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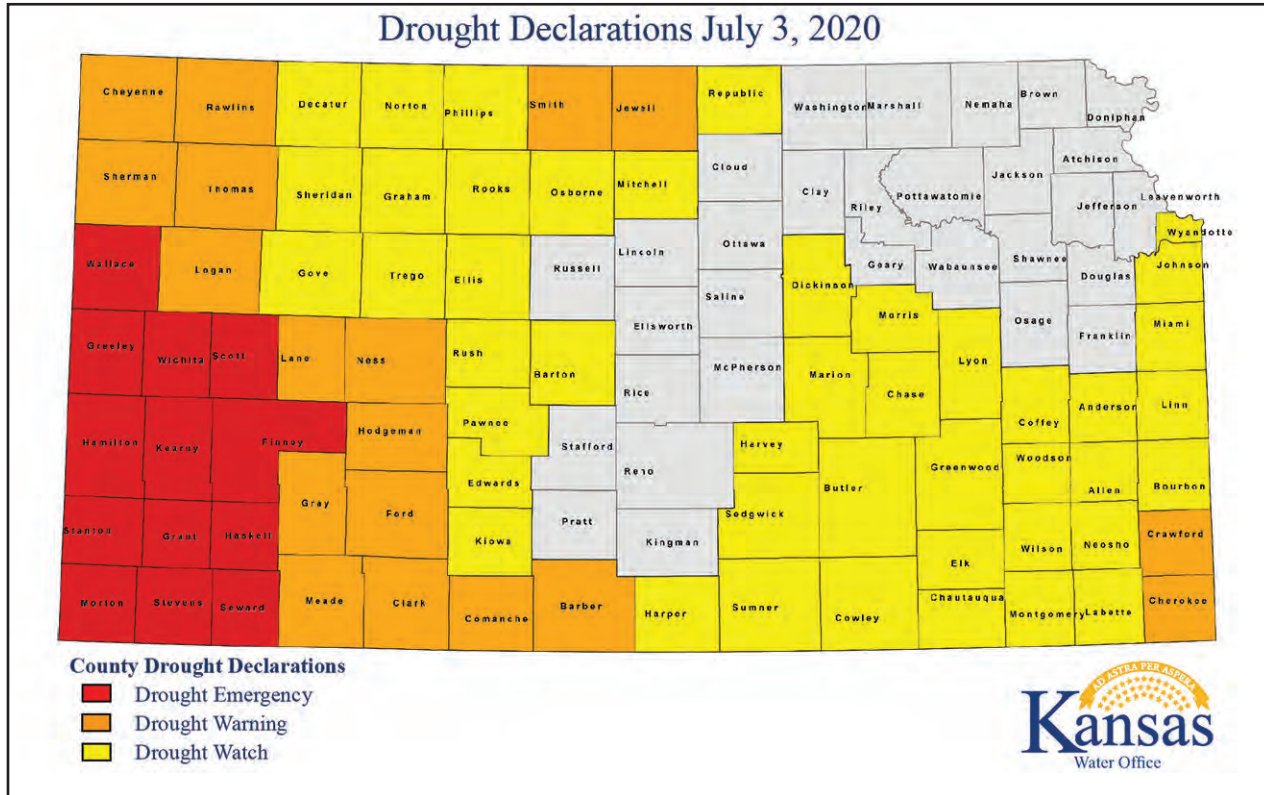
## Governor declares drought emergency, warnings and watches for Kansas counties

Governor Kelly recently issued Drought Declarations for Kansas counties with Executive Order #20-54. The declaration includes 74 out of 105 counties either in an emergency, warning or watch status.

"Unfortunately, the majority of the state of Kansas has been considered in drought or abnormally dry conditions for the past several weeks, which has led to high risk of fire hazard," said Kelly. "This declaration will allow affected communities to access the water they need. I encourage Kansans to continue to be mindful of drought conditions, and work to minimize the threat of fires across the state."

