

Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

Tuesday the 12th is the May supply and demand report, which is our first look at the new crop numbers. Expectations are for very bearish corn numbers with about 3.4 billion bushels of new crop ending stocks. We haven't seen stocks that big since the late 1980s and the stocks to use ratio could be the highest in 30 years as well. So, there isn't much reason to be bullish on corn unless we see a combination of much better unleaded gasoline demand, strong Chinese demand, and a weather scare. If we don't see at least two of the three in the next four months, it is going to be a very long, ugly year for

Expectations for new crop wheat ending stocks are not as bearish as for the corn, with the average guess coming in at 814

the corn.

million bushels, which is the lowest level since the 2014/2015 crop year. Stocks will still be about double what we need them to be in order to have a protracted bull market, but solid demand and the ever-declining acreage, at least the situation isn't getting worse. It is possible that solid exports and a little bit lower production will cut ending stocks further, but we will not have very high feed usage this year, so it will be difficult to draw the stocks down a great deal. Once again in seems that the action of the Chinese and how much wheat they buy will have a huge say in what our stocks levels, and therefore price, do.

New crop soybean ending stocks are expected to come in at 430 million, which is less than half of the 2018/2019 level, but

still about double what we would call "bullish." Soybean stocks could easily drop to a bullish level, so be prepared for volatility in the soybean market. A little bit of a weather scare could move the beans a long way, as could large purchases by the Chinese. Getting both of those things to happen this summer would be very friendly to prices.

The cattle market had another goofy week. Cash cattle trade ranged from about \$95 to possibly as high as \$115. We had several limit higher moves in the June live cattle, and there is really no question that the charts look bullish. On the continuation chart the live cattle cleared the mid-April high, and it is reasonable to say that a run to \$110 is in the works.

Now, on the negative

side of things, we are still dealing with very slow slaughter rates and cattle could be backed up for months. Slaughter rates are picking up, and the current margins give packers every reason to kill cattle as fast as possible, but that doesn't mean we will be back to full kills any time soon. COVID-19 cases are still rising rapidly in SW Kansas, which makes it difficult to imagine full kills here in the short run.

So, charts look great, but we are dealing with an unstable fundamental situation. That means we are not done with the extreme volatility. Don't be surprised to see August live cattle reach \$110, but also don't be surprised to see a run at the contract lows. The feeders offer us

a little bit better picture since the cash market is active and functioning properly. The feeder index is trending higher, and so are the feeder futures. There is very clear resistance at the \$139 level in the August feeder contract. Clearing that level would open the door to a move to the \$150 area. As with the live cattle though, plan on extreme volatility. Months of backed up cattle are going to be tough on margins and cut into the enthusiasm to chase after high priced feeders.

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the run was Fall calves and light yearlings which all the better kind were in very good demand with many selling \$5 to spots \$10 higher. A large offering of cull cows sold at fully steady prices especially on the thinner

STEER CALVES — 375-525 LBS

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8 blk

10 blk

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2 Cross

7 blk

1 blk Greenleaf 1185@75.00 Auburn 1 blk 1020@73.00 Onaga 1 blk 1075@71.00 1 blk 1030@67.00 Onaga Onaga 1150@66.00 1 blk Barnes 1 blk 1150@61.00 Silver Lake 1 blk 1270@59.00 Tampa 1 blk 1345@57.50 Westmoreland 1 blk 1350@54.50 Manhattan 1800@54.00 1 blk Onaga 1 blk 1705@52.00 Wheaton 1 blk 1575@51.00 1425@50.00 Manhattan 1 blk White City 1175@49.50 1 blk 1500@49.00 Clifton 1 blk 1 blk 1295@48.50 Wheaton Manhattan 1 blk 1405@48.00 1 blk 1445@48.00 Onaga Westmoreland 1 blk 1225@47.00 **BULLS** - 1,150-1,950 LBS. Prairie Village 1705@85.00 1 1930@84.00 1 blk Goff

1 blk

1 blk

1 blk

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1 blk

Marysville

Hope

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703@142.50

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Tonganoxie Clay Center 1 blk 1500@68.00**CALVES** 220@385.00 302@375.00 3 Cross 2 BWF 4 blk 1 bwf 1 blk 1 blk 1 blk @210.00 1 blk For our special cow sale held Wednesday, May 6th, we had a large run of Spring and Fall calving cows, bred heifers and replacement heifers. Buyers showed very good

condition

AGE Kansas City 5 blk 2-3 @2425.00 @2250.00 Pomona 5 blk Mdcne Lodge 16 RdAng 2 @2250.00 @2075.00 6 bwf 2 Pomona @2025.00 Palmer 7 blk Junction City 14 blk 2 @2000.00 8 Heref 2 @1900.00 Pomona Blaine 4 blk @1900.00 @1875.00 Manhattan 7 blk 2 Manhattan 5 blk 2 @1850.00 Marion 10 RdAng 2 @1850.00 Alta Vista 8 blk @1800.00 Manhattan 4 mix @1675.00 Manhattan 6 Cross @1550.00 **FALL BRED 1ST CALF HEIFERS** AGE BRED

13 RdAng 2

25 RdAng 2

12 blk

4-5

4-5

5

@2285.00

@2075.00

@1975.00

White City 7 Rdang 2 @1900.00 Valley Falls @1825.00 16 blk Valley Falls 7 blk @1525.00 3 @1400.00 Onaga 4 blk 2 Tampa 6 blk @1325.00

PAIRS AGE BRED Pomona 6 bwf 3-4

9 blk Hoyt Olsburg 6 blk Mdcne Lodge 12 RdAng 4 Kincaid 6 blk 12 RdAng 4 Mdcne Lodge Wetmore 6 blk Wetmore 4 blk Topeka 4 blk Mdcne Lodge 14 RdAng 5-6 Mdcne Lodge 7 RdAng 4-SS

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REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

5 Heref

14 Heref

5 blk

Pomona Pomona Hoyt 1160@84.00 Pomoi 1870@80.00 Lyndon 1250@77.00 Blaine 1735@76.75 Dwight 1610@75.00 Alta Vista

Bendena

Perry

Kincaid

Blaine Mdcne Lodge Dwight @350.00 Harvevville @335.00 Dwight @310.00 Stilwell, OK Manhattan @300.00 @275.00 Stilwell @260.00 Topeka Stilwell, OK

180@200.00 Lyndon @110.00 Lyndon Junction City Junction City Topeka interest on all classes especially on the younger cattle with quality and good body

1ST CALF HEIFER PAIRS

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Manhattan

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Eudora

Tampa

Waverly

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Olpe

Tampa

Waverly

Kincaid

Topeka

Manhattan

St. George

Columbia, MO

Matfield Green

Sabetha

Tampa

Easton

4 blk

11 blk

11 blk

Olpe

Olpe

Perry

@2325.00

@2150.00

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@1360.00

@1275.00

@1000.00

@1250.00

@1200.00

@1125.00

3-2 @2200.00

10 blk @1025.00 Havensville 23 blk @1000.00 4 Heref @950.00 6 blk @930.00 Havensville

