

K-State vet shares tips for managing cattle through heat

By Pat Melgares
A Kansas State University veterinarian is urging cattle producers to beef up their plans for managing heat stress in their herds, a challenge that costs the U.S. cattle industry up to \$370 million in losses each

year.
A.J. Tarpoff, a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension, said cattle are resilient animals; they will often acclimate to hot temperatures. But an accumulation of factors – including hu-

midity, solar radiation, the color of their hide, diet and more – can drastically change a cow's ability to withstand summer's heat.
"It really is a multi-layer challenge," Tarpoff said. "Each animal within a group or pen is not affected the same way. Animals with higher body condition scores, or with darker hides, or finisher steers and heifers that are getting ready to go to harvest are at higher-risk of heat stress."

ffects their performance.
The human body cools itself on a hot day by sweating, called evaporative cooling. But Tarpoff notes that cattle sweat only 10 percent as much as humans, and panting is their primary way of dissipating heat.
"As temperatures rise and their heat load increases, they will start breathing faster," he said. "They are dissipating heat through tiny droplets in the respiratory tract."

When temperatures are likely cooler. Decrease feeding during the day.
Managing heat. Split cattle between pens or reduce stocking density. Maximize airflow by removing obstructions around facilities, including weeds. If feasible, install shade structures, which can reduce solar radiation and reduce the temperature on the pen's floor. Install sprinklers to wet cattle down at night or early morning so as not to increase humidity.

"I know that if we don't have those night-time cooling hours, the animal won't be starting each day at thermo-neutral, so they're more at risk on the second or third day," Tarpoff said. "That's when we should start putting in some of these management strategies."
For more information or assistance, contact your local Extension agent.

Grass & Grain office to adjust hours due to spike in Riley County COVID-19 cases

For the welfare of Grass & Grain employees due to a spike in COVID-19 in Riley County, we will temporarily be operating under reduced office hours with most employees working from home. We plan to have the office open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. We can also help you via the phone or email: 785-539-7558 or agpress3@agpress.com.

Grass & Grain Weather Report July 8, 2020

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																								
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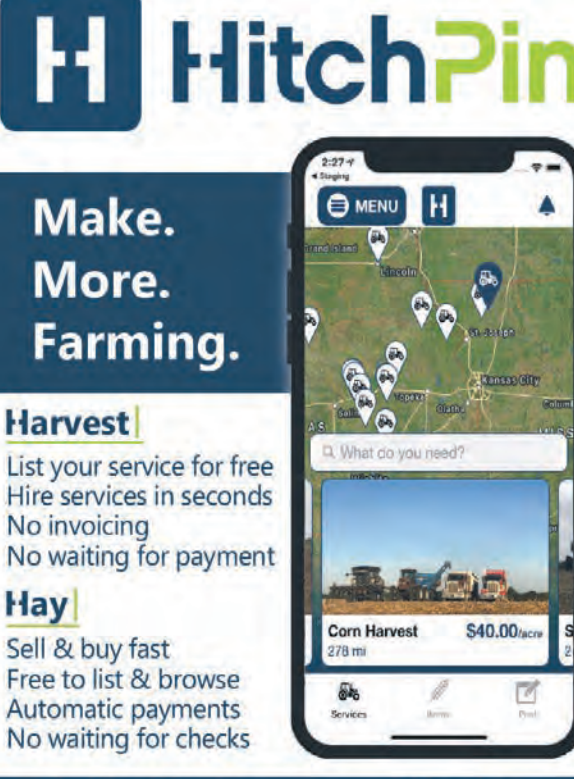
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market trade slow and demand light. Alfalfa price firmed up a bit likely due to the pressure of the worsening drought. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, there were some reduction in drought coverage in areas receiving the heaviest precipitation, most notably central Kansas where many areas recently received two to six inches of rainfall. Abnormal dryness (D0) decreased to 31 pct, moderate drought (D1) decreased to 18 pct, severe drought (D2) decreased to 5 pct and extreme drought (D3) remained steady at 5 pct. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.



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Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa and ground and delivered steady to 5.00 higher; 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 155.00-165.00. Old crop, Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00; new crop grinding alfalfa 120.00-130.00 delivered, Old crop, ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 145.00-155.00; new crop ground and delivered 145.00-160.00. Grass Hay: large squares 100.00-110.00. Sudan: none reported. Corn stalks: none reported. Wheat straw: none reported. The week of 6/21-6/27, 8,396T of grinding alfalfa and 1,109T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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. Old crop, fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 85.00-100.00; New crop fair/good grinding alfalfa 105.00-115.00 delivered. Old crop, ground and delivered locally to feedlots 140.00-150.00; new crop ground and delivered 130.00-145.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 185.00-195.00 with an instance at 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 6/21-6/27, 4,844T of grinding alfalfa and 575T 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 145.00-155.00. 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, New Crop large squares 110.00-120.00, large rounds new crop, 75.00-85.00. Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 60.00-70.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 6/21-6/27, 1,032T 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 new crop, 9.00/bale. Old crop dairy 1.00/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. New crop dairy 1.00-1.05/pt. Stock Cow, none reported. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered 120.00-130.00 with an instance at 135.00. 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 new crop 8.50/bale, large squares 90.00-100.00, large rounds Old crop 55.00-65.00, New crop 75.00-85.00; Sudan, large rounds 55.00-65.00.

Wheat Straw: small squares 5.00-6.00/bale delivered large squares 70.00-80.00, large rounds 50.00-60.00. The week of 6/21-6/27, 782T of grinding alfalfa and 1,125 T 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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*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.
**TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas

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Posted to the Internet: www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt

NCBA actively engaged in Dietary Guideline development process

Over the last 13 months, NCBA, a contractor to the beef checkoff, has submitted 21 sets of public comments and more than 100 research studies in support of beef's role in a healthy diet to the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans Advisory Committee (DGAC). In-

cluded in the comments were numerous gold-standard randomized control trial research studies reinforcing beef as an important source of high-quality protein for all ages. This includes checkoff-funded research demonstrating how lean beef can be the protein of choice in many healthy dietary patterns, like the popular DASH and Mediterranean diets.

Research also was submitted showing the benefits of low-carbohydrate and higher-protein diets, such as the BeefWise study that found lean beef, as part of a healthy and higher-protein diet, can help people lose weight while maintaining muscle mass and heart health.

Additionally, recognizing that the forthcoming dietary guidelines will

be the first to include recommendations for infants and young children from birth to 24 months of age, NCBA submitted comments about the critical role of beef in growth and development. Beef is especially important as a high-quality source of iron for pregnant woman, infants, adolescent girls and women of childbearing age.

"Beef is part of a healthy diet for most Americans, and a large body of research supports the flexibility to choose lean beef more often as an important source of high-quality protein and nutrients during all life stages, from birth to older adults," said NCBA executive director of nutrition research Shalene McNeill, Ph.D., R.D. "We believe it's imperative that this research is reviewed and considered as part of the DGA process."

The final DGAC report will be released in mid-July. On August 11, USDA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will hear oral comments from the public on the report. NCBA will request an opportunity to again provide oral comments. The final dietary guidelines are expected to be released at the end of the year.

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ton china; set of Franciscan silver rimmed china; 51 pcs pink depression glass; Garzio pottery; Waterford stemmed compote; Tom Clark Gnomes including Mattie, Aunt Jewel & Florence; 30 Lenox bird figurines; Belleek creamer & sugar; 7 Czechoslovakia wine glasses; Fostoria; Lenox flower blossom mug collection; wood-cuts; crystal bowls; toothpick holders; pressed glass bowls; trays; water glasses; **13 Hand quilted quilts;** material; embroidered tea towels; **Artwork:** Oscar Larmer 1957 gift print/color woodcut; Ralph Fontenot watercolor; 'Wild Fowl at Sundown'-Charles B. Rogers, various other artwork.

JEWELRY
Large Australian Opal (authenticated) on 14Kt gold chain-very beautiful; smaller Australian opal (authenticated) on 14Kt gold chain-very beautiful; 14Kt white gold wedding band; Waterford crystal necklace; Eisenberg brooch; Sterling bracelet & earrings; Victorian pin & earrings; watches-Elgin, Quartz, Timex, Klein; 3pcs pink rhinestone set; liquid silver necklaces & bracelet; Amber rhinestone bracelet & earrings; sterling cigarette lighter & pin; sterling brooch; 2 turquoise type bracelets; necklaces & matching earrings; Retro jewelry; 20pr earrings; parrot necklace; various pins; bolo tie; Christmas jewelry; stickpins; Marlow woodcut pin; Sterling tie bars; large variety of nice jewelry.