The drought declaration placed 13 counties in emergency status, 18 into a warning status and 44 into a watch status. This action was recommended by Earl Lewis, director of the Kansas Water Office, who chairs the Governor's Drought Response Team. Most of the state has received fewer than 70% of its normal rainfall since January, and many southwestern counties have received less than half of their normal precipitation.

"It has been a very dry



winter and spring, especially in western Kansas, and forecasts into the coming summer months predict higher temperatures and fewer chances of precipitation," said Lewis. "The Governor's Drought Response Team will continue to monitor the situation closely as future outlooks call for drought persisting and make recommendations to the governor as necessary."

Counties who are in emergency stage are eligible for emergency use of water from certain state fishing lakes due to the Kansas Water Office (KWO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism (KDWP).

Individuals and communities need to contact KWO for a water supply request prior to any with-

drawals from lakes. They will in turn be referred to the appropriate KDWP office to obtain the necessary permit to withdraw the water.

This Executive Order shall remain in effect for those counties so identified until rescinded by Executive Order or superseded by a subsequent Executive Order revising the drought stage status of the affected counties. Effec-

tive immediately:

Declare a Drought Emergency, Warning or Drought Watch for the counties identified below;

Authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the governor to implement the appropriate watch or warning level-drought response actions assigned in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

The Governor's Drought Response Team will continue to watch the situation closely and work to minimize the effects the drought has on Kansans.

For more detailed information about current conditions, see the Kansas Climate Summary and Drought Report on the Kansas Water Office website at: [www.kwo.ks.gov](http://www.kwo.ks.gov)

County Drought Stage Declarations:

**Drought Watch:** Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Cowley, Decatur, Dickinson, Edwards, Elk, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Johnson, Kiowa, Labette, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Norton, Osborne, Pawnee, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Rush, Sedgwick, Sheridan, Sumner, Trego, Wilson, Woodson, Wyandotte

**Drought Warning:** Barber, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clark, Comanche, Crawford, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, Jewell, Lane, Logan, Meade, Ness, Rawlins, Sherman, Smith, Thomas

**Drought Emergency:** Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Morton, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, Wallace, Wichita.

## U.S. Grains Council releases 2019/2020 Sorghum Quality Report

The U.S. Grains Council (USGC) has published its 2019/2020 Sorghum Quality Report touting an average grade well above the necessary requirements for U.S. No. 1 sorghum.

"We are very pleased to offer this report as a guide to foreign buyers and industry stakeholders can make more informed purchasing decisions about U.S. sorghum," said USGC Chairman Darren Armstrong, a farmer from North Carolina. "We are confident this report will help further global food security and mutual economic benefits through trade."

The report, funded

through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA's FAS) Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) program, provides international customers and other interested parties accurate, unbiased information about the 2019 U.S. sorghum crop.

To generate the report's findings, a total of 62 samples were collected from outbound shipments of U.S. country elevators and analyzed for the grade factors established by USDA as well as chemical composition and other quality characteristics not reported elsewhere.

The report pulled sam-

ples from the two largest and most comprehensive growing areas in the United States, including the growing areas in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico and Mississippi. Sorghum samples were collected from individual outbound rail or truck shipments at participating elevators across the two regions, then sent to Texas A&M University for chemical composition and physical factor analysis. Scientists there calculated averages and standard deviations for each quality factor tested and reported results for

the U.S. aggregate.

Total sorghum damage came in at just 0.2 percent, and broken kernel and foreign material (BNFM) was only 1.7 percent, highlighting how hard the grain is and how well it holds up during handling and storage.

Non-detectable tannins are important because they signify the U.S. sorghum crop is a good feedstuff option, something competitors, especially in Argentina, cannot claim. The 2019/2020 crop also fared well on

this measure.

"We were very pleased to share that both broken kernel and foreign material rates were very low, and tannins were undetectable in every sample tested in this year's sorghum crop," Armstrong said. "These quality characteristics offer great benefits over our global sorghum competitors."

This report is the first since the 2016/2017 sorghum crop. The Council plans to roll out the information through webinar distribution around

the world and will also present the information during a virtual sorghum conference for the Chinese market in early July.