22 blk @910.00 @910.00 9 blk 10 blk @910.00 **BRED COWS** AGE BRED 10 blk 5-6 @1900.00 4-5 @1885.00 19 blk 4-5 9 blk @1750.00 5 blk @1750.00 7 Heref @1700.00 10 blk 5 @1675.00 @1650.00 10 blk 4-5 @1575.00 5 blk 13 RdAng 5 @1550.00 @1550.00 4 bwf @1550.00

Wamego 5 Ang 5-6 4-5 @1525.00 7-8 @1500.00 6 blk 3-4 5 Rd Ang 5-6 @1460.00 5 Rd Ang 5 @1450.00 Wamego 5 Cross 3-4 3 @1450.00 @1425.00 Manhattan 5 blk 9 3-5 4 mix 5 4-5 @1425.00 7 Rd Ang @1375.00 Wamego 5 Rd Ang @1375.00 @1375.00 7 blk 4 blk @1335.00 @1335.00 5 mix 5 5-7 Manhattan 6 blk 4 @1275.00 5 blk 7-8 5 @1175.00 5 blk @1125.00 SS 8 blk @1110.00 5 mix 7-8 4-5 @1000.00

2-3

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BREEDING BULLS

1 Ang

1 blk

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2-3

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@900.00

@900.00

@900.00

@2500.00

@2150.00

@1900.00

1 Ang @1900.00 Junction City 32 blk @1100.00 @1850.00 Tampa 1 blk Manhattan 10 blk @1075.00 Easton @1800.00 @1750.00 Matfield Green 1 blk 19 blk @1050.00 Manhattan Junction City 12 blk @1050.00 @1600.00 Tampa 1 blk Westmoreland 1 Rd Ana Junction City 5 blk @1035.00 @1600.00 23 blk @1025.00

GNM

SELLING AT 11:30 A.M.

- 8 Heref strs (6) & hfrs, all shots, weaned 35 days, 400-500 lbs. 20 blk blk Brockle face OCV replacement hfrs, 700-775 lbs.
- 22 SimAngus OCV replacement hfrs, 650-850 lbs.

27 blk BLK Baldy & Angus cross cows, 6 yrs & older, w/ 30-60 day Moser genetics, Sim Angus calves by side.

3 baby Hols calves.

- 4 blk cows. 3-7 vrs w/ calves by side. 7 blk cows, running ages, bred blk for May & June calving.
- 15 blk cows, running ages, bred blk for Oct. & Nov. calving.

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19 Red Angus Fall calving cows, SS to older, bred blk Angus for late Aug.-Oct. calves.

CONSIGNMENTS

SELLING AT 11:30 A.M.

8 blk 2nd calf OCV hfrs, 3 yrs, w/ 2 week calves by side. Hfrs had 4KC Scourguard & Ivomectin, calves 1 rd grass shots.

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Following are the results of the Flint Hill Choice Sale held March 28th in El Dorado.

13 Purebred and Lim Flex Bulls Avg. \$2666 4 Fall Bred 3 n 1 Pairs

Avg. \$2338 5 Spring Pairs Avg.

3 Spring Breds Avg. \$1767

2 Open Heifers Avg. 14 Registered Females

Avg. \$2022

Commercial Females 1 Fall Bred 3 n 1 Pair Avg. \$2350

13 Spring Bred Commercial Heifers Avg. \$1737 3 Fall Bred Commercial Heifers Avg. \$1475

17 Commercial Lots Avg. \$1727

Total of 44 Lots aver-

aged \$2098

Overall high selling bull and highest selling 2 yr. old was Beikmanns Farmer Red 280F for 4-1-2018, Lim Flex, red polled sired bv Beikmann's War Admiral 929W and out of Beikmann's Glenda, consigned by Beikmann Land and Limousin, Linn, and

Hanover, for \$3800. Second high seller in the 2 yr. old category was JDYE 404F a 4-4-18 black polled purebred sired by JDYE X-Factor and out of GV Ms Xman 4472B consigned by Circle D Ranch, Paola, and purchased for #3200 by Zach Price of Baldwin City.

purchased by Chris Stohn,

The high selling Fall Yearlings were both consigned by Super C Limousin, Altoona, Ks. Lot #9 sold for \$3300 and was SCRN Fletcher 353F a 9-4-18 black and polled Lim Flex that was sired by Bush's Unbelievable 423 and out of SCRN Zada 353Z purchased by Garret Brown of Luray. Lot #7 sold for \$3250 SCAS Fernao 935F a 9-14-18, black and polled Lim Flex sired by TASF Believe 854 out

of SCAS Divine 935D and

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153.9 approx. base acres in PLC Base/Yield Wheat base 147.9/40 Sorghum base 6/84

Approx. Taxes: \$2,246.84

Tract 2: NW/4 of Section 19-14-3W, lying S of RR, SA County

Location: Just South of Old HWY 40 on S. Lightville Rd.

88 acres +/- productive tillable - 4 acres +/- waterway, 82.8 approx. base acres in PLC Base/Yield

Approx. Taxes: \$1,209.84

Tract 3: The Combination of Tracts 1 & 2

Location: Just 3 mi, west of Salina, close to Cargill Elevator

Total Taxes: \$3,456.68 on 248 taxable acres

Tract 4: NE/4 of Sect 30-12-1W, OT County, less tract in SE Corner 141 acres +/- productive tillable ~ 14 acres +/- waterway 147.7 base acres in ARC & PLC Base/Vield

Taxes: \$2,827.94 on 155.3 taxable acres

Tract 5: SE/4 of Section 19-12-1W. Ottawa County

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he was also purchased by Brown.

Second highest overall bull and also the high selling yearling was Lot #17 SC Game On, a 3-29-19 black and polled purebred sired by SCRN Bentley 93B ET and out of SCRN Xylia 335X consigned by Super C Limousin, Altoona, and purchased for \$3600 by Ernest Engelking of Newkirk, Oklahoma.

High selling fall bred pair was Lot 20/20A PTAL Betty Boop 405B a purebred, black polled cow sired by MAGS Xylidine out of PTAL Sheba 604S and at her side a 9-16-19 red polled heifer calf sired by KGUM PTAL Daquiri 613D, she was bred back the same way for a fall calf brought \$2600, consigned by Pine Tree Acres Limousin, Parker, and purchased by Henry Winsor and Mark Montgomery of Wichita.

High selling spring pair was Lot #23/23A Beikmanns Hope 499E, a double black, double polled 62% Lim Flex female, out of Beikmanns Cowboy 589c ET and Beikmann's Hope 363B she sold with a bull calf at side born 2-13-20 out of EXLR Slip Clutch they brought \$2300. This pair was consigned by Beikmann Land and Limousin, Linn, and purchased by Henry Winsor and Mark Montgomery of Wichita.