Stemware; crystal plates; 3pc hobnail dresser set; lady lipstick holder; hankies; perfume bottle; Pampered Chef deep baker; casserole dishes; Pyrex; snack trays; fruit bowls; egg plates; pitcher; refrigerator dishes; Czech creamer; candy dishes; butter dish; ice bucket; Hull vase; Schmidt 'Cat & Ice Cream freezer' figurine; basket; cameras; composition doll; trays & platters; silverplate; entertaining glassware; candles; playing cards; paper products; placemats; linen napkins; office supplies; snow globe; small old porcelain doll in rocker. Walker with seat; magnifying lamp; valet; quilt rack; picnic basket; Holiday decorations; coolers; vases; pictures; electric grills; concrete goose with wardrobe; hose box; garage & lawn items; lawn cart. 6 gallon Western & 2 gallon Red Wing crocks; metal bird art; cookbooks; microwave cart; Southwest DeGrazie pictures; pots; pans; Tupperware; stainless silverware; popcorn bowls; kitchen utensils; blender; milkglass dresser lamps; vintage clothes; hats; purses; tape recorder; hot tray; measuring cups & bowls; pie pans; vintage bread box & canisters; wooden plant stand; vacuum; 2 card tables & chairs; ironing board; bedding; blankets; towels; linen; tablecloths; greeting cards; luggage; fruit jars; small wood stove.

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The belt buckle auction will go on

By Amy Feigley

When the Central Kansas Free Fair in Abilene was canceled this year due to COVID-19, the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee, like other entities of the fair, were devastated. This being the 75th anniversary of the rodeo, the committee had events planned, such as longhorn cattle on parade and special trick riders. Stock had been contracted, buckles designed and ordered, as well as 75th Anniversary rifles and pistols. But, as they say, the show must go on.

After a recent committee meeting, the rodeo committee announced they will still proceed with their annual Belt Buckle Auction. The event will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at the old Shockey and Landis Building in historic downtown Abilene. The auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. This event used to be held on the fairgrounds prior to the Friday night rodeo. A handful of years ago it was moved to a Monday evening and to inside, because we all know what Kansas weather can be like during the summertime. This also gives those who hadn't attended in the past a chance to do so.

Local legendary auctioneers such as Allyn Thompson, Ron Shivers, and Howard Langvardt would take turns auctioning off an array of items at this event. Now the microphone has been turned over to auctioneers Lynn Langvardt and Kyle Elwood. With the help of Seth Lauer and Mike Samples, these men keep track of who bids on what, and they do all they can to get bidders to go a little higher. Miss Rodeo USA and Miss Rodeo K-State are seen walking around showing off these beautiful buckles for the audience to feast their eyes upon. After all, this is for a great cause, one that the patrons want to see return every year.

Some of the items that will be auctioned off this year are gold belt buckles (#1, #75, #500), antique silver belt buckles (#2-#5), and brass belt buckles (#6-#10), a beautiful scrapbook from the 1996 to 2020 rodeos put together and donated by the talented Beverly Wilcoxson, a 75th Anniversary Henry Goldenboy .22 rifle, a 75th Anniversary Heritage Roughrider .22 revolver, collages which will feature the cowboys and cowgirls on the belt buckles, in three different sets: 2003-2009, 2010-2016, and 2017-2023. Mrs. Wil-



coxson will take care of getting the last set done. Recently, a favorite of the rodeo, the talented Lecile Harris, passed away. An autographed book, short stories he put together, entitled *This Ain't My First Rodeo* will be auctioned off. A first series of buckles from the years 1989-1995 will also be auctioned off. There will be other items announced closer to the event as well.

Belt buckle sales will be held at Grant Township Hall, on the south side of Abilene, on Saturday, July 18 and 25, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 19 and 26, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Committee member Bob Anderes said that there are a number of extra buckles for those who are interested in purchasing one. He or any other committee member may be contacted about these limited edition 2020 buckles. The rodeo committee designed this years buckle, with the help of Rodeo Queen, Brooke Wallace. Raffle tickets for a 75th Anniversary Henry Goldenboy .22 Rifle and a 75th Anniversary Heritage Roughrider .22 Revolver will be available for purchase.

The Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee is determined to make the 2021 rodeo the best ever. According to committee president Jerry Marsteller, they are hoping to have the Longhorn cattle next year. All of the proceeds from the belt buckle sales and auction go to help improve the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo. This is an event that Abilene is proud of. The grandstand is filled each year with one evening of bulls, bronses, and barrels, and three evenings of rodeo. The committee will continue the Tough Enough to Wear Pink event on Friday evening.

For more information on the 2021 Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo, check out their website at <http://www.wildbillhickokrodeo.com> and their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wildbillhickokrodeo/>

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The Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo committee can never say thank you enough to their sponsors for all they have done in the past and they always look forward to working with them in the years to come. If you don't have any plans on July 27, hop in your truck and head over to Abilene and support the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo so that the show can go on for years to come.

Preparing cattle for summer heat

By Erin Laborie, University Of Nebraska-Lincoln

As cattle feeders hold on to fat cattle until the opportunity to be harvested arises, it is important to prepare for periods of extreme heat by developing a heat stress management plan. The combination of hot temperatures, high humidity, and lack of air movement can result in severe cases of heat stress for cattle. When temperatures remain above 70°F during the night, cattle are unable to recover before the next episode of heat exposure. This can result in reduced intakes and gains, and in extreme cases, death. Cattle have not acclimated to summer conditions yet, so helping ease this adaptation is critical, especially for all the heavy cattle on feed right now.

Some heat stress mitigation strategies to consider include:

Proper management during heat stress conditions starts with providing plenty of water and space around water tanks for each animal.

Sprinkler systems can be effective in cooling cattle and pen surfaces in dry conditions; however, limit use when humidity and moisture are high.

Bedding pens is also



As we were headed out the other day, two small badgers were playing alongside the road. They were about the size of footballs. They scampered down their hole and we haven't caught sight of them since.

We saw one about a half-mile from the house a year or so ago and I spied one in the edge of the yard a couple of years ago. Until moving to western Kansas, I had never seen one. They are curious creatures.

As usual, I turned to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism for information. Their website, ksoutdoors.com,

is a treasure trove of information, not just about hunting or fishing season but also so much educational material.

According to ksoutdoors.com, the badger is the largest terrestrial member of the weasel family in Kansas. It has a wide, sort of flat body and short legs, and may weigh 15 to 20 pounds. It has long claws (pretty scary claws, actually). Its face is striped black and white, its body is gray, and its feet are black. So it is a pretty distinctive animal. You really don't mistake the badger for any other animal. It has the reputation for being fierce.

You have probably noticed its burrows, large holes in the banks with dirt piled high on either side. But the little guys are usually nocturnal. They avoid people and each other and are pretty solitary unless it's mating season.

In 1903, President Teddy Roosevelt was touring America. His stops included Wallace County and before leaving Sharon Springs, he was gifted with a baby badger. He was delighted and the badger lived a luxurious life in the White House until he became too grumpy and was sent to the Bronx Zoo.

As it happens, the Fort Wallace Museum is adding a stuffed badger to its display on TR's visit. It may be your only chance to get a good look at one.

Deb Goodrich is the host of the *Around Kansas* TV show and the *Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence* at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200 (the bicentennial of the Trail in 2021). Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

an option to help lower the temperature of the pen surface.

Providing shade can help reduce the heat load on cattle up to 20 degrees.

Avoid working or transporting cattle during extreme temperatures. If necessary, handle cattle early in the mornings and not any time after 10 a.m.

Consider reducing the amount of feed delivered in the morning to help lower the heat load on cattle.

Improve air flow by incorporating tall mounds and placing cattle in pens with fewer windbreaks in the summer.

Monitor weather frequently for potential heat events. The U.S. Meat Animal Research Center Cattle Heat Stress Forecast

and Nebraska Mesonet Cattle Comfort Index can be helpful in determining when cattle are at risk for heat stress.

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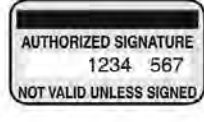
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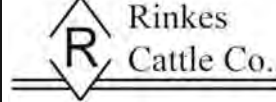
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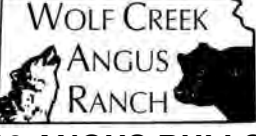
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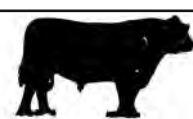
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USDA announces flexibilities for producers filing 'Notice of Loss' for failed, prevented planted acres

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing additional flexibilities for producers to file on acres with failed crops or crops that were prevented from planting because of extreme weather events. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is adding these flexibilities for Notice of Loss on both insured and uninsured crops to enable Service Centers to best assist producers.

"With many program deadlines approaching, our Service Centers are working hard to accommodate as many producer appointments as possible," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "By providing flexibilities to our Notice of Loss policy, we can ensure we provide the best customer service."

Filing for Prevented Planted Acres

For insured crops, producers who timely filed a prevented planted claim with the reinsurance company but filed a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) form after the deadline

will be considered timely filed for FSA purposes. FSA can use data from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) for accepting the report of prevented planting with FSA. If the information is not available through RMA, the producer may also provide proper evidence to FSA that the prevented planted claim was timely filed with the reinsurance company.

For uninsured crops, producers may start a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) by calling their FSA county office, or they may print and complete the Notice of Loss (CCC576) form from home and send to their county office. For prevented planted acreage, Notice of Loss forms mailed to the FSA office must be postmarked by the final acreage reporting date in the county to be considered timely filed. For all prevented planted cases, the Report of Acreage (FSA-578) form and the completed and signed Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed by the applicable acreage

reporting date.

Filing for Failed Acres

For failed acreage of uninsured crops, the Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be completed, signed and verified before the disposition of the crop.