"This report is helping fulfill the Council's mission to help make something happen for U.S. grains around the world," said Armstrong. "We hope the 2019/2020 Sorghum Quality Report provides valuable information about the quality of U.S. sorghum and shows our valued trade partners that the United States is a trusted supplier."

## Day 16 of Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports

This Kansas Wheat Harvest Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Adrian Polansky, who farms near Belleville in Republic County, reported that harvest began on June 30, with the northern part of the county about 25% harvested and the southern part close to halfway done. So far Polansky has 1650 acres to

go, with three combines in the fields working hard to get all of their wheat cut before they are hit with more rain. They have been facing challenges of high humidity and rain showers which doesn't make for ideal harvest weather. Generally, they start harvest on June 23 or 24, but this year they were forced to start later due to weather. In the spring they were faced with a hard freeze, delaying the maturity and making it more variable in the fields. Yields are in the mid-40s, with not many tillers.

Chris Tanner, who farms near Norton, started harvest on July 1, with 40% harvested so far and still six days to go until they are finished. This year they started a week late. Protein levels were showing in the range of 12.7 to 13.9%. Yields are average, ranging from 20 to 65 bushels per acre. Compared to the last three years, yields are 40% less. Test weights have been variable because the freeze killed most of the tillers and there was dry, hot wind when the wheat was going through grain fill. Test weights are ranging from 54 to 65 pounds per bushel, depending on the stage of development when the

heat came through. Tanner said one of the varieties that stood out was SY Bob Dole, which shows good signs of stability and residue for the next crop.

"This year was one of the most difficult growing seasons with the dry fall," he said. "Some wheat did not emerge till the spring."

Roger May, who farms near Oberlin in Decatur County, started harvest on July 2. As of July 7, farmers in the area are about halfway done with harvest. Protein levels were anywhere from 10.3 to 11%. The wheat is shorter this year due to the Easter freeze. In addition, the plants have stayed green longer. May reported yields of 35 to 55 bushels per acre, which is down from the last few years. Farmers hope to be done with harvest by the end of the week.

The 2020 Harvest Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. To follow along with harvest updates on Twitter, use #wheat harvest20. Tag them at @kansaskwheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

## Waiting on the wheat



As wheat harvest starts to wrap up around Kansas, this grain cart driver near Navarre waits for a refill after having just dumped a load onto the semi.

Photo by Carrie Shippy

# Insight

KANSAS FARM BUREAU  
The Voice of Agriculture

## Worries and Routines

By Greg Doering,  
Kansas Farm Bureau

A recent survey of Kansas Ag Alliance members reveals the economic turmoil wrought by COVID-19 on the state's farmers, ranchers and ag retailers. The survey was conducted in late May. Responses came from a broad spectrum of growers and other agriculturally related businesses across the state.

The survey went to members of statewide associations representing corn, sorghum, soybeans, wheat, livestock, electrical cooperatives and Kansas Farm Bureau.

More than two-thirds

of respondents reported negative or very negative effects on their farm or business as a result of the pandemic. Less than 10 percent reported a positive impact on farm or business revenue.

The top three issues for respondents are what you would expect: disrupted markets, cash flow problems and not being able to find a place to process products. But there are some other concerns, like one cattle producer who also shoes horses.

"With the horse shows, rodeos and barrel races canceled, it has hurt my business because clients are trimming more and

shoeing less," the farrier reported. "So, a \$140 shoeing turns into a \$50 trim."

The disruption to markets is widespread in the cattle industry, and the slowdown of packing plants has filtered down to smaller custom processors, which has caused another set of headaches.

"Direct sales to the consumer is our preferred method of marketing our beef," one rancher said. "With the bottleneck in small, overwhelmed processing facilities, we are unable to process our animals in a timely manner, which means they have to go through the sale barn at a lower price."

Others are seeing a slowdown in the normal course of business because of the virus.