The high selling bred heifer was Lot #25 Beikmanns Elvera 497E, a 75% Lim Flex female, bringing \$1850. This 9-11-17 heifer was sired by Beikmanns War Admiral 929W and out of Beikmanns Zavera 299Z and sold bred to Beikmann's Emerald 1019E, consigned by Beikmann Land and Limousin and sold to Kansas Farm & Ranch Management of Dexter.

The high selling open heifer was Lot #31 JDYE Fairy a black, double polled Purebred female out of JDYE X-Factor and JDYE Xanadu, consigned by Circle D Ranch, Paola, and was bought for \$1300 by Braun Limousin, Vic-

Commercial fall bred pair was consigned by Pine Tree Acres Limousin, a purebred female selling with a purebred heifer calf at side out of KGUM PTAL Daiquiri 613D and bred back the same way for a fall calf. Derek Waitley of Leavenworth purchased this pair for \$2350. The spring bred com-

mercial females and fall bred commercial females were consigned by Super C Limousin of Altoona and all were purchased by Mark Martin of Martin's Loveable Limousin, Dexter. The volume buyers

were Martin,who purchased 21 head, and Winsor and Montgomery of Wichita and Goddard who bought ten head.



Randy and Nancy Corns, Super C Limousin, Altoona, and KLBA President Kyle Dye, Circle D Limousin of Paola appreciated Mark Martin of Dexter for his volume purchases of 20 head from Super C and a bull from Circle D Limousin.



Ernie and Sandy Engelking, Newkirk, Okla. purchased the second high-selling bull from the KLBA sale in El Dorado.



Henry and MaryLue Winsor, Wichita, (far right), along with their family Mark, Lanell, Abigayle and Allyson Montgomery of Goddard, purchased 10 head of Limousin cattle at the KLBA sale.



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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade slow; Prices steady; demand light. Discussion of new crop pricing are starting to get reported, primarily in the southwest, and seem to be starting where old crop left off. Most alfalfa producers expect first cutting tonnage totals to be down this year due to freeze damage, insects, and dry conditions. Recent warm, dry conditions led to an expansion of abnormal dryness (D0) in the Dakotas, southwest Nebraska, northwest Kansas, and eastern Colorado. Abnormal dryness (D0) increased to 31 pct, moderate drought (D1) remained steady at 4 pct, and severe drought (D2) remained steady at 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. Stock or Dry Cow 160.00-165.00. Old crop, Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00, new crop grinding alfalfa 115.00-125.00 delivered. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 150.00-160.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, good small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, large squares 100.00-110.00. Sudan: large rounds 60.00-70.00. Wheat straw: none reported. The week of 4/26-5/2, 7,782T of grinding alfalfa and 1,702T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, alfalfa pellets steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy, 1.00/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, 95.00-105.00, 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 4/26-5/2, 4,881T of grinding alfalfa and 855.5T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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 4/26-5/2, 947T 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 4/26-5/2, 1,009T of grinding alfalfa and

564T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold. ***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

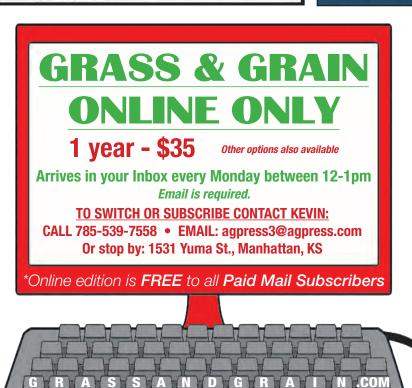
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Trump asks DOJ to investigate meat packers President Donald Trump told reporters he has either closed temporarily or significantly slowed their

asked the Justice Department to look into allegations that U.S. meat packers broke antitrust law because the prices paid to farmers and ranchers has declined even as meat prices rose, Reuters reports.

"I've asked the Justice Department to look into it... I've asked them to take a very serious look into it, because it shouldn't be happening that way and we want to protect our farmers," the president said at a White House event attended by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds.

"Are they dealing with each other? What's going on?" the president asked.

Many beef, pork and poultry processing plants have

production in recent weeks which has reduced the markets farmers and ranchers have to sell their livestock. Both beef and pork processing capacities have been reduced by as much as 40%.

Trump issued an executive order recently labeling meatpacking plants "critical infrastructure" that must stay open. Yet the supply shortage continues and retailers Costco Wholesale Corp and Kroger Co are limiting meat purchases and Wendy's Co. announced it would focus on marketing chicken, having taken its signature "fresh" hamburgers off the menu at some restaurants.

Perdue told reporters that U.S. meatpacking plants

shut down because of coronavirus outbreaks would be fully back in production in a week to ten days. Perdue also said in April the agency would investigate diverging prices for cattle and beef during the outbreak. He expanded a probe into the market that USDA began last year after wholesale beef prices soared at the same time cash cattle prices declined after the fire at Tyson's Finney County facility.

USDA reported the Choice beef cutout price on

Wednesday at \$449.18 per cwt., up \$20.19 from Tuesday, and up \$71.73 per cwt. (+16%) since Friday's (May 1) close. Meanwhile, cash fed cattle prices were reported at \$95.18 on Wednesday (May 6) by USDA.

Industry organizations to host HRW virtual wheat tour

of interest in the quality of the U.S. hard red winter wheat crop during the Wheat Quality Tour, held annually during the first week of May. This tour, held for the past 50 years by the Wheat Quality Council, aims to give a snapshot in time of the crop to those who attend, including international buyers, wheat farmers, flour millers and others in the wheat industry. For many, this tour is their first time to

the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the winter wheat quality tour was canceled for the 2020 crop year.

Others in the industry are making plans to host a virtual wheat tour during the week of May 18. While it will be based loosely on the previous tours, there will be no caravans of cars traveling across wheat country. Alternatively, we will be working with certified crop advisors, extension agents, elevators, farmers and others in the

tions of the crop during that week.

The virtual tour will held via Zoom. Speakers include Aaron Harries, VP of Research and Operations, Kansas Wheat; Dr. Romulo Lollato, wheat and forages production specialist, Kansas State University; and Jeanne Falk Jones, multi-county specialist, Northwest Research-Extension Center, Kansas State University.

The virtual tour will open Monday afternoon, May 18, at 4:00 p.m., with an orientation and com-

will provide an overview of crop conditions and this year's yield formula provided by USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The formula will not be available prior to that time. Representatives from K-State Research and Extension will discuss this year's crop and talk about weather challenges it has faced, including drought and freeze injury, and what to look for when identifying freeze loss. They will also go that participants may be seeing in the fields.

Data will be gathered Tuesday throughout crops in north central and northwest Kansas. The Day 1 wrap-up meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., will go over the observations from those areas and provide an estimated vield potential using the formula provided by USDA/NASS. Day 2 will continue through west central and southwest Kansas, and day 3 will focus on south central and central Kansas.

at 4:00 p.m., with a final crop discussion Thursday afternoon, May 21.

