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following NCBA's letter to USDA, members in both chambers of Congress sent a letter to President Trump, aligning with NCBA's request that payment caps be lifted to ensure all cattle producers can

access the funds that will be needed to sustain their operations through the COVID-19 crisis. The bipartisan, bicameral effort was signed by more than 150 members of the House and Senate, and urgently requests the lifting of payment caps for the agricultural industries which continue to fight hard to feed Americans despite massive economic hardships.

Lane said NCBA members are extremely thankful to members of the House and Senate who

spearheaded support for the request.

"We're very thankful to the many elected officials on both sides of the aisle who have worked together with each other and with NCBA to make sure that America's cattle producers have what they need to keep feeding our nation during these challenging times, and we look forward to working in a bipartisan and cooperative way as we continue to move forward through this crisis."

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AgTrax announces Hinton as new director of sales and marketing

AgTrax, the industry-leading grain accounting software firm based in Hutchinson, has announced a new addition to its sales and marketing department that complements the strong capabilities of the leadership team and further enhances the company's commitment to focusing on long-term growth and industry demands.

President Gayle Lewis has announced the hiring of Michael Hinton as the new director of sales & marketing.

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"Michael will be an integral component to the forward-facing direction of AgTrax as we introduce new software products and expand our market space," says Lewis. "His background in the agriculture industry, including internationally, as well as his marketing expertise will serve him well as he steps into this new role."

As the director of sales & marketing, Mr. Hinton will manage the sales and marketing team.

Kansas Farm Bureau endorses Mann, LaTurner and Estes for U.S. House

The farmers and ranchers of the state's leading agriculture advocacy organization have announced their endorsement of Tracey Mann for the 1st District Kansas seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, Jake LaTurner for the 2nd District Kansas seat in the U.S. House, and incumbent Rep. Ron Estes in Kansas' 4th U.S. House District.

The formal endorsement came from Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) Political Action Committee, Voters Organized to Elect Farm Bureau Friends (VOTE FBF), comprised of active farmer/rancher members elected by their peers from each of KFB's ten geographic districts.

The KFB endorsement process began earlier this year with individual recommendations from the grassroots autonomous county Farm Bureau organizations in the 63 counties that comprise the 1st U.S. House District, the

25 counties that make up Kansas' 2nd U.S. House district, and the 17 counties that comprise the 4th District.

There were clear majorities from county Farm Bureau organizations in each U.S. House district in support of Mann, LaTurner and Estes.

"Tracey Mann will be an outstanding congressman for the Big First District," says Richard Felts, a Montgomery County farmer who serves as president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "His experience as Lt. Governor, combined with his deep understanding of rural Kansas and our short and long-term challenges and opportunities, make Tracey Mann the clear choice this year."

"As a sixth-generation Kansan, Jake LaTurner has an innate feel for the

meaning and importance of agriculture and the family farm," Felts adds. "As a state senator and as state treasurer, Jake has gained invaluable experience in moving and shaping public policy. As our congressman, he will hit the ground running in Washington, D.C."

"During his time on the Hill, Congressman Ron Estes has proven himself to be a genuine friend of the farmer," says Felts. "Ron Estes' brand of leadership continues to gain him respect and influence, as shown by robust grassroots support from county Farm Bureau organizations in south-central Kansas. We look forward to his re-election."

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“CStP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to

achieve their conservation and management goals,” said Troy J. Munsch, acting state conservationist for Kansas. “It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled.”

Changes in the 2018 Farm Bill authorizes NRCS to accept new CStP enrollments from now until 2023 with improvements to the program. These updates include:

NRCS now enrolls eligible, high-ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres.

Common Ground – Market unrest and a seat at the table

By Mark McCully, CEO,
American Angus
Association

Consumers are depending on farmers and ranchers more than ever right now, yet producer livelihoods are being threatened. The discrepancy is beyond ironic and suggests a broken system.

The subjects of price discovery, market transparency, packer concentration and equitable margin sharing have been controversial within the cattle industry for decades. The concerns around these issues,

however, have reached a new level following the packing plant fire in the summer of 2019 and now through the COVID-19 crisis.

The American Angus Association serves a diverse membership with different and sometimes contradictory viewpoints. We don’t engage in political or legislative issues but focus on genetic improvement, making Angus cattle more valuable for the commercial producer, and expanding the market for high-quality Angus beef.

With that all said, it is very hard to sit silent at this time when so much anguish, financial hardship and uncertainty exists across our cattle industry. Our commercial cow-calf producers, the backbone of the beef supply chain, are seeing drastically reduced calf prices while prices at the retail counter go up. If this continues, the long-term sustainability of our industry will certainly be compromised.

We need fair and equitable markets, systems that allow for price dis-

covery and value-based marketing, and effective risk management tools for all industry segments. Of course, while many will agree on the problems, the proposed solutions are complicated, varied and often conflicting to one another. For that reason, I highly encourage and support cattlemen to find a seat at the table and engage in this critical dialogue. I encourage cattlemen to talk with their elected officials and policy-makers, and to be involved in organizations they feel best represent

them politically and give them an opportunity to voice their collective concerns in a meaningful way.

I believe this is a very critical period for the cattle business, and we must act with urgency. I implore our industry organizations to set aside their differences and align on common goals for our grassroots producers. Collectively we can identify solutions and make meaningful changes to ensure the success of our industry for decades to come.