"Most suppliers I deal with are scared to death

they will have a positive impact and have to close their facility," one grower wrote. "This leads to very inefficient interaction with the businesses. We are getting through it, but it has taken a lot more planning to get things in place."

Ninety percent of responses indicate they've taken advantage of at least one COVID-19-related government program, like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, Paycheck Protection Program or received an Economic Injury Disaster Loan. These programs fall short of making farmers and ranchers whole from the economic disruption from the pandemic, but there's growing unease about the scale of government support of agriculture. Especially following on the heels of

recent Market Facilitation Payments.

"My main concern is that if we don't find an exit strategy for these government programs, we will be plunging further into socialism," one respondent remarked.

Others voiced concerns about how commodity markets will respond as the pandemic drags on and wondered if input costs will go down. Cellular phone service and access to broadband internet also are on the minds of farmers and ranchers who saw their children return home after schools and colleges closed.

The disparity between what producers receive and consumers pay also drew plenty of comments, none more succinct than one respondent who said, "It has exposed the total

disconnect between farm gate prices and grocery store prices."

None of the responses are earthshaking, but they do provide a good reminder of just how far the misery has spread across the countryside.

Despite all the new things to worry about, one farmer recently told me not much has changed in his daily routine.

"Get up, feed everything in the morning, harvest, bale hay, just like normal," he said.

There can be solace found in a job well done.

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

By Jeremy Stephens and  
Ryan Schroeter

Many Americans cherish the bucolic dream of someday owning their own family farm. And the good news is that investors large and small can profit from farmland.

That's because while large patches of prime farmland often get into the millions-of-dollars range, investors with more limited means can purchase their first small tracts of land for less than \$250,000.

### Benefits of Investing in Farmland

Many things drive investors to farmland, not the least of which is they are often looking to diversify their portfolio by adding very secure hard assets.

As a hard asset, farmland is a natural hedge against stock market volatility. Farmland not only creates wealth through ap-

preciation, it also yields rental income. The 'cash rent' as a percentage of land value can be expected to be anywhere between five and seven percent. Essentially, farmland offers safety for now and for retirement.

Second, farmland is a real asset. You can touch it, walk on it, and enjoy it. This makes that farmland can be passed from one generation to the next which gives investors the unique opportunity to begin a family legacy.

Third, the IRS allows deductions on a great many depreciable assets. Property taxes can be deducted, as well. Farmland can also be used in a 1031 exchange. And if that's not yet enough, the mortgage interest payment is tax deductible. Thank you, Uncle Sam!

### Increasing Tailwinds from Spiking Commodity Prices

We already mentioned that the two components of farmland value are appreciation and rental income, which vary greatly across the country (there is really no comparing between Kansas wheat farms and Mississippi Delta cotton farms). Improved farms are worth more than unimproved ones, for obvious reasons. However, they will also come with higher returns.

Assessing property value and expected rental income, while considering their own unique circumstances, can be a daunting task for any investor. A broker will be able to provide guidance through this process so that unpleasant surprises are avoided.

So, will farmland continue to appreciate due to the effects of the COVID-19 crisis? Farmland tends to appreciate over time, and now is no exception. Commodity prices are an important piece of the puzzle to understand why that is the case.

Let's take a look back at the last time when we were hit with a severe crisis. The world food commodity price index rose 60 percent in the years that followed the 2008 financial crisis (between December 2008 and April 2011, to be precise).

When commodity prices go up, land value goes up since more people will want to own farmland. When we look at the numbers for the "average farm real estate value" for the entire U.S. for the period 2005-2019 we see for this very reason a steady climb from 2009 (\$2,090 per acre) to no less than \$2,940 per acre in 2014, which accounts for a 41 percent increase over five years!

Not only land value but also cash rent goes up when commodity prices rise. Rental rates rallied as commodity prices went up in the years after 2008, making the national rental rate for cropland peak at \$144 per acre in 2015 while it had been less than \$90 in 2008. If, or better, when commodity prices surge once more in the years to come, farmland investors will stand to profit as they have done in the past.