Virtual tour partic ipants will use #wheattour20 on Twitter. Interested persons can get the schedule and sign up to receive invitations to the Zoom discussions at http://kswheat.com/virtu-

altour. The tour will be hosted by Kansas Wheat and K-State Research and Extension, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and other industry partners.

step foot in a wheat field. Unfortunately, with field to make observaments from industry over disease pressure Daily wrap-ups will be **USDA** invests \$71 million in high-speed broadband for rural Kansas and Oklahoma

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has announced that USDA is investing \$71 million to provide broadband service in unserved and underserved rural areas in Kansas and Oklahoma. This funding is part of USDA's round one investments through the ReConnect Pilot Program.

"The need for rural broadband has never been more apparent than it is now – as our nation manages the coronavirus national emergency. Access to tele-health services, remote learning for school children, and remote business operations all require access to broadband," said Perdue. "I am so proud of our rural communities who have been working day in and day out, just like they always do, producing the food and fiber America depends on. We need them more than ever during these trying times, and expanding access to this critical infrastructure will help ensure rural America prospers

for years to come." Totah Communications Inc. is receiving an \$18.9 million loan and an \$18.9 million grant

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of fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband infrastructure. This award will extend broadband availability to 8,155 residents, 20 farms and 15 businesses in Rogers, Nowata, Washington and Osage counties in Oklahoma; and Montgomery and Chautauqua counties in Kansas.

KanOkla Shidler LLC is receiving a \$15 million loan and a \$15 million grant to construct 251 miles of fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) in Osage County, Okla. This project will benefit 2.101 residents, 26 farms and 28 businesses.

Cross Cable Television LLC is receiving a \$2.2 million USDA grant to construct a fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network in Le Flore and McIntosh counties in Oklahoma. This project will benefit 265 residents, 13 farms and six

Carnegie Telephone Company is receiving a \$1.2 million loan to construct fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) infrastructure in the town of Carnegie, Okla., in Caddo County. This project will benefit 926 residents.

Background:

In March 2018, Congress provided \$600 million to USDA to expand broadband infrastructure and services in rural America. On Dec. 13, 2018, Perdue announced the rules of the program, called "Re-Connect," including how the loans and grants will be awarded to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America, USDA received 146 applications between May 31, 2019, and July 12, 2019, requesting \$1.4 billion in funding across all three ReConnect Program funding products: 100 percent loan, 100 percent grant, and loan-

grant combinations. On April 20, 2020, USDA announce the Department has received 172 applications for \$1.57 billion in round two of the ReConnect Program. The second round will enable USDA to implement innovative new solutions to rural connectivity by leveraging financial options with our partners and continue the success of the first round of funding. The application window for round two closed April 15.

USDA received 11 round one ReConnect Program applications that are eligible for the \$100 million Congress allocated to the program through the

CARES Act. To learn more about ReConnect Program eligibility, technical assistance and recent announcements, visit www. usda.gov/reconnect. USDA is reviewing applications and announcing approved projects on a rolling basis. Additional investments in all three categories will be

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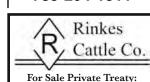
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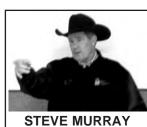




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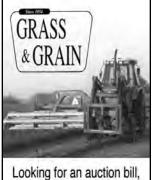
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Recently, the United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue urging the prioritization of the U.S. beef and cattle industry over foreign product during the COVID-

USCA president Brooke Miller issued the following statement to accompany the letter:

"If bold and immediate action is not taken in the coming weeks, we will witness a mass liquidation in the livestock sector that will take more than a decade of recov-

Be careful what producers will face lower

By Derrell Peel -

Oklahoma State University

The opinions expressed in this commentary are those of Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension livestock marketing specialist.

COVID-19 has caused unparalleled and catastrophic impacts on cattle and beef markets along with every other part of the economy. Cattle and beef markets are experiencing devastating shocks and challenges resulting in price changes and market behavior that are, not only unprecedented, but also difficult to understand and confusing to many.

The anger and frustration of some cattle producers has turned to accusations and proposals for change that will have longterm implications and unintended consequences for the cattle and beef indus-

The U.S. cattle and beef industry is probably the most complex set of markets on the planet. It is extremely difficult to understand with many levels of productions and an enormously complicated marketing chain.

Cattle producers often feel - rightfully - that others do not understand the cattle business. They face many challenges and unique considerations of raising cattle in a vast array of climates and production environments: and they constantly fend off a never-ending set of calls to change how cattle are produced for this or that unrealistic demand or expectation of someone somewhere.

Currently some cattle

producers are calling for one-size-fits-all restrictions on business practices or changes in industry structure based on a lack of, or an incomplete understanding of, how packing and processing businesses and markets work to process and market thousands of different beef products in a multitude of wholesale and retail beef mar-

Never before has the industry faced so many challenges that threaten the operation of multiple processing facilities simultaneously along with massive disruptions to the food service supply chain severely limiting nearly half of the total beef market. The impacts of COVID-19 on beef markets would not be different if the industry consisted of more, smaller, less efficient packing plants who were forced to purchase cattle in immediate cash markets. It might well be worse.

The current structure and business practices of the industry evolved in response to the economic forces that drive the beef industry, like every industry, to be as competitive as possible. The cost efficiencies of large-scale cattle feeding and meatpacking operations is undeniable. Some current proposals will add cost and risk to the industry and will further increase the differences between cattle and wholesale beef prices.

A less efficient, higher cost beef industry will ultimately result in higher beef prices for consumers and make beef a less competitive protein industry. Simultaneously,

ery; or instead of the recovery of our industry, we will be forced to import our food like we do many other goods. As outlined in our letter, there is not a cattle shortage in this country, and we need to utilize our current domestic supply before turning to foreign beef or cattle.

emergency work force to return to full operational capacity in U.S. meatpacking plants. With the high unemployment rates we are seeing during this crisis, as well as shortages at the meat counter due to panic-buying,

cattle prices and, as the

industry downsizes, more

will be forced out of the

decide what sort of policy

prescriptions they want to

pursue that will affect how

the beef industry func-

tions. I am not suggesting

what policies should or

should not be promoted.

My job is to make sure that

the industry understands

the implications and con-

sequences of alternatives

that are being considered.

being promoted today will

have unintended conse-

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a wartime-like effort is needed to keep Americans fed and to ensure the longevity of U.S. livestock producers. While this pandemic is affecting every American today, action is needed now to ensure the ramifications won't be felt for years to come. A safe and abundant food supply is something that all Americans have come to depend on, and we must continue to look at all possible solutions to ensure this is the case for generations to come."

Study: pigs cannot get nor spread COVID-19 virus

In what's otherwise been a slew of bad news related to the coronavirus, pork producers can be heartened by a new German study by the Friedrich Loeffler Institute. The study found that pigs are not susceptible to infection by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19.