President Trump signs order to keep packing plants operating

On April 28, President Trump signed an executive order that orders beef packing plants to remain open and employees in those plants to remain at work through the COVID-19 pandemic. The action taken by President Trump will help keep the beef supply chain intact, ensure beef remains available to consumers and ultimately provide the food that American consumers will need to reopen the nation.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue released the following statement after President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 national emergency.

“I thank President Trump for signing this executive order and recognizing the importance of keeping our food supply chain safe, secure, and plentiful. Our nation’s meat and poultry processing facilities play an integral role in the continuity of our food supply chain,” said Perdue. “Maintaining the health and safety of these heroic employees in order to ensure that these critical facilities can continue operating is paramount. I also want to thank the companies who are doing their best to keep their workforce safe as well as keeping our food supply sustained. USDA will continue to work with its partners across the federal government to ensure employee safety to maintain this essential industry.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the Department of Labor have put out guidance for plants to implement to help ensure employee safety to reopen plants or to continue to operate those still open. Under the Executive Order and the authority of the Defense Production Act, USDA will work with meat processing to affirm

they will operate in accordance with the CDC and OSHA guidance, and then work with state and local officials to ensure that these plants are allowed to operate to produce the meat protein that Americans need. USDA will continue to work with the CDC, OSHA, FDA, and state and local officials to ensure that facilities implementing this guidance to keep employees safe can continue operating. Additional information and details will be released soon.

“While there are currently no widespread shortages of beef, we are seeing supply chain disruptions because of plant closures and reductions in the processing speed at many, if not most, beef processing plants in the United States. We thank President Trump for his recognition of the problem and the action he has taken today to begin correcting it,” said NCBA CEO Colin Woodall. “American consumers rely on a safe, steady supply of food, and President Trump understands the importance of keeping cattle and beef moving to ensure agriculture continues to operate at a time when the nation needs it most.”

Protecting the flow of cattle through the supply chain was among the first priorities for NCBA at the start of the COVID-19 crisis. The mounting problems facing cattle producers as the supply chain slowed in recent weeks led NCBA to redouble the effort to keep cattle and beef moving and the action comes because of the association’s work on behalf of the entire industry. NCBA’s work is critical to reducing further damage from being inflicted upon cattle producers who are unable to get cattle shipped or processed because of unprecedented supply chain interruptions.

“We understand and appreciate the difficulties facing processing plant workers during this crisis, said Woodall. “Processing plant employees play a role that is critical to the security of this nation

and America’s cattle producers offer their sincere gratitude for the work they are doing to keep food shortages from compounding the complex issues we’re facing.”

House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member K. Michael Conaway of Texas released the following statement after President Trump’s announcement to keep meat-processing facilities operational:

“With today’s decision to keep meat-processing plants running, President Trump is showing once again that he understands the critical importance of American agriculture. I thank the President for seeking solutions that not only protect the health and safety of the hardworking men and women in these essential positions, but lessen the hardship for our farmers, ranchers, and consumers. During this incredibly difficult time, American agriculture has gone above and beyond to keep our nation fed and clothed, and I could not be more grateful to these American heroes.”

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) president and CEO Dan Halstrom issued the following statement:

The executive order will help ensure a steady, reliable supply of high-quality U.S. protein - not only for customers in the United States, but across the globe. The U.S. meat industry is already taking extraordinary steps to ensure worker safety, including COVID-19 testing, temperature checks, use of personal protective equipment and social distancing of employees. But further action is needed to stabilize our meat supply chain, and USMEF greatly appreciates the Trump administration’s prioritization of safe and consistent meat production and processing during this difficult time. The executive order comes as welcome news not only to consumers but also to U.S. livestock producers, who have endured severe economic hardship as a result of this pandemic.

Trump’s executive order will also extend much-needed federal support to the U.S. pork production system. By triggering the DPA, the federal government will prioritize the continuity of pork processing plant operations. This action helps keep the pork supply chain intact and ensures pork is available to consumers. It also prioritizes these plants to secure important personal protective equipment that allows plant workers to safely do their job. “Kansas pig farmers thank President Trump for this important first step to providing the needed resources to address the unprecedented crisis facing our industry,” said Tim Stroda, KPA president-CEO.

It is critical to ensure the health and safety of all the courageous people that work in our processing facilities. Their work is paramount to ensuring an on-going supply of safe and plentiful protein for consumers, he said. “It is also imperative that additional resources are provided to assist farmers through this crisis. We must find safe, consistent solutions which allow our farmers to work through this process both financially and emotionally.”

“It is extremely important for our state and everyone involved in the livestock industry that our packing plants remain open,” said U.S. Congressman Roger Marshall, M.D. “I applaud President Trump’s actions and the work by the administration to not only ensure the safety of our front-line employees, but also the continuation of the processing plants across the U.S.”

Marshall said he has been in contact with representatives from each of the four beef packing plants located in the First Congressional District since the outbreak started in southwest Kansas. He has toured a meat processing facility, met with community medical staff and inspected the COVID-19 testing procedures each community has put in place for its residents.

During a phone call with members of the House Agriculture Committee, USDA secretary Sonny Perdue noted the order would keep open plants operational and work to safely re-open any plants that have already suspended production.