In these uncertain times, farmland continues to serve as a secure long-term investment with plenty of financial benefits, the opportunity to enjoy the land that was acquired and the chance to create a family legacy.

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## USMCA ensures access to critical markets for meat and poultry

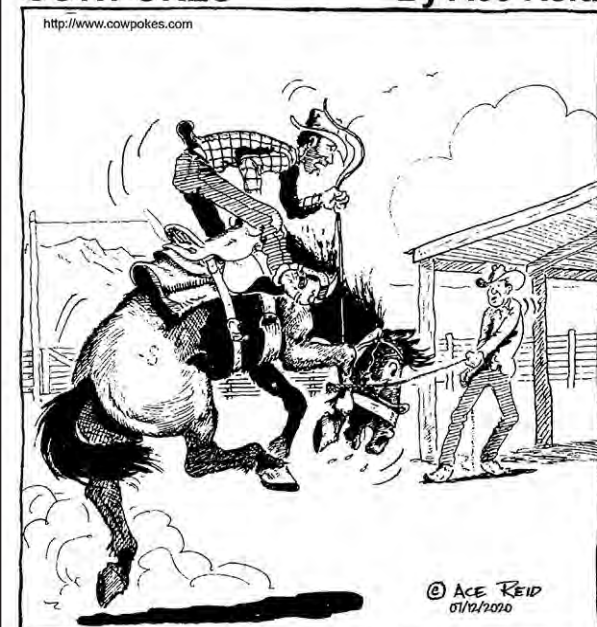
The North American Meat Institute (Meat Institute) issued the following statement on the U.S. Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) entry into force:

"The U.S. meat and poultry industry exports \$5.5 billion annually in products to Canada and Mexico," said 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 (NAFTA), 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.

## COWPOKES® By Ace Reid



"Hey, Zeb, reckon we'll git through with this ole hoss in time to git to the rodeo?"



The news has been grim and somber the past few months and I am not going to lie, it is getting me down. It seems like just when we think things are turning around, another surprise comes around the corner. It is easy to get down during these times and sometimes we just need a good laugh. This past week I had something happen to me that while embarrassing, was kind of funny. So here is a laugh at my expense (and eventually it will be very expensive).

Haying had been rolling right along with a minimum of breakdowns and I was starting to feel pretty good about everything. I guess that was probably the problem, I was getting just a little too confident. I was mowing hay, and there was a slight chance of rain in the forecast just like there had been for days. So far, I had missed the chances and had baled up some nice hay in perfect condition, I thought I had the world by the tail. I was getting pretty good at this haying thing. That is what overconfidence will do to you.

I had just finished one field and was going to knock a few more acres down when it happened. I came to the field entrance and put my foot on the clutch. Nothing happened. After a brief moment of panic, I yanked the gear shift back and took the tractor out of gear. The clutch pedal was completely without resistance and I knew my mowing was done for the day. I called the mechanic, hoping it was just the linkage for the clutch and not the clutch itself.

They made it out the next day and informed me that I was not that lucky, and the clutch was indeed out of my tractor and they would have to take it back to the shop. I was going to be without my tractor for quite a while. That meant one thing and I was going to have to switch the tractor on the baler back and forth from the mower. Not a big deal, just an inconvenience. First, I had to pull the broken tractor away from the mower. Not hard to do, unless you are me.

I enlisted my landlord to help me and we hooked the pickup to the tractor. I was in the broken tractor; the landlord was pulling me in the pickup. He eased the truck into the chain, and nothing happened. Nothing but the truck spin-

ning. He stopped, I reassessed the situation and thought maybe I did not have everything out of gear. Making sure all the gear shifts were in neutral. We tried it again, and again the truck spun its tires, and nothing happened. Perplexed, we re-evaluated the problem once again, making sure everything was out of gear, tires were straight, mower was unhooked and there should be no earthly reason the tractor would not move.