The April 2020 study offers further evidence that pigs cannot become infected by the pandemic virus nor transmit it to humans. Additional research will be forthcoming in the United States in coming weeks, but it is not expected to contradict the German study nor early research from China that reached a similar conclusion. The best available evidence continues to support the finding that this virus is primarily transmitted by human-to-human contact.

The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety also has assessed risks associated with COVID-19, such as the potential to cross the species barrier. Also, additional research projects under way in the United States and worldwide are looking into the virus. The National Pork Board will continue to follow all new studies:



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Fly and tick season is here, which means it is time for producers to watch their herds for signs of anaplasmosis. This disease can be devastating to herds if not treated properly or in a timely manner. Anaplasmosis is a parasitic organism that is transmitted through blood by biting insects and ticks, and even surgical instruments like needles. The parasite attaches to red blood cells, which the body then removes, causing animals

tle, sheep, goats and other wild ruminants can be af-

Symptoms surface about 21-45 days after infection. Many times, animals can be infected and show no signs of illness. In the acute phase of infection, animals appear weak and generically sick due to anemia. Affected livestock may also exhibit white or yellow mucous membranes, such as their eyes, muzzles or udders. These mucous membranes will appear white due to the lack of red blood cells, or yellow because of the pigments

cells are broken down and removed from the body. Some animals may even exhibit signs of aggressiveness. This aggressive behavior is caused by lack of oxygen to the brain. Due to being weak, they tend to resort to a 'fight' rather than 'flight' response. Anaplasmosis also ap-

pears in a chronic form caused by a moderate level of anemia. Affected livestock lose weight over time, which can cause abortions in pregnant cows. In the acute phase, anaplasmosis can be quite fatal if not treated

to be treated with great care because the stress of working and handling can be fatal if the disease is advanced.

The most common treatment for the disease is the use of tetracycline antibiotics. Improvement in symptoms can be seen within a few days, but it takes between two to four weeks to see a significant recovery of red blood cell numbers.

Using fly tags, rubs, and pour-on insect repellents to keep biting insects and ticks at bay and thus preventing the disease in the first place is

between each animals when vaccinating or administering medicines is also helpful. Another option is to put chlortetracycline in the feed at a low level to kill the organism before it can replicate and attach to red blood cells. Producers can work with their veterinarian and feed supplier to administer chlortetracycline, more commonly known as CTC. There are also many labeled products for injectable oxytetracycline.

Unlike many diseases, which attack young and elderly populations,

are most affected by anaplasmosis. In fact, most catastrophic cases occur in cattle between six and eight years of age. Younger cattle are better able to regenerate red blood cells and recover, often developing immunity. Cattlemen should pay particular attention to their adult cows and bulls as the season progresses, watching for symptoms characteristic of anaplas-For more information,

please contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ksu.edu.

Ag economists warn against overreaction to meat industry structure in face of COVID-19

Tumultuous times in the meatpacking industry linked to the current new coronavirus pandemic has prompted calls for changes to the structure of the industry, but two Kansas State University agricultural economists are warning against overreactions to a structure that has been years in the making.

Hundreds of cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in some of the biggest meatpacking plants in the country, resulting in supply chain disruptions as companies deal with absent workers and temporarily close plants, leading to a 40% loss of capacity in the industry.

The closures left livestock producers with a backlog of animals ready to go to market, which means higher feed costs and potentially heavier animals. On the other end of the supply chain, the disruptions mean spotty meat availability in grocery meat cases, with some supermarkets temporarily

much meat shoppers can

Prompted by the situation, on April 28 President Donald Trump deemed meatpacking plants as "critical infrastructure" that must stay open.

The pandemic and its effect on everyone along the meat supply chain including consumers has sparked calls for changes in the structure of the meatpacking industry, which is largely concentrated to four companies - Smithfield Foods, Tyson Foods, JBS and Cargill Meat Solutions. The four control about 80% of the meat slaughter capacity in the United States.

"We're in a situation I don't think our industry or our society has ever really faced, or realized the challenges associated with an event like this," said University Distinguished Professor of agricultural economics Ted Schroeder.

The health of packing plant employees, livestock supplies backing up, to school and restaurant closures are all happening at the same time "and each segment of the industry is trying to fulfill its role the best they can," he said. "It makes for an industry that's under a lot of stress. But it's not just this industry, it's across so-

"I'm hopeful that we're in the worst of it, in terms of lost capacity," said K-State professor and livestock marketing specialist Glvnn Tonsor, adding that as of May 4, U.S. processing capacity was about 40% lower than it was in the same week last year. "Let's hope that's the lowest it will go, but no guar-

Unlike grains that can be stored long-term, meat is a perishable commodity which makes decision-making more complicated in situations like this when there are such large disruptions in the supply chain flow.

The situation, Tonsor said, has rekindled conpacker concentration. but he cautioned against making big changes in the midst of the current crisis.

"In general, when you have a surgical procedure, the doctor will give you advice for when you get home or for the next couple of weeks but doesn't tell you to quit exercising for the rest of your life," Tonsor said.

The current concentration in meat packing came about because of economies of scale, Tonsor said, which allows those companies to produce higher volumes at lower costs per animal than a smaller company could do. That efficiency means lower prices for consumers.

"Also, the value of U.S. meat exports has grown notably over the last couple of decades," he said. "The beef industry is becoming increasingly reliant on the export market to sustain the current size of the industry." Keeping that in mind, it's easier for an overseas buyer to deal

with one company than 30 companies. "An overreaction to our

current structure could mean a loss of global competitiveness," he added.

Schroeder reminded that meat packing is a labor-intensive segment of the industry where a significant number of highly skilled people are needed. no matter who owns that segment.

"The nature of our plants, the size of our plants, has evolved to where labor productivity is as high as any other alternative that we currently have," he said. The pandemic may

push meatpacking companies to look more closely at automating more parts of the process, rather than rely so heavily on human labor, Tonsor said. The coronavirus pan-

demic has also reignited discussions about price discovery in beef cattle, which has changed in the past seven years, most notably with a shift to formula pricing and away from negotiated trade, Schroed-

Though some believe there's greater transparency in negotiated trades, the middle of a crisis is not the time to make sweeping, long-term changes, he

"There's always room for improvement, but I think that it's dangerous to jump off the cliff without studying what's on the other side, so to speak,"

"It's better to look at how and why the current system came to be and can we take the current system and enhance the information that we get to make it work more efficiently and effectively," Schroeder said. "The ways we're marketing and valuing cattle today has evolved because they offer great opportunity to increase the value signals being sent to the

industry." Any significant changes, whether linked to the pandemic or otherwise, should be made with an eye toward benefits to the cattle producer, the meat packer, the retailer and

the consumer. "Those balancing acts are very emotional in the midst of a crisis. I don't want to see us overreact in the midst of a crisis to do undue harm in the future."