When to File a 'Notice of Loss'

A Notice of Loss cannot be filed for a crop before the final planting date, but it can be filed before completing the crop acreage report.

More Information

Producers who miss FSA's July 15 acreage reporting deadline will not face a late filing fee if filed within a month of the deadline.

For questions, please contact your FSA county office. To locate your FSA county office at your Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Considerations for marketing beef directly to consumers

By Lisa Moser

Most will agree there is nothing that compares to the taste of fresh produce or meat that comes straight from the farm. And in light of perceived food shortages and a desire to know where their food comes from, an increasing number of consumers are seeking a farm-to-table purchasing experience.

Entrepreneurial producers working to fill the demand for home-grown beef should consider several factors before launching into this

business, said Kansas State University experts during a recent Beef Cattle Institute Cattle Chat podcast.

"One of the first challenges is to find customers who are also going to be repeat buyers," said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson.

Communicating with potential customers is key, but also with the processor, said agricultural economist Dustin Pendell. He said because of the increased demand, many processors are scheduling months out,

which has an economic impact on the local community.

Pendell urged beef producers to think what product attributes lend themselves to a marketing niche. Some of the examples he shared were grass fed, antibiotic-free, and known farm of origin as potentials for increased premiums.

"You need to educate yourself before entering one of these direct marketing ventures," Pendell said.

K-State beef cattle Extension specialist Bob

Weaver said producers also need to decide how they want to sell their product—specifically by the carcass or by individual cuts.

"If I sell a half of beef to someone, they will pay the processing charges and they get all the yield," he said. "But if I am selling meat by the cut that pricing model is substantially more complex. Finding a home for the less desirable cuts of meat can be a real challenge and, frankly, can make or break the deal."

Weaver cautions di-

rect marketers to consult with the processors to be sure that they are following all required government regulations on selling products.

K-State veterinarian Brad White stressed the importance of developing a business plan before deciding to market beef off the farm.

"If you are thinking about selling beef to consumers, make sure you communicate with your customers ahead of time, and have a value structure in place as part of your overall business

plan," White said.

Here is the quick summary of considerations for marketing direct to consumers:

Plan for carcass utilization and pricing strategy.

Identify relevant regulations.

Meet customer product demands.

Plan to communicate often with customers.

Develop a business plan.

To learn more about this topic, tune into the BCI Cattle Chat podcast.

Agriculture industry welcomes USMCA entry into force

The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is set to cross its final hurdle to entry as the three countries certify the agreement's "entry into force." This final step means that all required legislative and regulatory changes needed to implement the agreement have been put into place or are scheduled to take effect.

"A completed USMCA finally gets us past the uncertainty and that is welcome news to U.S. wheat growers," said U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) chairman and Paulding, Ohio, wheat farmer Doug Goyings. "Especially as we now see an opportunity for U.S. negotiators to take this as a gold standard agreement and launch negotiations with other countries, where U.S. wheat growers face tariff and non-tariff barriers."

"After years of hard work, we are excited to see USMCA be put into action. USMCA is not only vital for farmers but essential to help grow the rural economy," stated NAWG president and Cass City, Mich. farmer Dave Milligan. "The wheat industry thanks Congress and the administration for helping to put this trade deal into effect."

While there will be little direct change for U.S. wheat exports headed to Mexico, the agreement's entry into force is a prime example of no news being an indicator of good news. The new agreement tightens coordination over sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) rules and other non-tariff trade issues, but most importantly it places certainty back in the trading relationship with USW's largest export market. In the marketing year 2019/20, which ended May 31, 2020, Mexico purchased more than 3.87 million metric tons of U.S. wheat valued at \$881 million.

On the other side of the continent, Canada published the new rules for U.S. farmers hoping to deliver wheat into the Canadian grain handling system. Those new rules, allowing U.S. grown wheat brought across the border to Canadian grain elevators to be graded on a level playing field, are a significant step in furthering

equal trade between the countries' wheat growers. U.S. farmers wishing to take advantage of this new provision will need to grow wheat varieties registered in Canada's Variety Registration System.

"This agreement solidifies our country's most important and strategic trade relationships with our best customers and promises further economic growth in tandem with our most-valued partners—Mexico and Canada," said Darren Armstrong, U.S. Grains Council (USGC) chairman. "We appreciate the administration's hard-won efforts to deliver and implement an agreement that includes significant improvements and offers more modern approaches to trade and we thank our partners in both Canada and Mexico whose efforts have been equally appreciated and fruitful."

From negotiations to ratification, the Council worked and continues to work within the industry and with Canadian and Mexican corn, sorghum, barley, co-products and ethanol customers to ensure the needs of the U.S. grains sector are met and USMCA will build on the success the U.S. experienced under NAFTA.

"We often hosted Mexican buyers to the United States, sent U.S. farmers on missions to Mexico and have continued to market the importance of our trade relationships with our stakeholders in both countries," said Armstrong. "Both the Council's leaders and members are very pleased to see USMCA enter into force today and look forward to many prosperous years for our country's farmers and those in Mexico and Canada."

After nearly a year of advocating on the Hill and online for a new North American free trade deal, the American Soybean Association (ASA) cheers the implementation of the USMCA.

Mexico is the #2 market for whole beans, meal and oil, and Canada is the #4 buyer of meal and #7 buyer of oil for U.S. soybean farmers, making the trade agreement essential to sustaining the growth realized in those two countries under the North American

Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Under NAFTA, U.S. soybean sales to Mexico quadrupled and to Canada doubled.

ASA expressed its strong appreciation to the administration and Congress for coming together on this bipartisan effort to ratify the agreement, which was signed into law by President Trump in January 2020.

"USMCA is a win for U.S. soybean farmers and the American economy, as it restores certainty and stability to two important export markets for our farmers and lays a foundation for future growth," said ASA president Bill Gordon, a soybean grower from Worthington, Minnesota. "In addition to securing the Mexican market as the second largest importer of U.S. soybeans, the terms agreed to by Canada will increase U.S. poultry and dairy exports, which is another positive for the ag industry."

Gordon, who attended the USMCA signing in January at the White House, expressed gratitude to lawmakers and the administration for seeing the trade deal through, as well as the soy growers who pushed tirelessly every step of the way.

"On behalf of ASA, I thank the administration and Congress for making USMCA a priority, and the soy growers who took time from their fields to advocate, whether in-person or online, to make this agreement a reality," said the farmer.

USMCA replaces NAFTA, maintaining zero tariffs on U.S. soybeans, improving transparency, support for biotechnology and innovation, and creates a rapid response mechanism to respond to trade challenges.

"The U.S. meat and poultry industry exports \$5.5 billion annually in products to Canada and Mexico," said North American Meat Institute president and CEO Julie Anna Potts. "This agreement is critical to meat and poultry processors and the millions of U.S. farmers, ranchers, allied manufacturers and transportation companies in the food supply chain."

Under the previous

agreement, the North American Free Trade Agreement, U.S. meat and poultry exports to Mexico and Canada thrived as import duties were removed and non-scientific barriers to trade were significantly reduced. The North American market for the meat and poultry industry is nearly completely integrated, and this integration is essential to its long-term viability.

Mexico and Canada are among the top four destinations for U.S. beef and pork. Since NAFTA's entry into force in 1994, U.S. beef exports to Canada and Mexico grew from \$656 million to more than \$1.75 billion in 2019, while pork exports increased in value from \$322 million to more than \$2 billion during that same time period. In terms of volume, Canada and Mexico imported nearly 22 percent of total U.S. beef exports and 30 percent of all U.S. pork exports in 2019.

"The launch of the USMCA brings optimism to the country's farmers and ranchers at a time they need it the most," said American Farm Bureau Federation president Zippy Duvall. "We're grateful for the opportunity to build on the success of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and we're eager to see the results on America's farms. It's important that our neighbors uphold their end of the deal, so the agreement provides a stabilizing force amid the unpredictability of a pandemic in all three countries."

Under USMCA, Canada will increase quotas

on U.S. dairy products, benefiting American dairy farmers by \$242 million.

"The USMCA is an exceptional agreement for Kansas farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, workers and consumers," said Rep. Ron Estes. "After delays in the Democratic-led House, our three countries will finally realize the benefits of this free and fair trade agreement that will boost our economy and create new jobs in the United States. Passing this agree-

ment was critical for Kansans, and thanks to the leadership of President Trump and Trade Ambassador Lighthizer, we were able to make this agreement a reality."

Estes serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees trade, and is a fierce advocate for free and fair trade. He served as a member of the USMCA Whip team to ensure passage of this historic trade agreement.

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USDA reminds Kansas producers to complete crop acreage reports

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds Kansas producers to complete crop acreage reports by the applicable deadline for their county. Acreage reporting dates vary by crop and by county. Contact your FSA county office for a list of acreage reporting deadlines by crop.

"To make sure you're eligible for many USDA programs, you need to file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said David Schemm, state executive director in Kansas. "Our FSA staff is standing by to help you with your acre-

age reports, including providing maps."

The final acreage reporting date for Kansas is July 15 and includes spring-seeded small grains, feed grains, soybeans, and perennial forage.