One more time and again it was like my pickup had hit a brick wall. Now I was worried about what might be wrong with the tractor and just how we were going to load it on a trailer. This was going to be even more expensive and harder. I was down in the dumps; life suddenly was not good. I thanked my landlord for his help and told him I was going to think about what it might be. On the way home I called the mechanic and talked to him. At first, he was perplexed too, and we went through all the possible scenarios. It was out of gear, no obstructions, out of four-wheel drive, etc.... He could not think of any reason it would not move and that was not good.

Then he paused. "Did you take the emergency brake off," he asked. Immediately I knew the answer. No, I had not. He must have thought it was my first day on the tractor and had to be wondering what kind of dummy he was dealing with. I turned around, picked my landlord up once again, explained what I had done and saw him get a good chuckle out of my stupidity. We hooked the tractor up once again and when the parking brake was disengaged it rolled right along. I do not know what was ruder, me or the tractor.

The tractor was loaded up later in the week and now is in the shop getting fixed. I continued to mow hay with the other tractor and finished with my brome yesterday. I guess life is still good if not a little bit more expensive. I did learn two things this week. The first was not to gloat about how well things are going until you are done and the other was not to take yourself too seriously. Sometimes you just have to laugh and that is what I hope this little story did for your day.



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# It's time to plant the fall garden

Many home gardeners in Kansas are bringing in the bounty from their spring and summer work these days, so Ward Upham understands if the last thing they are thinking about is planting vegetables.

But if they want to keep the harvest going through fall, that's exactly what they should do.

"Fall gardens will often produce higher quality, more tasty cool-season crops if the vegetables mature during cooler, less stressful temperatures," said Upham, a horticulture expert at Kansas State University.

For fall gardens, a guideline of when to plant common crops includes:

Mid-July: Plant potatoes if you can find them, or if you saved seed potatoes. Do not use freshly dug potatoes because they have a built-in dormancy that will prevent growth. Grocery store potatoes are often treated so that they don't sprout.

Cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower can be started from seed at this time. These crops are generally transplanted in mid-August.

Late July. Plant seed beets, carrots and beans.

Late July to early August. Plant seed spinach and long-season maturing lettuce.

Second week of August. Transplant cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower to their final location.

Mid- to late August.

Plant seed radishes and leaf lettuce.

Upham said gardeners should plant seeds slightly deeper than they would have in the spring because the seed stays cooler and the soil around the seed remains moist longer.

"Plant seeds more thickly and then thin the plants later," Upham said. "You may need to put up fencing to protect the plants from rabbits."

He said gardeners should plan to water more frequently; seeds should not be allowed to dry. "Overhead watering often causes soil to crust, making it more difficult for young plants to emerge. Prevent this by applying a light sprinkling of peat moss, vermiculite or compost directly over the row after seeding."

"Even better," he adds, "use a soaker hose or drip irrigation right next to the row to allow water to slowly seep into the ground."

Upham said there is no need to fertilize the ground before planting crops. He suggests applying a side dressing two weeks after transplanting crops, or four weeks after sowing seed by applying two tablespoons of 16-0-0 fertilizer, or one table-

spoon of 27-3-3 or 39-3-4 fertilizer per plant.

"You can also use a liquid fertilizer, such as Schultz, Peters, Miracle-Gro or Rapid Grow, according to label directions," he said. "It would be a good idea to wash off the leaves with clean water to prevent burn from the fertilizer."

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for keeping yards and gardens healthy and beautiful year-round. The

newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their yard and garden-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu.



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## Kansas participates In United We Steak campaign

According to research conducted by Beef. It's What's For Dinner. (BIWFD), funded by the beef checkoff, nearly one-third of consumers say they plan to grill more this summer than they have in the past. With this in mind, the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) is partnering with BIWFD to launch "United We Steak," a new summer grilling campaign showcasing 50 steaks and all 50 states. The campaign is centered around a website, [www.unitedwesteak.com](http://www.unitedwesteak.com), containing an interactive map of the U.S. made from 50 hand-cut, state-shaped steaks. Consumers can click on each state and find a recipe, fun facts and "meet" a ranching family from that state.