“The CDC, State of Kansas, Kansas National Guard, local communities and private industry are all doing an exceptional job to ramp up testing efforts and establish additional procedures to protect the health and safety of front line employees across the state,” said Rep. Marshall.

The National Farmers Union expressed concern that the move didn’t place enough priority on the health and safety of the workers inside the plants

and issued the following statement:

The president’s order, which designates such facilities as “critical infrastructure,” is expected to absolve the companies who own them from liability for illnesses or deaths among workers.

The decision follows the closure of more than a dozen plants due to coronavirus outbreaks. As a result, national meat processing capacity has fallen by 20 percent, costing family farmers and ranchers key markets and risking meat shortages at grocery stores. Though National Farmers Union (NFU) shares the president’s concerns around maintaining food system infrastructure, the organization is equally concerned with the health and well-being of meat plant employees, as NFU president Rob Larew emphasized, “Meat processing facilities are critical for farmers’ livelihoods and national food security – something that has become especially clear as dozens of these plants have closed or slowed production in recent weeks. We are immensely worried about the financial implications for rural communities and the nutritional and economic implications for American consumers, and we sincerely appreciate efforts to address those issues.

“That being said, such efforts should not occur at the expense of meat plant workers. These workers work in close quarters and often lack access to appropriate protective equipment or paid sick leave, making them among the most vulnerable to coronavirus. More than 4,000 have tested positive for the virus, and at least 19 have died. Their health and lives are not an acceptable tradeoff for our meat supply, nor are these things mutually exclusive – we must find solutions that protect both.

“Most immediately, meat plant workers need personal protective equipment and other safeguards, access to testing and treatment, and paid sick leave. But in the longer-term, we need to completely rethink this economic model. Both the abuses that workers are enduring as well as the disruptions farmers and consumers are experiencing are a direct result of extreme consolidation in the meat industry. The good news is that the best mechanism to secure our food supply and protect workers is one and the same: antitrust enforcement. National Farmers Union has been calling for greater oversight for years, to little avail. We hope that this current crisis finally compels Congress and the administration to address the issue of market power in the agriculture industry and promote a diverse and resilient food system.”

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400-500#	\$170.00-\$140.00			HFRETTES:	
500-600#	\$171.00-\$148.00			N/A	
600-700#	\$153.00-\$125.00			COWS-HIGH YIELDING	
700-800#	\$137.00-\$121.00			1900#-1180# \$66.50-\$59.00	
800-900#	\$126.25-\$110.00			COWS-LGT WT & LOW YIELDING	
900-1,000#	\$106.00-\$89.00			1410#-880# \$57.00-\$22.00	
HEIFERS		BEEF		BULLS:	
300-400#	\$163.00-\$138.00			2015#-900# \$96.00-\$77.00	
400-500#	\$143.00-\$129.00				
500-600#	\$140.00-\$118.00				
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CDC issues guidelines to keep workers safe and processing plants operational

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued guidelines aimed at helping protect workers from the spread of COVID-19 in packing plants in the United States. In response to the guidelines, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) CEO Colin Woodall said the following on April 27:

"We appreciate the additional guidance from CDC

Meat production threatened with disruption

By Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University

The U.S. meat industry faces unprecedented threats as COVID-19

sweeps through labor forces at meat processing facilities nationwide. Production of beef, pork and poultry are simultaneous-

and OSHA to help keep workers safe in beef plants. This move will also provide state and local governments with the information they need to protect worker safety, while continuing to support the operation of beef processing plants. Cattle producers rely on the workers and the plants themselves to ensure a steady supply of beef to consumers and to be certain cattle continue to be able to move through the system.

"Processing plants are important to cattle produc-

ers and consumers, but they also provide an important tax base for rural America and are an important provider of jobs and income in small communities across the nation. The CDC guidelines will help ensure the employees and their communities are better protected from the further spread of COVID-19, while they continue to provide an essential service both to cattle producers and American consumers."

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8	556	158.00	13 742 99.50
22	524	157.00	13 757 97.50
11	621	145.25	
19	647	142.00	TOP BUTCHER COW:
6	732	123.50	\$63.00 @ 1,590 lbs.
11	768	122.00	TOP BUTCHER BULL:
133	843	117.10	\$88.00 @ 2,295 lbs.
HEIFERS			
4	309	149.00	BRED COWS FROM: \$1,270
6	443	147.00	
14	463	143.00	PAIRS SOLD FROM: \$1,250
4	513	139.00	
7	546	137.50	FAT HOG TOP: \$46@290 lbs.
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14	410	172.00	20 493 138.00
4	444	164.00	11 589 130.00
6	508	163.25	8 576 125.00
22	534	155.50	5 653 121.50
3	638	137.50	6 681 111.00
23	607	135.50	7 745 104.50
17	668	134.00	3 777 100.50
21	715	123.50	
8	740	119.25	TOP BUTCHER COW:
27	891	110.75	\$60.25 @ 1,470 LBS.
7	843	110.50	TOP BUTCHER BULL:
5	905	103.75	\$89.50 @ 1,865 LBS.
HEIFERS			
2	285	166.00	BRED COWS: \$810-\$975
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8 blk.....446@137.00	11 mix.....594@141.00
6 bkbwf.....468@137.00	10 blk.....570@140.00
4 blk.....443@129.00	4 blk.....524@138.00
13 bkbwf.....515@130.50	10 mix.....566@130.00
12 blk.....533@130.00	14 mix.....551@125.00
18 mix.....590@125.00	5 mix.....532@116.00
8 blk.....539@120.00	17 blk.....602@147.50
9 blk.....651@129.00	23 blk.....612@147.00
7 mix.....600@125.00	11 mix.....674@140.00
5 blk.....857@100.00	13 mix.....657@137.00
PAIRS	
4 blk.....1643@146.00	10 mix.....688@137.00
	5 bkbwf.....616@131.00
STEERS	
4 blk.....443@145.00	8 mix.....684@128.00
4 blk.....421@144.00	4 bkbwf.....705@134.00
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Breeding success strategies for beef cattle