An Agriculture Today interview with Tonsor and Schroeder is available on-

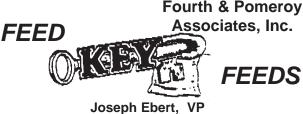
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By Ron Wilson **Executive Director of** the Huck Boyd Institute



Alicia Boor, Great Bend Virtual Farm Show

Let's go to a farm show. We'll see lots of vendors, hear speakers with the latest information, and learn about various products. But wait, we can't do that. There's a pandemic and a stay-at-home order in place.

What if we could participate in a farm show and do so virtually and safely, from the comfort of our homes? Today we'll learn about a community which accomplished exactly that.

Alicia Boor is one of the agriculture and natural resources agents for the K-State Research and Extension Cottonwood District, serving Barton and Ellis counties. She grew up in Dodge City, earned an animal science degree, and got a job as a zookeeper for rare breeds of livestock at the Sedgwick County Zoo before joining Extension. Her Extension position enabled Alicia and her husband to move to her husband's hometown of Hoisington in Barton County. Hoisington is a rural community of 2,706 people. Now, that's rural.

Alicia's duties included lining up speakers for the annual Great Bend farm and ranch show which attracts thousands of people to Great Bend each spring. She was assisted by Jared Petersilie, the agriculture Extension agent in the neighboring Walnut Creek District. Because of the interest in growing industrial hemp, the name of the 2020 show was changed to the Great Bend Farm, Ranch & Hemp Expo.

Then came the coronavirus, followed by stay-athome orders. Alicia and Jared had already lined up the speakers but reluctantly notified the planners that they could no longer participate.

In March, two weeks before the scheduled beginning of the expo in early April, Alicia got another request. The expo organizers wanted to make this a virtual expo. Could the speakers present their programs after all? Alicia decided to give it a try.

How in the world does someone conduct a virtual expo? The planners in Great Bend worked with a company with the domain name www.virtualfarmexpo.com. In a matter of a couple of weeks, they managed to organize the event so that it could function online.

Alicia contacted her

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15 blk red hfrs 482@142.00

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656@126.50

969@100.50

421@156.00

377@155.00

420@152.00

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4 blk bwf strs

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10 bwf rwf strs

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9 blk red strs

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K-State speakers and found that they were willing. The original idea was that they would pre-record presentations to be presented during the expo, but it turned out that live Zoom presentations worked even better. This allowed for real-time interaction with the participants.

On April 8, 9 and 10 the originally scheduled dates - the Great Bend Farm, Ranch & Hemp Expo was conducted virtually. Participants got online, viewed the exhibits, and interacted with the speakers through their electronic devices.

The K-State speakers included Jason Griffin, an industrial hemp researcher at the John C. Pair Horticulture Center near Haysville; wheat specialist Romulo Lollato in Manhattan; and grain marketing economist Dan O'Brien in Colby. All were able to present their research results, share their screens with viewers, and respond to questions.

presentations were live and also recorded. "We broke these into segments by crop," Alicia said. "That way if a producer was interested specifically in grain sorghum, for example, they didn't have to listen to an hour on other crops to get the 10

What about the exhibits? The organizers created a screen image which looked like a booth one would see at the farm show. Exhibitors were able to populate that screen with their own pictures, information and videos, which rotated online during the show. It was an ingenious way to share the information while doing so safely and remotely. The K-State booth, for example, included links to Extension publications and generated more than 1,000 views.

This was accomplished in a remarkably short time frame. "It was stressful,

but it was fun," Alicia said. "At last year's state Extension conference, we were asked to innovate. I didn't realize we would be forced to do it so quickly," she said with a smile. "We do have to find new ways to

to make "virtual" a reality.

Grazing rules of thumb analyzed

By Jody G. Holthaus, **Meadowlark District** Extension agent, livestock

This article is too good: I just had to share it with you. Keith Harmoney is a range scientist at Hays:

"Over the years, I've heard rangeland managers develop rules of thumb, or short phrases, to try to help them simplify decisions that need to be made to manage their pastures. Some of these rules of thumb have merit and scientific or economic data to support the rules of thumb; however, some rules of thumb may be unfounded and lack informational support. The following is a list of some common rules of thumb, along with an explanation of whether or not the rule of thumb has any merit or basis of support. Thumbs Up means it's a rule of thumb with merit, and a Thumbs Down indicates the rule of thumb lacks support and has room for improvement. A Thumbs Up and a Thumbs Down means that arguments may be made for and against

the rule of thumb." 1. Take Half and Leave Half. Thumbs Up. This is probably the most common and most important rule of thumb for rangeland managers to follow. Clipping studies and grazing studies have both shown that when approximately 50% of the growing season's top growth is removed, animal performance and vegetative production are at near optimal levels, and performance can be sustained over a long period of time. At the right stocking rate, half of the 50% of the growth that is removed during the growing season. or 25% of the total growth for the year, is actually ingested by grazing animals. The other 25% of the total growth that disappears does so as a consequence of trampling, defecation, wildlife use, insect feeding, and natural senescence and weathering of the plant material. The 50% of total growth that should remain standing through the growing season is needed for leaves to continue to photosynthesize to produce carbohydrates for new leaf material, for maintaining and producing new root growth, and for storage during the dormant season to serve as a source of energy to initiate new plant growth the next season. The right stocking rate for a pasture balances forages availability with animal

removal to achieve this

concept of take half and

leave half on a sustainable

and Make Money. Thumbs Up. Pastures that are over-

2. You Can't Overgraze

grazed produce lower net returns than pastures that are stocked at a moderate rate using the take half and leave half concept. Greatest net returns per acre will be experienced when, collectively, the greatest number of animals achieve their most efficient individual gain animal production and economic return.

This is also the stocking

rate where total pasture gain on a per acre basis is usually at its greatest point of efficiency. As the stocking rate increases further. additional animals cause enough competition for high-quality forage or competition for enough quantity of forage, that individual performance is reduced. This results in production per acre increasing because more animals are on pasture, but production per acre increases at a decreasing rate because each individual animal will gain fewer total pounds. Increasing the stocking rate further and removing more vegetation results in even more competition and lower individual animal gain, and animal gain per acre will eventually even start to decline. Grazing animals at high stocking rates don't achieve great enough gain to cover their own costs of production, so net returns plummet. Returns per acre and per animal are at their greatest level when total gain is most efficient to cover the costs of production. Grazing studies have shown that the greatest returns per acre are usually achieved at a moderate stocking rate that takes half and leaves half, and are least with heavy stocking when more than

half of the standing forage is annually removed. 3. If it's not grass, it's a weed. Thumbs Down. Animal consumption and preference data do not support this rule of thumb. Cattle prefer grass, but studies show that up to 25% of grazing cattle diets consist of forbs (broadleaf plants) rather than grasses, especially early in the growing season. Many forbs are high in protein and are highly digestible when young and still immature. Forbs can be important for animals to maintain a high

quality diet. Rangelands contain many forbs that are native legumes, which are especially high in protein and benefit animal nutrition. These legumes capture nitrogen from the atmo-

sphere and add it to the soil to help maintain fertility and productivity. One of the most common forbs on Kansas rangelands is western ragweed.