Due to the pandemic, FSA has implemented acreage reporting flexibilities. FSA can work with producers to file timely acreage reports by phone, email, online tools and virtual meetings if needed.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not

been planted by the acreage reporting date, the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

• If a producer has not timely filed an acreage report, the producer may file the acreage report within 30 days of the acreage reporting date. Because of the pandemic, late fees will be waived if filed within the 30 days.

FSA is also providing additional flexibilities for producers to file on acres with failed crops or crops that were prevented from planting because of extreme weather events.

For insured crops, producers who timely filed a prevented planted claim with the reinsurance company but filed a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) form after the deadline will be considered timely filed for FSA purposes. For uninsured crops, producers may start a Notice of Loss by calling their FSA county office.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvest-

ing of the crop begins.

When producers are working with FSA staff – either in-person or virtually – they can also take care of applications for other FSA programs, including the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. A CFAP Call Center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. The CFAP Call Center can provide service to non-English speaking customers. Customers will

select 1 for English and 2 to speak with a Spanish speaking employee. For other languages, customers select 1 and indicate their language to the Call Center staff.

Applications can also be submitted for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus for 2018 and 2019 as well as other disaster assistance programs that may be able to assist producers at this time.

For questions, please call your FSA county office. To locate your local FSA office visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

VSV continues to spread among horses in south central Kansas

The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is responding to an outbreak of vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) that has continued to spread in horses across south central Kansas. VSV was first confirmed in Butler County on June 16 and has now been confirmed by testing on more than 30 premises in four counties in the region.

All premises with con-

firmed cases of VSV in horses have been quarantined; in addition, any premises with animals showing clinical signs consistent with VSV are placed on quarantine. More than 60 premises are currently under quarantine in Butler, Cowley, Sedgwick and Sumner counties. A quarantine for VSV lasts for at least 14 days from the onset of symptoms on the last animal on the premises.

Quarantines are not lifted until a veterinarian has examined all susceptible animals on the premises.

VSV is a viral disease which primarily affects horses, but can also affect cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas and alpacas. At this time, all confirmed cases of VSV in Kansas are horses, although some cattle have shown clinical signs and confirmatory laboratory results are pending.

"This outbreak is still

very active in south central Kansas, and we encourage all owners of horses and other livestock to continue to be vigilant," Dr. Justin Smith, Animal Health Commissioner said. "Monitor your animals for symptoms of VSV, and be in communication with your veterinarian if you see anything of concern. The most effective way to slow the spread of this virus is to take aggressive steps to limit exposure to in-

sects that are the primary source of infection."

In horses, VSV is typically characterized by lesions which appear as crusting scabs on the muzzle, lips, ears, coronary bands, or ventral abdomen. Other clinical signs of the disease include fever and the formation of blister-like lesions in the mouth and on the dental pad, tongue, lips, nostrils, ears, hooves and teats. Infected animals may refuse to eat and drink, which can lead to weight loss. Vesicular stomatitis can be painful for infected animals and costly to their owners. Although it is rare, humans can also become infected with the disease when handling affected animals, and can develop flu-like symptoms.

The primary way the virus is transmitted is from biting insects like black flies, sand flies and midges. Owners should institute robust measures to reduce flies and other insects where animals are housed. VSV can also be spread by nose-to-nose contact between animals. The virus itself usually runs its course in five to seven days, and it can take up to an additional seven days for the infected animal to recover from

the symptoms. There are no approved vaccines for VSV.

KDA has developed guidelines to assist organizations which are hosting shows and fairs across the state, and have worked with many of them to consider how they can protect the health and safety of animals attending their events.

Kansas was the fourth state in the U.S. to have confirmed cases of VSV this year; VSV has also been confirmed in Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas. Because of the confirmed cases in Kansas, other states and Canada are likely to increase restrictions on livestock imports. Animal health officials strongly encourage all livestock owners and veterinarians to call the animal health authority in the destination location for the most current import requirements prior to travel.

Information about VSV can be found on the KDA website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/VSV, including:

Documents describing symptoms of VSV

Recommendations for fly control practices

Guidelines for shows and fairs

Materials from a webinar with K-State Research and Extension in Butler County

Current state and national situation reports

VSV is considered a reportable disease in Kansas. If you observe clinical signs among your animals, contact your veterinarian right away. For questions about VSV in Kansas, please contact the KDA Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.

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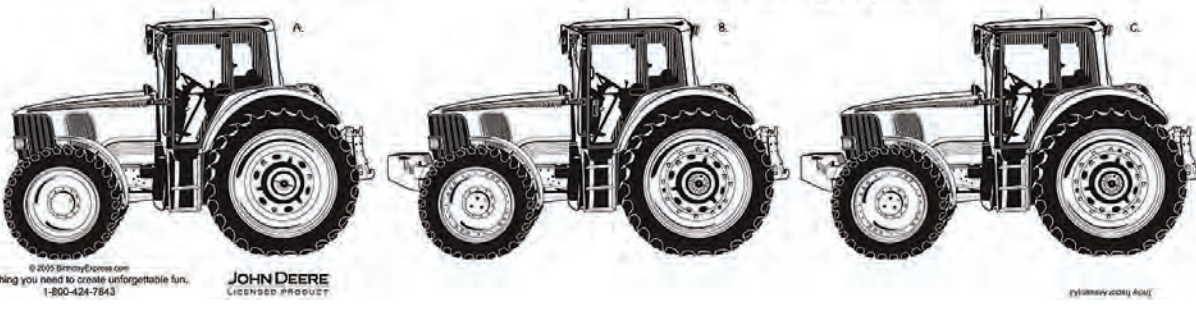
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FURNITURE & SMALL APPLIANCES: Metal Bench; Oak buffet; Oak wall hanging telephone; round Oak table w/leaves & 6 chairs-antique; rectangular Oak dining table w/6 chairs-antique; Oak curved glass china cabinet; Oak dropleaf secretary; hide-a-bed couch-Great Shape; Oak hanging beveled mirror w/hooks; misc kitchen items & cookware; Pine wash stand; 3 Sets Rogers Brothers flatware in cases; East Lake dresser (3 drawers w/mirror); bookcase; sm. Oak telephone stand; Singer sewing machine w/cabinet; blonde Oak 3-pc bedroom set-twin; 3 pc. Abernathy bedroom set-twin; cedar chest; Lane buffet; asst. of children's furniture; Pyrex; Fire King. **ANTIQUES, GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES:** Quilts; hand embroidered pillow cases; cast iron kettle; green kerosene 1 gal. jar; copper boiler; kerosene lanterns; canning jars & equip.; enamel wood burning cook stove; glass btm. chicken waterers; single wheeled garden cult.; sq. btm. wash tub; buck saw-good shape; hand corn planter; chicken feeders-metal & wood; crock bean pot & cookie jar; wood butter mold & butter paddle; Seth Thomas mantel clock; kerosene lamps; Tonka truck; 2 International tractors; green Depression glass cracker jar; Buffalo Pottery pitcher & chamber; Camel-back trunk w/tray; ornate picture frames; Graniteware; 2 gal. Red Wing crock & others; 200+ pcs. Monax Depression glass-amber, blue, pink, clear & green; uncirculated Morris County license plates-1940s & 1960s; asst. older carpentry hand tools; wood planes; & MORE! **TRACTOR & MOWERS:** Wind Power PTO generator w/trailer 12K; Gehl Hi-Throw silage blower; 1972 Allis-Chalmers 180 dsl tractor w/500 Allis-Chalmers loader; Hustler Sport 42" deck zero turn mower; 7' blade 3pt; 5' Woods rotary mower- 3pt; 500 gal. gas tank w/elec. pump; 500 gal. dsl tank w/elec. pump. **TOOLS & MISC.:** Garden hand tools; Stihl 251C chain saw w/16" blade; child's sled; Handyman jack; 3 rolls barbed wire-New; 20 5.5" steel posts- New; 20 hedge posts; 15 10' port. cattle panels; **MANY MORE ITEMS TO BE DISCOVERED!**

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Merck Animal Health announces \$100 million investment in its DeSoto manufacturing operations

Merck Animal Health, a division of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., USA, has announced an investment of \$100 million in facility expansion and enhancement efforts in its U.S. manufacturing site in DeSoto. Investments to the site include a technological expansion of the vaccine production facility, which will come on line this year, plus an additional investment of \$66 million that will provide for added enhancement capabilities to be realized over the coming years.

The DeSoto site develops and manufactures a broad portfolio of vaccines for swine, cattle and equine with key technologies in research and development, manufacturing and quality oper-

ations. Particularly, the site houses large-scale fermentation and cell culture, blending and filling operations and packaging, along with monoclonal antibody manufacturing for companion animals.

"Merck Animal Health continues to be a strong source of innovation and growth in Kansas and are a leading force in vaccine production and research in the Animal Health Corridor," said Governor Laura Kelly. "The upgrades to these facilities will lead to more advancements in animal health and reinforce the importance of supporting biotechnology companies in the state."