By Lisa Moser

Bulls are often the focus when cattle producers are thinking about the breeding season, but experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute said it is important to prepare the females as well.

"Achieving a successful breeding season starts long before the cows are turned out with a bull," said Bob Larson, Kansas State University veterinarian. "What happened last year or the year before has a big impact on how this season will go."

Larson and his K-State colleagues recently focused on management tips for how to set up heifers and cows for breeding success during the weekly podcast, *Cattle Chat*.

"A good goal is to have at least 80% of those females bred in the first

45 days of season," said Sandy Johnson, a guest on the podcast and beef cattle Extension specialist with the Northwest Research and Extension Center in Colby.

To help achieve that goal, it is important to have the cows in good body condition, she said.

"To get the cows bred early you have to make sure you are managing their body condition year-round, especially from weaning through the third trimester," Johnson said. She added that thin cows often will be delayed in resuming their estrous cycles.

K-State Research and Extension beef cattle specialist Bob Weaber said it is important to genetically match the breeding program that produces replacement females to the production environment.

"The genetic predictions that we have available in terms of growth and mature weight and milk EPD (Expected Progeny Difference, an estimate of an animal's genetic value as a parent) are all helpful in producing cows with optimal levels of body weight and milk that fit their environment," Weaber said.

Synchronization protocols

Whether it is cows or heifers, there is usually a mix of cycling and non-cycling females at the start of the breeding season. Johnson said a progestin (hormone) included in an estrus synchronization protocol can help induce non-cycling females to cycle.

She advised producers select an estrus synchronization protocol from the short list of recommended protocols on KSUBeef.org.

"From a management standpoint, it is easier to set up heifers in a synchronization program because oftentimes they are in a group separate from the rest of the cowherd," Larson said.

Many of these protocols involve administering a progestin such as a CIDR (controlled internal drug release) or MGA (melengestrol acetate).

Today's synchronization protocols allow cow-calf producers to eliminate heat detection and time artificial insemination to fit their schedule. Some producers want to capture the benefits of estrus synchronization, but still use natural service sires.

So that the bulls aren't overworked in breeding cows, Weaber and Johnson suggested turning the bulls out with the females

for five days and follow with a prostaglandin injection to trigger estrus in the unbred cycling females. Then, turn the group back out with the bulls to let them breed again. That will keep the breeding season tight without stressing the bulls.

"One of the great benefits of this protocol is that you don't synchronize so tightly that you overwhelm your bull power. In this case, it is reasonable to plan on turning out one mature bull for every 20-25 females," Weaber said.

Regarding heifers, the experts agreed it is important to put selection pressure on how early they conceive, meaning that heifers that conceive early bring more long-term value to the herd.

"We know heifers that get bred early are the most successful down the road

— they are in the herd longer and have higher pregnancy rates," Johnson said. "I only want to keep those that are bred early and allow others to be marketed as long yearlings in the form of stocker cattle."

For more information about heifer breeding strategies, the experts advised referencing the Heifer CONSULT link that is shown under the tools section of the Beef Cattle Institute website.

"This online tool was developed by several beef cattle experts working together from across the country to help producers troubleshoot reproductive performance problems," Larson said.

More information on this topic is available on the weekly BCI Cattle Chat podcast.

Feed pigs less fat, more fiber to slow growth

As work at meat processing plants slows during COVID-19, hog producers may want to feed pigs cheaper diets and hold them longer.

University of Missouri Extension swine nutritionist Marcia Shannon says producers can feed more fiber and less fat to slow growth.

"This is a good time to move to feeding low-energy, high-fiber diets with an adjusted lysine-to-calorie ratio and remove any growth-promoting technologies," Shannon says.

Fiber, a poor source of energy, is cheap and fills pigs up. Pigs might eat more, but the feed is cheaper than traditional mixes, she says. Fiber is the carbohydrate part of the diet that can't be digested by enzymes secreted in the pig's intestinal tract.

Shannon suggests replacing all protein and fat sources with soy hulls, wheat middling, wheat bran, corn gluten or sugar beet pulp, but probably not distillers grains because those sources are drying up as well due to lower gas prices and reduced ethanol production. Currently, most other fiber sources are easy to find in Missouri.

Swine producers adjust to meet challenges created by pandemic

By Pat Melgares

The recent closing of meat packing plants and processing facilities in the Midwest and other parts of the U.S. due to the global pandemic is having a trickle-down effect on swine producers, says Kansas State University livestock specialist Joel DeRouchey.