Grazing studies have shown that animals may consume 49% of the ragweed vegetation produced during a growing season. Western ragweed will start to reduce native grass production when approximately 35% to 40% of pasture dry matter consists of ragweed. Ragweed composition in pastures is highly precipitation-dependent and will rapidly decline during extended droughts. Some broadleaf plant problems do occur in pasture, especially when noxious weeds are considered, but just because a plant is not a grass does not mean that it is not beneficial to the grazing animal or the

pasture ecosystem. 4. Rotational grazing is better than continuous grazing. Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down. Rotational stocking systems are not automatically better than continuous stocking systems. A stocking system still has to be managed properly to be successful and sustainable. A rotational system that over-utilizes forage growth and does not balance the seasonal forage removed with the seasonal forage available is still overgrazed regardless of the rotational system being used. Likewise, a continuous stocking system that doesn't balance forage produced with forage removed and utilizes more than half the forage growth will be over-

grazed. The majority of grazing research studies show that animal production and pasture vegetation production are actually quite

and rotational systems are grazed at the same stocking rate. For pastures that have a history of overuse, both systems can be used to help with pasture improvement.

Three main strategies will help to increase pasture production and shift pasture vegetation to more desirable species over time. First, data shows that significantly lowering stocking rate will increase pasture vield and will improve pasture plant composition, even with continuous stocking. Second, providing a rest period during the growing season allows vegetation to accumulate more leaf material and dry matter and allows plants to replenish their carbohydrate status. Providing a rest period during the growing season is the only way to ensure that all plants will have a period in the growing season without any leaf material being removed. And third, implement a combination of the above two strategies. All three strategies will improve pasture condition over time, but providing a significant rest period during the growing season may help improvement to occur more quickly. Practicing some form of rotational stocking system is often a practical way to



implement a rest period

across all grazing units.



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	STEERS	114 blk	916@122.75		
60 mix	888@106.75	70 mix	865@125.60		
22 blk	696@115.50	125 blk	835@129.00		
27 mix	581@129.75	24 blk	775@130.00		
4 blk	484@148.00	6 blk	703@136.00		
4 blk	426@152.00	5 blk	637@152.50		
3 blk	383@154.00	7 mix	596@143.50		
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1415@1,175.00

1330@1,150.00

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6 blk pairs 7-8yr1265@1,400.00

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2 blk cows 6-7yr 2pr 1515@1,130.00

2 blk cows 5-6yr 1-2pr1082@1,050.00

2 blk cows 7-8yr 3pr

2 blk cows 2-3yr 2pr

tance might sound like a challenge straight out the headlines, but it could become awfully personal when you find routine antibiotics no longer cure a sick calf.

"I think we thought, in the arms race against bacteria, that we could win it," says Amelia Woolums, Mississippi State University veterinarian. But bacteria replicate quickly, and disclose their tricks to other bacteria by sharing DNA. "It's really not a race we are winning."

It's been a concern in the medical community ever since penicillin debuted early in the last century, but cattle health protocols have been seemingly immune to the challenges... until now.

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY

Few Showers High: 67 Low: 56

THURSDAY

Few Showers High: 73 Low: 62

FRIDAY

Cloudy High: 69 Low: 58

SATURDAY

High: 67 Low: 60

SUNDAY

High: 79 Low: 69

MONDAY

Few Showers High: 77 Low: 68

TUESDAY

Mostly Sunny High: 84 Low: 73

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Grass & Grain Weather Report

Rainfall . Normal rainfall ...

Departure
Average temp...

Average normal.....

Studies show antibiotic

especially in the last decade.

"There are diseases cattle get where in the past we might have said, Well, let's just give an antibiotic, just in case," Woolums says. "That's the attitude we've got to get away from."

Bovine respiratory disease (BRD) provides one complex case study, she savs. There are four main bacteria that cause BRD, and 11 antimicrobials on the market are labeled to treat the most common one: Mannheimia haemolytica.

That's where much of the research rests.

Studies from 1994, 2004 and 2011 showed an increase from virtually no resistance. Then work from Kansas State University's diagnostic lab caught

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers, high of 67°,

humidity of 72%. East wind 6 to 9 mph

The record high for today is 90° set in 2018.

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United States weather records. 5/3

the attention of the animal science community.

Nearly 400 samples across a three-year period, from 266 unique locations, gave insight into possible trends. In 2009, only 5% of the

bacteria were resistant to five or more antimicrobials; by 2011 that jumped Treatment history of

the animals was unknown, "but these data still worried a lot of people," Woolums says.

That inspired studies in live cattle. At the University of

Georgia, 169 high-risk stocker cattle were measured at arrival, given metaphylaxis—or preventative antibiotic treatment-and swabbed again two weeks later.

"Ninety-seven percent were resistant to the an-

Today's Local Outlook

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tibiotics we use all the time," Woolums says. At that point, "they'd only been given one antibiot-

Concerning but, she says, "It's important to note that this was not related to an unusually high rate of morbidity and mor-

More research is needed to determine the level that would cause a treatment failure. Woolums and her col-

leagues completed an additional study that took those same swabs at four points from day one to day 21. It showed the number of cattle shedding the bacteria went from 10% on the first day to 88%. "That's textbook,"

Woolums says. "But what we didn't really expect was that the pattern of multi-drug resistance would completely follow By day seven, 80% of

the bacteria were resistant to multiple drugs, and they were genetically diverse, meaning they didn't just proliferate from one

This isn't meant to be a dire warning, Woolums says, but more of a caution sign. More research is needed and best practices need to follow suit.

"The No. 1 goal is efficient use of antibiotics, that we're really heading off problems before they start," says Brandi Karisch, Mississippi Extension beef cattle specialist. "Good animal husbandry and hygiene practices, routine health exams and vaccinations."

To lessen the chances of needing treatment, limit stress, improve nutrition and identify disease earlier, she says. "So, doing a good job of monitoring those cattle."

Then use antibiotics sparingly-only for the sick or highest-risk cattle—and use them right: follow label instructions. work closely with your veterinarian and observe proper withdrawal times.

"Treat for the recommended time period," Karisch says. "How many of you know someone who

starts feeling better and stops taking the antibiotic?"

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has already flagged this as a

growing area of concern. "Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest public health challenges of our time," Karisch says, citing the CDC. More than 2.9 million people get an antibiotic-resistant infection each year. "So this is a very serious threat, not just on the livestock side of things, but in human

medicine as well." There's a chance every tool vour veterinarian has today will work for years, and there's a chance it won't work next week.

"We don't really know yet. The negative impact on morbidity or mortality has not been clearly evident," Karisch says. "But there's that 'yet' that goes along with that.