"We are excited about the opportunity to bring capital improvements, expansion in our manu-

facturing capacity and capabilities and advanced technology to our DeSoto facility, thereby, strengthening our footprint in the state and increasing our ability to fulfill customer demand for our portfolio of products," said Pamela Stoops, executive director, DeSoto Operations, Merck Animal Health. "Our Merck Animal Health business is making great strides in building our business for the future. That means we need to ensure our place as a leader in animal health with a substantial and sustainable U.S. facility footprint, which includes investment and expansion in our key facilities. As a leader in delivering innovative pharmaceuticals and vaccines to advance animal health and

meet customer needs, this investment reflects our commitment in producing a range of animal health vaccines and pharmaceuticals for animal health diseases."

Because of the company's strong growth, broad product portfolio, and enhanced manufacturing capacity and capabilities, Merck Animal Health continues to explore ways in the U.S. and globally to improve existing facilities with upgraded equipment or technology, further expand its facilities with advanced technology platforms and increase capacity and capabilities in manufacturing to meet the rapidly growing demand and flexibility for its vaccine and biologic products.

"We continually seek

new ways to improve and enhance our production and manufacturing capacity at our facilities to meet the growing needs of our animal health customers," said Scott Bormann, senior vice president, North America Commercial Operations, Merck Animal Health. "Our investment in DeSoto positions us for strong long-term growth and enables us to remain a valued partner to our loyal customers through reliability and responsiveness to their needs."

Vaccines play an important role in protecting animal and public health. Timely and effective vaccination reduces the incidence and severity of disease, enabling efficient production of food animals. Vaccines also have

had a significant impact on the health of pets, preventing serious illnesses and helping them live longer and healthier lives. The company continues to invest in expanding its manufacturing and distribution facilities in Millsboro, Delaware; Ames, Iowa; Worthington, Minnesota; and Elkhorn and Omaha, Nebraska.

The health and well-being of animals is the first and foremost priority of Merck Animal Health. The company strongly supports the responsible use of enhanced vaccine and pharmaceutical production platforms to improve and maintain the health of animals, as well as discovery of new tools to prevent, treat, and in some cases, even eradicate diseases.

Take it up a notch on the National Angus Tour

In the center of America's heartland lies Kansas City, a metropolitan area that boasts a rich agricultural history. Kansas City's roots can be traced to the establishment of the Kansas City Stockyards in 1871 and the American Royal Stock Show in 1899. Most know that tradition

FFA makes convention virtual for 2020

(AP) - The National FFA Organization will hold its national convention in October virtually instead of meeting in Indianapolis because of the coronavirus outbreak, the group announced recently.

The decision to make the event virtual is due "to the many challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic," the Indianapolis-based FFA said.

The convention that features keynote speakers, concerts, and workshops was slated to occur Oct. 28-31.

Last year, the FFA brought more than 68,000 people, mostly high school students, to Indianapolis with an economic impact of \$38 million, the *Indianapolis Business Journal* reported.

FFA CEO Mark Poeschl said the organization's board of directors decided to halt planning for an in-person event and instead focus on online programming.

The decision to go virtual this year came after consulting school administrators and instructors, attendees and sponsors, Poeschl said.

"As we continued to plan for our national convention, it became clear that travel restrictions and public health concerns, among many other pandemic-related challenges, made hosting our in-person event impossible in 2020," he said.

Speakers to the convention in recent years have included President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

and agriculture have long been linked. In the modern era, livestock families have adopted new and creative approaches to bring the next generation into the operation to maintain their family enterprise. The 2020 National Angus Tour, hosted by the Missouri Angus Association, will shine the spotlight on several innovative farming families.

The first stop on the tour is Valley Oaks Feedlot, located approximately 20 minutes from downtown Kansas City. Owned and operated by the David Ward family, the feedlot is housed in Lone Jack, Mo. and has a 4,500-head capacity. The state-of-the-art Valley Oaks Feedlot was custom-designed to provide cattle with optimal ventilation and temperature control in a low-stress environment. The safe atmosphere and feeding program, combined with a superior genetic platform, elevates their cattle to be highly sought-after by packers and local butch-

er shops alike. The operation typically produces 25 percent Prime and 98 percent Choice or higher premiums and is home to the 2019 American Royal Grand Champion Steak Competition.

Highlights of the Valley Oaks tour stop include animal health and nutrition, a stress-free building tour, manure management and direct consumer marketing. Additionally, the Wards will share personal experiences in agri-tourism along with challenges from animal and environmental activists.

"We look forward to hosting the National Angus Tour every year, and this year's tour stops are second-to-none," Caitlyn Brandt, American Angus Association® events coordinator said, "Attendees can look forward to an educational tour that highlights many facets of the beef business, especially in the Midwest."

The second stop on the tour is Mershon Cattle in Buckner, Mo. Mershon Cat-

tle is an award-winning commercial cattle operation owned by Bruce and Tracey Mershon. The couple have been honored as recipients of the 2019 Beef Improvement Federation's Commercial Producer of the Year, the 2018 Missouri Hereford Association Commercial Breeder of the Year and the 2013 Missouri Angus Association Commercial Producer of the Year. This data-driven operation is backed by an Angus-based crossbred cow herd. They utilize Angus, Hereford, Simmental and Charolais AI and natural service sires that excel in carcass quality, feed efficiency, docility and fescue tolerance. Through careful genetic selection over the past 15 years, they have seen harvest data steadily improve and are now consistently running 95 percent Choice or better and 5 percent

Prime.

During the farm tour, visitors will see their multi-faceted operation up close and hear from experts who work closely with the Mershon family as advisors on research trials. Attendees will learn about sexed semen and split time AI trials, as well as hair shedding; use of commodity byproduct feed blends; the use of new technology in database management of herd performance; and the symbiotic relationship with their row crop and seed business. Additionally, on display will be cows, yearlings and calves as well as their AI and natural service sires.

Lunch will be served at the beautiful Lone Summit Ranch, near Lees Summit, Mo. Established in the early 1900s, the property has been home to outstanding pedigreed live-

stock of several species. Purchased in 2015, Linda Sallee and her husband have worked tirelessly to restore the historic buildings and barns to their original grandeur. Today, the facilities are available as a special event venue and host a variety of weddings, corporate meetings, dinners and photoshoots.

"Missouri is the Show-Me State and the Missouri Angus Association is excited to show attendees these progressive operations," Julie Conover, Missouri Angus Association general manager said. "We hope you join us on Nov. 6 for this great Angus activity."

Tour is limited to 200 guests and spaces often fill up quickly. Registration and hotel reservations open July 1, and more information will be available online at www.angus-convention.com.

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2003 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup with a DewEze bale bed, 4x4, auto, AC, 124,115 miles, good cond.; 1990 Ford ¾ ton 4x4, V-8, 5spd, cab & chassis; 1987 Dodge Ram 150, V-8, auto, AC, 54,685 miles; 1975 GMC 6000 2 ton truck, V-8, 5spd-2spd with Knapheide 16ft bed hoist, steel floor, 45,882 miles; 1972 Chevrolet C 60 2 ton truck, V-8, 5spd-2spd, with 16ft Knapheide bed & hoist, steel floor, 74,136 miles; IH Loadstar 1700 2 ton truck V-8, 4spd, 2spd, 13½ bed & hoist steel floor 23,147 miles, not running.

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AUCTION

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020 — 10:00 AM
Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo 900 Greeley in SALINA, KS

BARBER ITEMS, RAILROAD, DOLLS, TOYS, COLLECTIBLES
Signs (Coca Cola, Fairmont, Dekalb); **Railroad items** (conductors uniform, pictures, maps, signs, lamps, oil can, hats, signs inc: Bennington, Kanopolis derail, lanterns, boy & girl Union Pacific bears, railroad doll, cups); **Barber items** (shaving mugs, safety razors, straight edge razors, razor blades, signs, bottles, razor blade banks, toy trucks advertising razor blades card of mustache & sideburn combs); Boy Scout items (patches, neck scarves, other); **Coca Cola** (display, cooler, umbrella, glasses, pitcher, cups, bags, blanket, toy cars & trucks; many small advertising pieces); Dolls; Postal teddy bear; **Kewpie Doll** collection (dolls, plates.); **Barbie dolls**; **Shirley Temple**; hats; toy bears; cookie jar; thermometer; chalkboard; cart; Gone with the Wind inc: (dolls, books, figurines, plates); hall seat; smoking stand; Philco radio; ice cream table & chairs; floor show case; telephone desk; rocking chair; vintage console radio & record player; con-

crete bird bath; **Comic Books** (Jughead, Donald Duck, Sylvester, Little Lulu, Sad Sack, Popeye, Beetle Bailey, Titans, Star Squadron, Superboy, green Lantern, many more); Lone Ranger & large amount of other figures; dogs; Hot Wheels inc: Red Line; Match Box; Johnny West collection; child's cabinet & dishes; Tom Thumb cash register; Action Building set; battery bear; child's Pepsi dispenser; baseball pennants; Wizard of Oz puzzle; Hubley gun; 1977 vintage Godzilla; toy gun & holster; pedal car; View Masters; Fairmont carrier & bottles; Fairmont insulated ice cream bags; Pepsi & Coke cases; Salina Bottling Co. cases 604 N 9th; Christmas plates; bottles; ash trays; napkin holders; shelf; lamps; cards; paper items; cardboard Santa advertising; patches; playing cards; records; clocks; Christmas decorations; purse; watches; jewelry; wagon; flag; angel pictures; cameras; books; glass stacking shelves; large angel collection; Gobel figures; corner shelf; cornmeal chalk collection; car tag collection; marble