"Plants and processing facilities closing or cutting back on the number of shifts they are running is putting pressure on the U.S. pork supply in terms of marketing pigs in a timely manner," DeRouchey said. "It's regional to a degree, and some places are worse off than others depending on the packing situation in that area."

DeRouchey, a swine nutritionist, notes that the industry always operates on a "fixed time basis," meaning that each step in pigs' growth is on a time schedule.

"Sows are farrowing and pigs are being weaned then they are in the nurseries and they need to go to a finisher..." he said. "When we get these disruptions where we can't empty the marketing barns or the finishing barns, that creates a bottleneck all the way back."

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One drawback is that confinement pits will fill with more manure when feeding high-fiber diets. "This means confinement producers will need to monitor their manure management more closely," she says.

The goal is to increase the neutral detergent fiber (NDF) content of the diet to 20%. Pigs fed NDF content of 10-15% will eat more to meet their daily energy requirement. As NDF nears 20%, pigs get too full to eat, Shannon says.

Also, remove additives such as copper sulfate and extra protein packs that raise the cost of the diet. "Don't add any extra fat. Cheapen those diets up," she says.

Doing this will increase time in the finisher by as much as four to seven days. If producers remove growth promoters, they might be able to add two or three days more on top of that. The younger the pigs are, the easier it is to slow growth.

Show-pig producers have used this growth technique successfully for many years to continue to show in certain weight classes at fairs, she says.

Shannon says she does not recall anything that has

cost savings to producers, he said.

Other strategies to decrease feed intake may include adjusting feeders to a lower feed pan coverage of 15-20%, a warmer barn environment and increased stocking rates.

In any case, DeRouchey encourages producers to work with a swine nutritionist or farm consultant before implementing new strategies.

"The thing about these strategies is that it does not compromise meat quality, pork safety or the welfare of pigs," DeRouchey said. "It just means that there may be less pork available. This is about moving them to a level that reduces their rate of growth but does not put them into any sort of welfare or immuno-compromised situation that would impact the health or quality of meat that those pigs produce."

DeRouchey said that while the swine industry is feeling a pinch right now - he notes that the futures market has dropped nearly 40% since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic - it mirrors much of agriculture, which is seeing a drop in prices in nearly

every area.

"It is one of those times that, again, we need to remember to be as creative and innovative as possible," he said. "When we're making money in this industry, we still need to be as efficient as we can to maximize that. Right now, we're losing money, so we have to minimize the losses through management practices, too. It's all cumulative over time."

For more information or to contact a K-State Research and Extension swine specialist with questions, visit KSU Swine online. DeRouchey also suggests following regular market updates given by his colleague and agricultural economist Glynn Tonsor, available at www.agmanager.info.



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31 blk red str	549@156.00	
22 blk bwf str	591@151.75	
15 mix str	569@149.50	
9 blk char str	667@137.50	
12 blk str	671@136.75	
10 blk red str	634@134.50	
28 rwf bwf str	686@129.00	
11 blk red str	700@126.50	
10 blk str	668@124.50	
29 blk red str	786@120.50	
17 rwf bwf str	778@117.25	
22 blk str	920@109.00	
7 hols str	409@82.50	
3 hols str	378@81.00	
3 hols str	485@79.50	
5 hols str	748@78.00	

HEIFERS	
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2 blk red hfrs	437@153.00
2 blk hfrs	427@150.50
3 blk hfrs	426@150.00
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Holstein Steers			
200-300	\$160-\$225 per head	500-600	69.00-79.50
300-400	70.00-90.00	600-700	78.00-79.25
400-500	69.00-81.50		

Tues., May 12th - Calf/Yearling Special
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Market Report - Sale Date 4-30-20. 715 Head.

300-400 lb. steers, \$136-\$161.50; heifers, \$119-\$136; 400-500 lb. steers, \$137-\$160; heifers, \$117-\$136; 500-600 lb. steers, \$127-\$147; heifers, \$107-\$140; 600-700 lb. steers, \$104-\$142.25; heifers, \$102-\$128; 700-800 lb. steers, \$103-\$135; 800-900 lb. steers, \$100-\$107; heifers, \$89-\$96.75; 900-1,000 lb. steers, \$91-\$101.35; 1,000-1,100 lb. steers, \$90-\$95.20. **Trend on Calves:** \$6-\$8 lower on calves under 500 lbs; mostly steady over 500 lbs. **Trend on Feeder Cattle:** Steady to \$2 higher. **Butcher Cows:** high dressing cows \$58-\$65; Avg. dressing cows \$48-\$57; low dressing cows \$25-\$45. **Butcher Bulls:** Avg. to high dressing bulls: \$74-\$88.50. **Trend on Cows & Bulls:** \$1-\$4 higher.

HEIFERS		STEERS	
3 blk	403@135.00	3 blk	513@146.00
4 mix	494@133.00	12 mix	630@135.00
8 blk	533@134.00	70 blk	658@142.25
5 blk	608@128.00	11 blk	719@133.00
3 blk	648@109.00	11 mix	751@129.00
15 mix	855@89.00	22 mix	858@106.00
58 mix	890@96.75	59 blk	895@107.00
		61 mix	965@101.35
		104 mix	1084@95.20

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 SALE

• Special Offering of (20) 2 year old and yearling bulls. Offered by Sutphin Cattle Company in Lamar, Colorado. Bulls will be Angus, Lim Flex, Red Angus, Sim Angus, or Charolais. Bulls will be trich and fertility tested.