"In the meantime, it's really important that we're doing a good job taking care of those cows," she says

Pork Board develops content to help parents now filling the role of teacher domestic marketing for the Pork Checkoff. "Par-Parents nationwide now materials are age-appro-

have access to new ways to keep children learning and engaged during the coronavirus crisis, thanks to free materials developed in conjunction with the Pork Checkoff. With hundreds of thousands of adults and young people working and learning from home during the global pandemic, parents are looking for ways to keep their students occupied and informed. "The coronavirus pan-

demic has presented significant challenges for many families," said Angie Krieger, vice president of ents are not only working from home, but they're also being asked to fill the role of teacher. It can be hard for parents to fill this additional role, but America's pig farmers are ready to help. We have a wealth of fun and educational resources parents can use to teach their children about food, nutrition, farming and the environment." with

Working award-winning curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired (YMI), the Pork Checkoff created a series of fun, educational activities that:

Support healthy eating habits based on USDA My-Plate guidelines

Build understanding of the nutritional profile of pork Explain how pork is an

important protein source in global cuisines, and provide recipes that help families build cooking skills together Share the importance

of sustainability in food choices and the environmental footprint of modern pig farming

"These resources come at a very relevant time when parents and teachers are looking for new ways to engage students,' said Dr. Dominic Kinsley, managing partner, and editor-in-chief at Young Minds Inspired. "All of our programs are reviewed by a blue-ribbon panel of active teachers, so parents can be assured that these

priate and consistent with content their children are normally exposed to in the classroom.'

The Pork Checkoff has worked with YMI since 2008 to develop and approve standards-based content for classroom use. Just as new materials were about to be shared with classroom teachers around the U.S. this spring, the coronavirus pandemic altered those plans. With minor adjustments, the content was modified to fit the needs of parents now looking for educational

materials. The content may be especially relevant to families, as retail pork sales have risen dramatically since mid-March. From mid-March to mid-April, retail sales of pork has in-

"Now that more peo-

creased 49%.

ple than ever have pork in their refrigerators and freezers, families can use these lesson plans to better understand where their food comes from, how it benefits their health and learn more about the sustainability of their food choices," said Krieger. "The additional time I've had with my four daughters to have these discussions as we cook together has been enlightening for

The lesson plans and activity information can be found at: http://ymiclassroom.com/lesson-plans/ pork-family/

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35 blk/bwf strs

61 blk/bwf strs

120 blk/red strs

62 blk/bwf strs

30 blk/bwf strs

60 blk/char strs

60 mix strs

Auction

STARTING TIME 10:30 AM



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 1400 cattle May 5. Steer and heifer calves 3 blk hfrs **COWS & HEIFERETTES**

were in good demand at steady prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$4.00 higher. Cows and bulls were \$2.00-3.00 higher. 3 blk strs 687 @ 142.00

STEER & BULL CALVES 3 blk strs/bulls 292 @ 185.00 2 blk strs 275 @ 183.00 17 blk strs 428 @ 177.00 493 @ 175.00 2 blk strs 2 blk strs 338 @ 172.00 5 blk strs 396 @ 170.00 7 blk/bwf strs 406 @ 170.00 3 blk/bwf strs 332 @ 166.00 4 blk/char strs 361 @ 166.00 9 blk/bwf strs 530 @ 163.00 7 blk strs 2 blk strs/bulls 3 blk strs 3 blk strs/bulls 2 blk strs 5 blk/bwf bulls

8 blk strs

4 red strs

8 blk/bwf strs

536 @ 162.00 375 @ 158.00 483 @ 156.00 528 @ 155.00 465 @ 150.00 446 @ 144.50 STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS 561 @ 158.00 552 @ 153.00

938 @ 106.00 62 mix strs 13 blk/bwf strs 982 @ 104.50 7 blk strs 1006 @ 103.85 62 blk/bwf strs 1009 @ 103.85 **HEIFER CALVES** 11 blk hfrs 427 @ 163.00 358 @ 156.00 7 blk/bwf hfrs 502 @ 154.00 3 blk hfrs 8 blk hfrs 509 @ 152.50 332 @ 152.00 3 blk/bwf hfrs 3 blk/bwf hfrs 402 @ 152.00 663 @ 143.50 3 blk/red hfrs 347 @ 147.00

400 @ 144.00 514 @ 144.00 5 blk/bwf hfrs 5 blk hfrs 526 @ 143.00 5 blk hfrs 426 @ 142.00 7 blk/bwf hfrs 489 @ 140.00 2 blk hfrs 408 @ 139.00 3 blk hfrs 493 @ 138.00 424 @ 136.00 4 blk hfrs 388 @ 130.00 535 @ 128.00

12 mix hfrs 4 x-bred hfrs **STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS** 575 @ 137.00 2 blk hfrs 618 @ 133.75 18 blk hfrs 576 @ 132.00 5 blk hfrs 735 @ 124.75 65 blk hfrs 71 blk/bwf hfrs 773 @ 114.35 60 blk/bwf hfrs 795 @ 113.35 46 mix hfrs 776 @ 113.25 80 blk/bwf hfrs 880 @ 110.85 69 blk/red hfrs 857 @ 107.25 8 blk/wf hfrs 915 @ 100.00

1 brang hfrt 1035 @ 90.00 1 brang hfrt 975 @ 88.00 1 brang hfrt 1100 @ 85.00 1100 @ 81.00 1 blk hfrt 849 @ 79.00 1 blk hfrt 875 @ 78.00 1 char cow 1144 @ 77.00 5 blk cows 1605 @ 67.00 1 brang cow 1430 @ 65.00 1 blk cow 1 bwf cow 1150 @ 64.50 1 bwf cow 1535 @ 64.00 1 char cow 1265 @ 63.00 1 blk cow 1235 @ 62.00 1 red cow 1275 @ 61.00 1270 @ 60.00 1 bwf cow 1380 @ 59.00 1 blk cow 2 blk cows 1358 @ 58.00 4 blk cows 1250 @ 57.50 1360 @ 57.00 2 blk cows 1090 @ 56.50 1 blk cow 1185 @ 56.00 1 blk cow

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2 blk/bwf cows

1 bwf cow 1145 @ 54.00 **BRED COWS** 2 blk cows @ 785 00 1070 @ 53.00 1 blk cow

1170 @ 52.00

1265 @ 51.00

1145 @ 50.50

1035 @ 50.00

1145 @ 49.50

800 @ 49.00

1260 @ 48.50

1455 @ 48.00

CONSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 12: 122 black steers, 800-850 lbs.

4 blk cows

1 blk cow

1 blk bull

1 blk bull

1 bwf bull

1t blk bull

- 60 black steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 60 black steers, 900-925 lbs.
- 120 black steers, 900-925 lbs.
- 58 black steers, 950-1,000 lbs.
- 61 black crossbred steers, 925-950 lbs. 120 black steers, 850-875 lbs., Northern
- origin 120 blck heifers, 800-850 lbs.

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1 blk cow

1 sim cow

1 blk cow

1 bwf cow

1 blk cow

1 jers cow

1 bwf cow

1 bwf cow

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