collection; button collection; Baseball items (Stan Musial Montgomery Ward glove, Royals Coca Cola McDonald glove, balls, mini bats, game, bobble heads-Lorenzo Cain, Mr. Royal, Ichiro, New York Mets Troll, others, Starting Line Up players, Randy Johnson, Brett Saberhagen, Cal Ripken, Wheaties boxes w/Lou Gehrig, Willie Mays & Babe Ruth); Daisy no 4 churn; 8 Michelob & Budweiser glasses; Royals glasses; insulators; whiskey decanter; 1960's Popular Mechanics magazines; Royals 2015 World Series replica trophy; Mr. Royal lunch box; egg scales; 1932 Royal Purple K State year book; chess set; Hammers beer sign; old world globe; toy boats; toy train cars; 1914 Book of magazines 1910-1914; Books of Kansas (Wild Flowers 1934, Trees 1928, Birds 1945, History album, Geology of Kansas 1928); metal stand w/Prestone advertisement; 7UP cooler; crock; fish bowl & holder; bookends; 50's canister set; doctors bag; Storz beer sign; large collection of other collectibles.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020 — 10:00 AM
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TOYS, GLASS & COLLECTIBLES
Spool cabinet; writing desk; 1940's Hartzell airplane propeller; immigrant trunk; 4 drawer chest; 3 drawer sewing cabinet; dressing screen; 3 drawer file cabinet; high chair; Fostoria items; Weller jardiniere; Hull; Polish tray; depression; Willowware; Pyrex; cake stands; Nippon; Greentown syrup; Hummel; cut glass; s; pottery; assortment glass; bell collection; quilts; jewelry; kerosene lamps; **AMC**: John Deere; Tonka; American Flyer train, buildings & acc. in boxes; Wilkins cast iron train; Arcade Oliver plow, Avery roller; toy cars; electric football; early table top hockey; steam engine toys (Weeden, Fleischmann); 60's Matchbox cars; erector set; Revell engine; Red Ryder BB gun; John Deere items; Japanese doll; 10 gal Pittsburg crock; RW apple cookie jar; clocks inc: (German; Seth

Thomas; Gilbert porcelain; Plymouth mantel; Bavarian balcony; Kudo anniversary); Mozart & Socrates busts; Dala horse; Duck decoys inc: folding; pictures; kraut cutter; tins; barn quilt; cannon balls; Standard Oil (oil jar, grease bucket, Red Crown Polarine 1909 fuel gauge); 1909-1982 14k gold penny; Smith & Wesson handcuffs; German blank pistol; leather black jack; IHC, & car advertising sticks; JD manual; cast iron gas caps; early stock certificates; beer trays; watch display globes; vintage hats, clothes, umbrellas, linens; T-shirts postcards; postcards; Halloween; Valentines; Thanksgiving & Christmas; other postcards; Shoe stand; hat stands; Welcome flag; 1950's Civil Defense items; Meridian road pennants; Masonic items; Salina & Saline Co. advertising; Lion coffee cards; Halloween costume; WWI French binoculars; 1946

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Kansas Profile

By Ron Wilson
Executive Director of
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Shelly Decker, Ranchin' Misfits

"Looks like we're nothin' but a bunch of ranchin' misfits," the mother light-heartedly kidded her little girls as they laughed while doing chores on the ranch. That memorable phrase would become the name of a remarkable, award-winning business in rural Kansas.

Shelly Decker is the owner and operator of this business known as Ranchin' Misfits. She was raised on a Flint Hills ranch. After graduating from Pratt Community College, she came to Kansas State University where she joined the rodeo team and competed in rodeo events. "I loved it there," Shelly said.

After graduating with a degree in animal sciences and a business minor, Shelly managed a western wear store in Pratt before managing a similar store in Cottonwood Falls. She got married in 2013. Her husband is ranch manager for the Matador Cattle Company. They now have three little children.

In October 2014, bad news hit. Shelly's mom was diagnosed with cancer. "I wanted to help, so I started selling some jewelry and purses," Shelly said. She used the proceeds to help with her mom's care. "I went to a couple little events, and people seemed to like what I had," she said. Shelly's mom passed away in 2017.

Meanwhile, Shelly had begun selling her products online from her basement.

In 2015, she officially started her business, selling clothing and accessories. What should the business be named?

One day while doing chores with her little daughters, Shelly had jokingly said that they all looked like a bunch of ranching misfits. The phrase made them laugh, and it did so again when it was repeated to Shelly's husband at supper. It was a memorable phrase, and Shelly decided to name her business Ranchin' Misfits.

Today, Ranchin' Misfits is a boutique store offering women, men, and kids clothing, jewelry and handbags, shoes and more. Many of Shelly's hand-selected products have a western theme. For example, I like the t-shirt that says: "Country Folks - Socially Distancing Before It Was Cool."

She opened a store in Rosalia. The store is typically open on weekends, but her sales are primarily online. "We had good timing," Shelly said. Her company was offering Ariat shoes just at the time that this casual shoe brand was booming in popularity. She became the second-largest Ariat seller in the state of Kansas.

The use of modern technology in general and social media in particular was key to her business. "Facebook was really important for us," Shelly said. There are now 18,000

members in her Facebook group. She has even developed a mobile app for her business.

"I never dreamed it would grow the way it has," Shelly said. "We have shipped to every state except Alaska." That's an impressive record for a company based in the rural community of Rosalia, population 171 people. Now, that's rural.

One of Shelly's favorite resources is The Boutique Hub which connects boutique shop owners and customers across the nation and beyond. The Boutique Hub offers fashion consulting plus tools and resources to assist shop owners, and also confers awards annually.

In 2017, The Boutique Hub named Ranchin' Misfits as the Boutique Business of the Year in the state of Kansas. "I was so glad that I could tell my mom about that award while she was still in the hospital," Shelly said. Ranchin' Misfits earned the award again in 2018 and was runner-up in 2019, while also claiming the award as the top Online Boutique Business of the Year in the state.

"I want to give back," Shelly said. She recently led an effort to raise \$60,000 for a cancer research project in her mother's name. "Thank goodness for good friends and family," Shelly said.

For more information about boutique businesses, go to www.theboutiquehub.com. For information about Shelly's business, go to www.ranchinmisfits.com or find it on Facebook.

Ranchin' misfits. That was a funny term for Shelly Decker to describe herself and her daughters, but it has turned into the name of a leading online boutique business. We commend Shelly Decker and her family for making a difference with online entrepreneurship. For rural Kansas, it's a great fit.

ASA is now accepting applications for the Conservation Legacy Awards

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tion story! All U.S. soybean farmers are eligible to enter to win a Conservation Legacy Award. Entries are judged on soil management, water management, input management, conservation, environmental management and sustainability.

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More information on past winners of the award and how to submit your application is available in the "About" section under "Awards" on the ASA website. All applications must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2020.

Early drought planning will pay

By Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University

Drought conditions have expanded rapidly in recent weeks across western and northern Oklahoma as well as much of the western half of the U.S. Though many regions do not yet face imminent actions, it is not too early to develop drought plans.

The natural optimism of agricultural producers and the inevitable hope that rain will come "any day now" makes it tempting to postpone drought planning. It is better to have a plan that is ultimately not needed than wait until conditions force decisions at a time when alternatives are significantly reduced.

Drought-reduced pasture and/or hay production may lead to a need to reduce forage demands in cattle operations. Early cow culling may be a place to begin. Identify older or cows without a calf that

are likely culling candidates and consider culling early. Cull cow prices are seasonally higher now than they will be later in the year or if significant regional culling occurs due to drought. Early pregnancy testing can help identify cows that could be culled early.

Make a priority list of how additional liquidation will be implemented if necessary. This should include older and open cows, growing replacement heifers, pregnant heifers, mature cows and so on. The list should include action triggers, which could be specific dates or based on forage conditions, that will initiate the next phase of liquidation. This plan may include consideration of relocating animals outside of the drought area and should evaluate the economic feasibility of relocating animals as well as the reality of locating and arranging a destination for animals.

to feed and care for calves in a growing program. In general, supplemental feed supplies are plentiful and inexpensive this year and may provide more flexibility for cattle producers to stretch forage supplies.

All of these cattle management alternatives depend on early and frequent assessments of forage reserves and production to make decisions in a timely manner. These assessments should include feed quality as well as quantity in order to plan for animal health and well-being.

If additional forage or supplemental feed needs are anticipated, early planning may avoid the higher feed prices that typically accompany drought situations. The tradeoff between buying feed or liquidating animals is always economically tricky and inevitably wrapped in emotion that can cloud sound decision-making.

It is okay to hope for better conditions as long as you plan for the worst. Failure to plan for deteriorating drought conditions will lead to easier decision-making... simply because fewer alternatives will be available. The result will be increased financial and emotional stress. A comprehensive drought plan that considers short and long run considerations will help guide decisions to reduce the stress for both the producer and the business.