• 240 mostly black steers, long weaned, 900-950 lbs.

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Cattle Sale Every Thursday 11:00 AM

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Kansas Beef Council campaign generates more than one million views

The checkoff-funded “One Simple Ingredient” campaign launched in mid-December by the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) has reached a tremendous milestone, generating more than one million video views and over two million impressions from consumers in Kansas and the Kansas City metro area.

Crafted as a research-based response to alternative proteins, the campaign seeks to showcase the positive attributes of beef, namely that it is an authentic source of protein with ten essential nutrients in just one simple ingredient, beef.

“We’re seeing tremendous results with the campaign,” said KBC director of communications Scott Stebner. “The campaign is not only generating high interest and delivering at an incredibly cost-effective rate, but market research shows the video generates positive perceptions of beef.”

Although alternative protein companies routinely disparage the health attributes of beef, KBC director of nutrition Abby Heidari said testing showed that after watching the One Simple Ingredient video, consumers said beef was delicious, nutritious and natural. Furthermore, 85% of respondents who watched the 15-second version of the video during market testing stated the campaign made them want to purchase beef within the next week.

In addition to KBC, the Washington State Beef Commission also is leveraging the video campaign to consumers in Seattle.

‘Eat at Home’ campaign encourages Japanese shoppers to choose U.S. pork

Emphasizing the flavor and versatility of thick-cut U.S. pork at a time when more Japanese consumers are cooking their own meals, USMEF launched an “Eat at Home” campaign this month that will run through July and is expected to include more than 2,000 retail stores.

Funded by the National Pork Board (NPB) and the United Soybean Board (USB), the project promoting U.S. pork loin steak, butt and tenderloin has its own website.

“Due to the coronavirus outbreak, people in Japan are not able to eat at restaurants and are purchasing more food, especially meat, at supermarkets,” explained Take-michi Yamashoji, USMEF director in Japan.

“USMEF sees this as an opportunity and we are encouraging shoppers to choose U.S. pork instead of domestic pork and pork from other countries. We are also sharing recipes for cooking U.S. pork in a variety of ways, including slow-cooking at low temperatures to bring out the flavor and tenderness.”

To assist shoppers and provide new ideas, USMEF developed four unique sauces and seasonings for thick-cut pork recipes. Packages of the sauces and seasonings are attached to packages of U.S. pork in participating supermarkets. Recipe cards are also being distributed.

Nebraska Extension offers tips for replacing distillers grain in cattle diets

A national slowdown in the production of ethanol as a result of COVID-19 has led to a shortage in distillers grain.

A co-product of ethanol production, distillers grain is used in both wet and dry form by many cattle producers as nutrient- and protein-rich feed.

Nebraska Extension’s beef systems educators have some tips for cattle producers looking replace or supplement distillers grain in their animals’ diet while it is in short supply:

Producers who used wet or modified distillers should add water if replacing distillers grain with dry ingredients.

Corn silage is likely the best substitution for distillers grain, as it adds moisture and is the most economical roughage source, but it must be stored correctly. Alfalfa is an excellent roughage source, but very expensive and dry. If a producer only has low-quality forage (like cornstalks, straw or poor hay), then mixing and adding moisture is even more critical.

When possible, it is recommended that producers cut back on the distillers grain in their animals’ diet instead of replacing completely.

If distillers are completely eliminated from an animal’s diet, producers should consider adding urea as a protein supplement. Urea can be provided through liquid or dry supplements, and is now required in feedlots if distillers grain is not available. In feedlot diets, between 1 and 1.5% of an animal’s diet should be made up of urea (less is required in forage diets). Urea can be toxic if fed above 2%, and requires diligence when mixing so that sorting doesn’t occur. Incorporating wet feed into an animal’s diet can help lower the risk of sorting.

Urea is riskier to use in forage diets and in some cases, may be unnecessary. Forages are naturally higher in rumen degraded protein, and sorting is a greater concern in forage diets. In general, urea supplementation can be very useful in some forage diets, but needs to be fine-tuned.

Once a producer realizes they are short on distillers grain, they should begin gradually replacing distillers in their animals’ diet with the alternatives mentioned above in order to decrease the risk of bloat from acidosis.

Local alternatives may still be available, including dry distillers or dry gluten feeds, wet gluten feed, or liquid byproducts from. Other feeds that may fit are soybean meal, whole soybeans and field peas, as well as less common feeds like protein seed meals.

More information for cattle producers can be found online at beef.unl.edu. Producers with specific questions on cattle nutrition can find a beef systems extension educator in their area at beef.unl.edu/contact-us. Additionally, Nebraska Extension offers a variety of resources to help producers, communities and who have been affected by COVID-19. Those resources are available at disaster.unl.edu.

Governor announces appointment to Kansas Water Authority

Governor Laura Kelly appointed Allen Roth, Hays, to the Kansas Water Authority.