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Two new wheat lines ready for release

By Rebecca Zach, River Valley Extension District agent, crop production

This year with wheat plot tours being done a little differently, many farmers might have missed their normal chance of looking at the new varieties to pick one for next season. There are a lot of ways farmers can still have that opportunity.

1. Check out <https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/services/crop-performance-tests/winter-wheat/2020-wheat-performance-tests.html>. It will have all the data from the wheat plots in 2020. It is constantly getting updated when plots get harvested.

2. You can also go back and watch the YouTube video of a different specialist going over varieties in certain regions. They discuss what areas, how it grows, and the disease packages with each variety.

May 27 session - <https://youtu.be/UnD12IADM3E>

May 28 session - <https://youtu.be/VrF3F2yqJpc>

3. If you are looking for more local data, check out the River Valley website and go to Wheat Plots. We have added data from local producers in the area along with a description of each variety planted there. https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/crops/wheat_plots.html

As for next year's new arrivals, Allan Fritz a wheat breeder at K-State is going to release two new varieties. They are planned for central Kansas growing conditions and show promise for leaf rust resistance and have performed well in university trials.

"We don't have names for these yet, so right now they're referred to by their experimental numbers," Fritz told viewers during the field day. One variety,

KS09049K8, is the offspring of two Kansas varieties - Duster and Overley - "with a little bit of spring wheat from CIMMYT," the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center has headquarters in Mexico City, Mexico, according to Fritz. "It's a medium early variety, and is really the culmination of our efforts to breed race non-specific lines for leaf rust resistance," he said. "This holds up very well to leaf rust." Fritz said the new wheat line is "moderately tolerant" on acid soils, and has "very good" tillering capacity. "Those of you who remember Duster will know that it is extremely high for tillering." The new line, Fritz added, doesn't quite get to the capacity of Duster, but says he believes it will have good yield potential in central Kansas. "The quality of this one is good, and the other thing I like about it is it does have some Hessian fly resistance," Fritz said. "Hessian fly is not a huge issue around here, but it is nice to have some options out there to deal with Hessian fly, when necessary." The line is moderately susceptible to stripe rust, Fritz said. "The genes that give us durable resistance to leaf rust also work on stripe rust, but they're just not quite as good, so they don't give us as strong a resistance to stripe. But I would say the resistance is good enough to give you a broader window for fungicide application. With this line, you should have enough stripe rust resistance, so I would put it in the moderately susceptible category. If it's a stripe rust kind of year - like this year in many places - then you would definitely want to put a fungicide on it." Fritz stopped short of naming the new line, but noted he and others are considering

a name to honor former U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologist Jim Hatchett, who was based in Manhattan and contributed to wheat breeding in the Great Plains, he said.

A second wheat line ready for release is currently known as KS-12DH0156-88, which has lineage connected to an Oklahoma State University wheat named Gallagher. "We're thinking of naming it KS Ahearn," Fritz said. This wheat line is a late-maturing variety that "has effective levels of leaf and stripe rust. This one is more intermediate on acidic soils, so if you're getting into soils with fairly low pH levels, I might lean toward planting something else," Fritz said. "But this one will handle soils with pH levels down to at least 5 and maybe even a little lower than that." He called the quality of this wheat line "good, but not great" with yield potential on the higher end. "This one has been a bit of a racehorse for us," Fritz said. "It's done really well in our trials, and that's the history of Gallagher, as well. Even though it's a later-maturing line - and I would normally say later fits better in the north part of Kansas - this has actually been better in south central Kansas."

Fritz said both of the lines he talked about are susceptible to Fusarium and, thus, he does not suggest either as an option in no-till fields following corn.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca Zach at rzrebecca@ksu.edu or 785-541-0283. Also check out the River Valley e-newsletter where you can pick what area you want to receive information about, by going to <https://river-valley-extension.mailchimp-sites.com/>.

Feed additive receives FDA approval

Global animal health company Huvepharma received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for Optigrid® 45, a feed additive used to promote weight gain and improve feed efficiency in finishing feedyard cattle.

Optigrid 45, which is composed of the active ingredient ractopamine hydrochloride, is a bio-equivalent to Optaflexx®. It can be fed as a complete feed or top-dressed for cattle fed in confinement for slaughter during the last 28-48 days on feed prior to harvest. When fed as a complete feed, ractopamine hydrochloride can also promote increased carcass leanness.

"In today's challenging world, with the continued need for efficiency in beef production, we are pleased to bring further medicated feed additive options such as Optigrid 45 to the cattle industry," says Glen Wilkinson, president of Huvepharma Inc. U.S.

Wilkinson points out that as an FDA-approved bio-equivalent, the product provides the same benefits of dosage, chemical identity, potency, quality and safety to the existing ractopamine hydrochloride brand.

"Optigrid 45 adds another choice from Huvepharma's expanding product line and is a continued example of our commitment to bring our core strength in medicated feed additives to the U.S. animal food producing industry," adds Wilkinson.

Applicants sought for the 2021 ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program

The American Soybean Association (ASA) and Corteva Agriscience are seeking applicants for the 2021 ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program.

The Young Leader Program, sponsored by Corteva Agriscience and ASA, is a two-phase educational program for actively farming individuals and couples who are passionate about the future possibilities of agriculture. The women and men who participate in this program will be the leaders that shape the future of agriculture.

"The ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program is a phenomenal opportunity for any person or couple who is interested. It is so much more than just a few days of leadership training in a classroom. During the training we were able to interact with people involved in multiple aspects of the soybean industry. We got updates on everything from government regulation, to seed and chemical updates, to trade information, and even a look at trends into the future. The insight we received from these industry leaders was truly amazing," said Lucas

and Becky Miller, Class of 2020.

Phase I of the 2021 ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program will take place Dec. 1-4, 2020 at Corteva's Global Business Center in Johnston, Iowa. The program continues March 2-6, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas in conjunction with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show.

"The Young Leader program has had a tremendous impact on the soybean industry. Many of the leaders at the state and national level got their start in this program, including me," ASA president Bill Gordon said. "The Young Leader program is special because it focuses on the grower's potential while helping them creating meaningful and lifelong relationships with growers from across the U.S. and Canada. This is extremely important as we work to ensure growers have the tools they need to be profitable. The program also includes both partners in the operation which builds both the business and the industry. We are grateful to Corteva Agriscience for

continuing to invest in the future of agriculture."

Soybean grower couples and individuals are encouraged to apply for the program, which focuses on leadership and communication, the latest agricultural information, and the development of a strong peer network. Spouses, even those not employed full-time on farm, are encouraged to attend and will be active participants in all elements of the program.

ASA, its 26 state affiliates, the Grain Farmers of Ontario and Corteva Agriscience, will work together to identify the top producers to represent their state as part of this program.

"America's farmers provide the strongest voice for, not only agriculture, but also for rural America. We are proud to support the young leader program, which is developing the next generation of grower leaders and advocates for U.S. agriculture," said Matt Rekeweg, U.S. Industry Affairs Leader, Corteva Agriscience.

Applications are being accepted online now.

Kansas Beef Council achieves milestone

Demand-building activities generated by the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) have achieved another milestone. The consumer-facing website, www.kansasbeef.org, has reached more than one million page views since the site first launched in early 2017. The website, designed through the Federation of State Beef Councils and maintained by KBC, provides easy recipes, nutritional information and educational material about how beef is responsibly raised in Kansas. The partnership with the Federation resulted in a high-quality product at a fraction of the price, allowing for more efficient use of checkoff dollars.

"We recognized the massive shift in consumer behavior several years ago and that, in order to be relevant, state beef councils needed to have a robust digital presence. We knew it was the right thing to do when we voted to proceed with a new website, and the data we have seen over time supports this decision," said rancher and volunteer KBC board member Barb Downey of Wamego.

The newest addition to the website is an online Kansas beef sales directory that educates consumers about purchasing beef in the grocery store or directly from a producer. The listing is being promoted through Google ad words to target consumers and chefs searching for how to purchase beef online or through a beef producer near them.

Through strategic digital advertising campaigns, col-

laborating with influencers and utilizing Google search, KBC can reach a myriad of people based upon demographics, zip codes and interests, thus getting personalized beef information to consumers at cost-effective rates. This is, however, just one aspect of a greater strategy that focuses on demand-building programs. KBC also routinely networks with health professionals and dietitians across the state to provide science-based information on how beef can be part of a healthy diet, collaborates with culinary professionals throughout the Kansas and Kansas City markets and promotes research and education within the industry.

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- 80 mixed hfrs, 675-800 lbs, preg open & off the grass.

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Wildcat Extension Education Foundation received a \$2,000 grant for a 4-H trailer to be used for travel competitions. The grant is provided through Frontier Farm Credit's Working Here Fund.

The Working Here Fund grant will be used to purchase a trailer for the 4-H programs in four counties to use when traveling to competitions, camps, and other 4-H events. The trailer will be used for luggage and other supplies to allow more room for 4-H members in

the vans. "A trailer would allow us to better serve our youth as we take them to further develop their industry skills in meats, livestock, horticulture, crops, livestock skill-a-thon, and livestock quiz bowl," said Katie Townsend, K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District 4-H agent. By attending out of town competitions, camps and other events, students are able to bring their experiences and knowledge back to the community.

"We understand that by educating tomorrow's farmers today, we are supporting the future of rural communities," said Jeremy Fritz, regional vice president of retail operations at Frontier Farm Credit's Parsons office. Wildcat Extension Education Foundation is one of 14 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the first quarter of 2020. Frontier Farm Credit awarded \$28,000 during the latest grant cycle ending March 31, 2020.

Best of both worlds – opportunity for a bottom line filled with pounds and premiums

By Abbie Burnett
Would you rather have AC or heat? Only meat or vegetables for dinner? Do you want the profit from your cattle to come from pounds or quality? These are decisions you don't have to make. Brian Bertelsen, U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) vice president of field operations, addressed cattle questions with data at the Beef Improvement Federation's recent online symposium. He began by defining premium as the difference between the amount paid on USPB's value-based grid and the previous week's USDA-reported average cash market. "Last year, we had a record-high quality grade premium," he said, noting

some groups earned record high total premiums above cash late in 2019 when the rewards for quality were especially high in the marketplace. "Prior to that, premiums were hanging around \$50 per head." Marbling and dressing percent were the two key profitability traits, the latter of importance because the grid pays on hot carcass weight (HCW) rather than live weight. Bertelsen showed the 22-year span of company grade and premium data, commenting on the mostly steady increase in HCW and average premiums paid. Drought caused zigzags in 2006 and again six years later. The introduction of such technology as ultrasound and genomic testing stimulated quality

grade improvement early in this century and ten years later, respectively. More pounds have been a familiar feature. "We've been increasing carcass weight and live weight ever since we learned how to build fence and selectively breed cattle," Bertelsen said. "That's obviously one of the first things we're focused on because that's our pay weight." Increasing HCW is nothing to be ashamed of. "This is our competitive advantage," he said. "We're really not increasing cow numbers. We're allowing our industry to feed more people with a lot of pounds of total product from less animals." Adding weight can be a key to profit. "My job is to coach our producers and give them some suggestions, things to do and try," Bertelsen said. "One of the things I'm talking to them about lately is, 'Hey, the better your cattle are for genetics, for carcass traits, and let's say for specifically marbling, really the longer you ought to feed those cattle... if I don't feed him very long, I don't allow him or her to maximize their genetic

potential." Studying data and trends over the years, Bertelsen watched dynamic shifts develop. "Remember the drought year in 2006 led to lower grades and there was a high Choice-Select spread. That's logical, right? But also remember how high the grades have been the last couple of years and the Choice-Select spread has also been pretty high. Well, that doesn't make a whole lot of sense," he said. Until you look at the steeply declining share of fed cattle grading Select across those 22 years. "The whole industry went from 37% down to 14% Select. Such a huge decrease in availability pushed some large meat customers out of Select and into Choice whether they wanted to or not," Bertelsen said. Today's wider spread is all about the discount for an increasingly irrelevant grade. Looking again at drought years like 2006 and 2012, he noted increases in yield grade discounts. "If we're in a period

of time when we have a higher percentage of yield grade (YG) 4s and 5s, it's really more attributable to changes in muscling," he said, "which I attribute to environment." Data indicate YG3 is a gateway to premium Choice. Summaries show quality grade, HCW and YG all moving higher together. "It's rather challenging, even with good genetics, to produce a lot of Prime cattle with a really low yield grade," Bertelsen noted. "They're both fat – marbling and back fat – so we need to allow these cattle some time again to express their genetic potential." The relationship between yield grades and HCW are part of the increase in dollars per head on the USPB grid versus the cash market. As yield grade increases, so does HCW. "Each year, yield grade 3s are the maximum price per hundredweight, but 4s are usually the most total dollars per head," Bertelsen said. He compared the top

eight ranches (4,000 head) to the USPB grid average. Those eight averaged just 13 lb. lighter HCW, but graded 99% Choice and Prime compared to 87% company average. They also qualified more than 80% for the Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) brand, with 51% Prime or CAB Prime. The company average was 6% Prime. Those numbers show what people can do with modern genetics, focused management and grid marketing incentives, Bertelsen said. While noting all the company data deals with cattle phenotypes, he closed with an example from one USPB member that compared progeny from two bulls with above-average Angus \$B, but one significantly higher than the other. If used on both spring and fall herds to generate 50 progeny per year for five years, the better bull could add more than \$39,000 on the grid. No balancing needed. Benefits await for pounds and premiums.

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Registration is now open for a webinar that will help Kansas beef cattle producers prepare to manage and reduce the impacts of drought and reduced forage availability on cow herds. The webinar will be hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and K-State Research and Extension via

K-State to host drought preparedness webinar July 9

Zoom on Thursday, July 9, at noon (CDT). "As the saying goes, failing to plan is planning to fail," said K-State beef specialist Sandy Johnson. "This webinar is being conducted to help cow-calf producers evaluate the options they have to make strategic adjustments in response to reduced forage availability. We want producers to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities that may arise given current resources, markets and weather." The program features strategic reduction of grazing pressure, drought supplementation of cows, early weaned calf nutrition and management, and calf health considerations, presented by members of the K-State beef Extension team. Register for the webinar online at <https://tinyurl.com/KSUBeef-Drought-Preparedness> or at www.KSUBeef.org. For questions about the event or to register, contact Lois Schreiner, lschreiner@ksu.edu, or 785-532-1267.

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We sold 1048 cattle June 30. Steer and heifer calves sold at steady prices. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to \$2.00 higher. Cows and bulls sold steady to \$3.00 lower.

STEER & BULL CALVES			
1 blk str	235 @ 193.00	61 blk/red str	839 @ 134.10
5 wf/bwf str	337 @ 177.00	43 blk/red str	814 @ 133.25
1 blk str	225 @ 170.00	22 blk str	798 @ 132.50
2 blk str	453 @ 151.00	61 blk/char str	800 @ 131.85
2 blk str	463 @ 150.00	50 blk/bwf str	858 @ 129.75
7 blk/bwf str	495 @ 150.00	6 blk/bwf str	675 @ 129.50
6 blk/bwf str	545 @ 150.00	4 x-bred str	665 @ 127.00
1 blk str	360 @ 146.00	4 blk str	828 @ 127.00
2 blk/bwf bulls	415 @ 139.00	59 mix str	888 @ 125.50
3 blk bulls	547 @ 137.00	61 mix str	1008 @ 110.00
1 wf str	475 @ 136.00	146 mix str	1050 @ 110.00
1 wf str	465 @ 135.00		
HEIFER CALVES			
2 blk str	555 @ 150.00	8 blk/bwf hfr	391 @ 149.00
24 wf str	687 @ 145.75	3 bwf hfr	513 @ 141.00
2 bwf str	593 @ 140.00	5 blk hfr	442 @ 139.50
4 blk str	663 @ 140.00	1 blk hfr	335 @ 139.00
10 blk/bwf str	644 @ 137.00	2 blk hfr	420 @ 139.00
123 blk/red str	835 @ 136.25	2 bwf/char hfr	420 @ 138.00
12 blk/bwf str	578 @ 135.00	3 blk hfr	537 @ 135.00
3 blk str	593 @ 135.00	5 blk hfr	540 @ 135.00
		4 blk/bwf hfr	546 @ 134.00

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS	
8 blk/bwf hfr	552 @ 138.50
3 blk hfr	588 @ 126.00
1 blk hfr	645 @ 125.00
56 blk/red hfr	835 @ 122.75
14 blk/bwf hfr	598 @ 122.00
1 blk hfr	685 @ 120.00
4 wf/bwf hfr	650 @ 118.50
60 blk/bwf hfr	849 @ 117.75
3 x-bred hfr	822 @ 117.50
4 blk hfr	776 @ 115.00
COWS & HEIFERETTES	
1 bwf hfr	765 @ 95.00
9 blk hfrs	1103 @ 70.00
1 blk cow	1495 @ 70.00
1 bwf cow	1615 @ 69.50
1 blk cow	1630 @ 68.50
1 blk cow	1240 @ 67.50
1 blk cow	1290 @ 66.00
2 blk cows	1378 @ 65.50
4 blk cows	1391 @ 65.50
7 blk cows	1106 @ 65.00
1 bwf cow	1350 @ 63.50

BULLS	
1 blk bull	1290 @ 80.00
1 blk bull	1870 @ 87.50
1 blk bull	1895 @ 80.00
1 blk bull	1735 @ 85.00
1 blk bull	1975 @ 80.00

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 7:

- 35 blk steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs., vacc.
- 70 blk steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs., vacc.
- 102 blk Char-x steers & heifers, 725-800 lbs.
- 35 Angus steers & heifers, 650-700 lbs.
- 73 black heifers, 750-775 lbs., off brome
- 65 black heifers, 800-825 lbs.
- 80 black heifers, 700-725 lbs.
- 180 blk red Angus str, 775-800 lbs., off grass
- 60 black bwf steers, 900-950 lbs., off grass
- 180 black steers, 900-925 lbs., off grass
- 65 blk Char steers, 800-825 lbs., off grass
- 60 black steers, 900-925 lbs.
- 61 blk crossbred steers, 950-975 lbs.

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 14:

- 65 black heifers, 775-800 lbs.
- 65 black Charolais steers, 800-825 lbs.

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