The water authority advises the governor, the Legislature and the director of the Kansas Water Office (KWO) on water policy issues — including the approval of the Kansas Water Plan and revisions, federal contracts, administration regulations and

Grass & Grain Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 66 Low: 49

THURSDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 67 Low: 50

FRIDAY

Few Showers

High: 63 Low: 46

SATURDAY

Mostly Sunny

High: 58 Low: 41

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 71 Low: 42

MONDAY

Sunny

High: 66 Low: 49

TUESDAY

Sunny

High: 60 Low: 43

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 66°, humidity of 47%. West southwest wind 2 to 7 mph. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 2004. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 49°. East southeast wind 1 to 5 mph.

Last Week's Almanac			
Date	H/L	Normals	Precip
4/24	64/52	69/44	1.04"
4/25	69/48	70/44	0.00"
4/26	74/39	70/45	0.00"
4/27	80/58	70/45	0.00"
4/28	77/55	70/45	0.03"
4/29	69/54	71/46	0.00"
4/30	77/46	71/46	0.00"

Rainfall 1.07"
Normal rainfall 0.90"
Departure +0.17"
Average temp 51.6°
Average normal 57.6°
Departure +4.0°

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full	Wednesday	6:22 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	7:43 p.m.	6:06 a.m.
	Thursday	6:20 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	8:59 p.m.	6:42 a.m.
	Friday	6:19 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	10:12 p.m.	7:21 a.m.
	Saturday	6:18 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	11:22 p.m.	8:06 a.m.
	Sunday	6:17 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	Prev Day	8:57 a.m.
	Monday	6:16 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	12:23 a.m.	9:54 a.m.
	Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	1:16 a.m.	10:54 a.m.

Local UV Index

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

Weather History

May 6, 1988 - A major storm brought high winds to the western half of the country. A wind gust of 74 mph at Pueblo, Colo. broke the May record that city established just four days earlier. Winds in the Arapahoe Ski Basin area of Colorado reached 85 mph.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/24	8	4/28	16
4/25	8	4/29	11
4/26	6	4/30	11
4/27	19		

FARM AUCTION for DON CHEGWIDDEN ESTATE

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020 — 9:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: From BUNKER HILL, KS, 1 mi. South to 193rd & Hwy. 40 then East ½ mi. to Auction.

TRACTORS: Case 1070 w/800 Workmaster GB loader w/scoop 18.4-38 rear tires (4340 hrs); Ford tractor w/loader. **FARM MACHINERY:** 3 pt. 7' rear blade; 2 whl bale fork; Danuser 3 pt. post hole digger; manure spreaders inc. 1 sm/ (Oliver, Fenderson); combine bin on wheels; 3 pt. bar; 2 btm plow; 3 pt. cultivator; JD iron wheel running gear; PU sprayer; 3 pt. hay fork; Mapesomatic sprayer; bale sled; 4 & 5' 3pt. rotary mowers. **PICK-UPS & TRUCK:** Old Ford V8 F600 truck w/flatbed & winch; 1986 Ford F250 pickup; 1991 Ford F250 XLT Lariat pickup. **TRAILERS:** 1980 Blair stock trailer 5x16 bumper pull; 7x10 flat trailer; 6x10 dump trailer; 6x12 open top stock trailer; 9x24' Donahue trailer; nice 2013 20' Circle M Flex Control gooseneck trailer w/5' dovetail; 1992 Star 24x7' gooseneck trailer; 5x16' Hale open top stock trailer; 7x5' yard trailer; trailer flare box; new trailer wheel. **CATTLE & HORSE EQUIP:** round iron bale feeders; cattle panels w/trailers (1 Winkle set w/20 panels); rubber tanks, feeders & tubs; cattle headgate; 7 ½' fiberglass stock tank; sm. galv. tanks; SS feeders; 4x6x4' iron cage; single calf shed; tank heaters; feed bunks & bale feeders; PU stock racks; 2 & 4 whl. pony carts; horse feeder; New horse blankets. **BUILDINGS & SHEDS TO BE MOVED:** (6) oil tank cattle sheds; 30' curved shed w/gates; (2) 8x8' metal buildings; 10 ½ x12' metal bldg; 10x12' wood shed; 40' metal storage unit; 40' tin movable shed; (4) 40' cargo containers; 10x24' open faced metal shed. **MISC. FARM ITEMS & TOOLS & MORE!**

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Tuesdays

To control crowd size at our auction, spectators and visitors will not be permitted. We need to reserve proper distancing space for our buyers and sellers, who should not bring extra people with them. The CAFE WILL BE CLOSED. Thank you.

We sold 1893 cattle April 28. Steer and heifer calves were steady with lower undertones on unweaned calves. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to higher. Cows and bulls were steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES			
8 blk str	332 @ 176.00	28 blk/bwf str	581 @ 143.00
5 blk/bwf str	442 @ 169.00	6 wf str	597 @ 140.00
17 blk/red str	468 @ 168.00	7 blk/bwf str	638 @ 140.00
8 blk/red str	472 @ 168.00	11 blk/bwf str	693 @ 139.50
3 blk str	458 @ 166.00	40 blk/red str	704 @ 135.50
7 blk str	459 @ 166.00	4 blk/bwf str	594 @ 135.00
8 char/red str	496 @ 166.00	4 blk str	700 @ 128.00
10 blk str	471 @ 165.00	41 blk/red str	747 @ 125.25
4 blk/bwf str	360 @ 164.00	5 blk str	741 @ 125.00
13 blk str	527 @ 164.00	22 blk str	807 @ 122.50
5 char/red str	417 @ 163.00	31 blk/char str	835 @ 119.00
6 blk/bwf str	473 @ 163.00	62 blk str	865 @ 116.00
8 blk str	478 @ 163.00	10 blk/char str	840 @ 115.75
14 blk str	424 @ 161.00	58 blk str	930 @ 113.75
8 blk str	525 @ 160.00	116 blk/char str	925 @ 112.85
10 blk/red str/bulls	374 @ 160.00	54 blk/bwf str	1014 @ 104.25
10 blk/red str	494 @ 159.50	61 mix str	950 @ 104.00
25 blk/bwf str	531 @ 155.50	37 mix str	953 @ 102.25
5 blk str	426 @ 155.00	HEIFER CALVES	
6 blk/char str	521 @ 155.00	6 blk hfr	320 @ 150.00
3 blk str	542 @ 151.50	3 blk/bwf hfr	410 @ 149.00
5 blk str	547 @ 151.00	11 bwf/blk hfr	450 @ 146.50
3 blk str	392 @ 150.00	3 blk/red hfr	357 @ 146.00
6 blk/red str	401 @ 147.00	4 blk/bwf hfr	409 @ 146.00
3 blk/bwf bulls	482 @ 146.00	5 blk hfr	448 @ 144.00
3 char bulls	485 @ 146.00	6 blk hfr	482 @ 143.00
3 blk bulls	395 @ 143.00	9 blk/bwf hfr	541 @ 143.00
8 wf bulls	428 @ 136.00	21 blk hfr	450 @ 142.50
		29 blk/bwf hfr	532 @ 141.75
		5 blk hfr	418 @ 141.00
		6 blk hfr	471 @ 141.00
		9 blk/sim hfr	461 @ 140.50

STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS			
8 blk/bwf str	558 @ 160.00		
15 blk/bwf str	582 @ 151.50		
4 blk str	590 @ 144.00		

COWS & HEIFERETTES			
1 blk hfrt	835 @ 94.00		
1 blk hfrt	875 @ 92.00		
1 blk hfrt	790 @ 92.00		
1 bwf hfrt	735 @ 84.00		
1 blk hfrt	1030 @ 80.00		
1 red hfrt	950 @ 78.00		
3 blk/char hfrts	967 @ 77.50		
2 blk hfrts	903 @ 75.00		
1 bwf cow	1120 @ 69.50		
1 red cow	1240 @ 67.50		
1 red cow	1115 @ 64.50		
1 blk cow	1385 @ 63.50		
1 blk cow	1535 @ 63.00		
1 bwf cow	1245 @ 62.50		
1 blk cow	1335 @ 62.00		
1 gelb cow	1165 @ 61.50		
1 blk cow	1335 @ 60.50		
1 blk cow	1530 @ 60.00		
1 red cow	1475 @ 59.00		
1 bwf cow	1750 @ 58.50		
4 blk cows	1259 @ 58.00		
1 blk cow	1160 @ 57.50		
1 blk cow	1305 @ 57.00		
1 blk cow	1295 @ 56.50		
1 blk cow	1320 @ 56.00		
1 blk cow	1195 @ 55.50		
1 blk cow	1445 @ 55.00		
1 sim cow	1060 @ 54.00		
2 char cows	1323 @ 53.00		
2 blk cows	1090 @ 52.00		
1 blk cow	995 @ 50.00		
1 blk cow	1080 @ 49.50		
1 blk cow	960 @ 49.00		

2 wf cows/cvs		
@ 1300.00		
2 blk cows/cvs	@ 1025.00	
8 blk cows/cvs	@ 1025.00	
4 red cows/cvs	@ 1010.00	
2 x-bred cows/cvs	@ 775.00	

BULLS		
1 ang bull	@ 1850.00	
1 ang bull	@ 1700.00	
1 ang bull	@ 1650.00	
1 ang bull	@ 1500.00	
1 blk bull	1850 @ 82.00	
1 blk bull	1800 @ 81.50	
1 blk bull	1655 @ 80.50	
1 blk bull	1730 @ 80.00	
1 blk bull	1425 @ 79.50	
2 blk bulls	1665 @ 75.00	
1 wf bull	1630 @ 73.00	
2 blk bulls	1378 @ 72.00	
1 red bull	1495 @ 70.50	
1 char bull	1395 @ 70.00	

BRED COWS & HEIFERS		
7 char cows	@ 1075.00	
1 blk cow	@ 985.00	
2 red cows	@ 925.00	
1 blk cow	@ 775.00	
1 red hfr	@ 710.00	
10 blk/bwf cows	@ 685.00	
1 blk hfr	@ 675.00	

COW/CALF PAIRS		
8 blk cows/cvs	@ 1675.00	
4 blk cows/cvs	@ 1625.00	
4 char cows/cvs	@ 1450.00	
3 char cows/cvs	@ 1350.00	

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CONSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 5:

- 110 SimAngus heifers, 700-750 lbs., from Stuewe Ranch, Mill Brae sired
- 130 blk & bwf steers & heifers, 700-900 lbs.
- 120 black heifers, 775-800 lbs.
- 60 black heifers, 825-850 lbs.
- 92 black steers, 850-900 lbs.
- 60 black steers, 900-925 lbs.
- 60 black steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 61 black crossbred steers, 925-950 lbs.

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