As part of the campaign, each state and U.S.-shaped steak will be featured in national advertisements, including still images and videos that will be shared on digital and social media platforms. The advertisements also will be shared on video platforms, including YouTube and Connected TV, in an effort to inspire Americans to grill their favorite beef meal no matter where they live. KBC will focus on localized advertisements that will reach urban consumers and grill masters in Kansas.

The campaign follows the kickoff of summer grilling season, which BIWFD marked with a new video released Memorial Day weekend showcasing the dedication of farmers and ranchers to raising safe, sustainable and nutritious beef.

## CFAP applications due Aug. 28

Interested cattle feeders are encouraged to file applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) as soon as possible. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) continues to process applications as they are received; however, most offices are still operating with COVID-19 precautions in place. FSA has processed \$4,857,126,555 in payments to 319,544 producers.

Recently, FSA released a revised version of the CFAP application form (AD-3114) to align the language in the form with FSA's explanations on the website and webinars regarding, "Sales (Between Jan. 15, 2020-April 15, 2020) of Inventory Owned as of Jan. 15, 2020." FSA also announced that it will now accept applications for CFAP through an online portal, expanding the options available to produc-

ers to apply for this program. Through the portal, producers with secure USDA login credentials — known as eAuthentication — can certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center. Producers who do not have an eAuthentication account can learn more and begin the enrollment process at [farmers.gov/sign-in](http://farmers.gov/sign-in). Currently, the digital application is only available to sole proprietors or single-member business entities.

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- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 tablespoons key lime juice

**Glaze:**  
 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar  
 1 teaspoon lime zest  
 3 tablespoons key lime juice  
 2-3 tablespoons macadamia nuts, chopped (optional)  
 Combine dry ingredients. Set aside. Beat butter until smooth. Slowly add in dry ingredients and juice. Mix until dough just comes together. Shape dough into 1-inch diameter log(s). Wrap in cling wrap and chill for at least 2 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices. Bake 9-10 minutes. Cool before glazing.

**Glaze:** combine ingredients until smooth. Spoon a teaspoon of glaze on each cookie and gently spread around until cookie is coated. Let glaze set about 30 minutes before serving. Makes 36 Melt Aways.

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma says "who doesn't love the summery flavor of fresh tomatoes from the garden. Change your normal chilled sliced version to this fun way to serve them as a side dish."

- OVEN LOVIN' TOMATERS**
- 2 + 2 bread slices
  - 4 tablespoons butter
  - 1/3 cup onion
  - 2 1/2 cups tomatoes
  - 4 tablespoons sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Tear 2 thick slices of bread in pieces and brown in skillet in butter. Remove bread; chop onion and brown it in the same pan; remove from heat. Peel tomatoes (I briefly dip them in boiling water for easy skin removal or use a potato peeler) then chop them. Mix tomatoes, bread, onions, sugar, salt and pepper. Place in an 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish. Top with additional bread crumbs (cubed). Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Susan Schrick, Hiawatha: **ZUCCHINI BREAD**

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 1 tablespoon vanilla (or less)
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients and bake in a 350-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes.

LaVerna Hinkle, Manhattan: "This is a delicious pasta salad. This makes 16 servings."

**MEXICAN FIESTA PASTA SALAD**

- 16 ounces rotini pasta, cooked
- 1 1/2 cups chunky salsa
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 16-ounce can black beans, rinsed & drained
- 11-ounce can Mexican-style corn with red & green peppers, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper

- 2 green onions, sliced thin
- 4.25-ounce can sliced black olives, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 pinch of black pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon dried cilantro or to taste

Cook and drain pasta. Set aside. Mix the salsa, mayonnaise and sour cream together. Add remaining ingredients, except pasta and mix well. Add cooked pasta; combine and refrigerate until ready to eat.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **CHICKEN CASSEROLE**

- 3 cups chopped & cooked chicken
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1-ounce package dry Ranch dressing mix
- 1 can cream mushroom soup
- 1 cup chopped & cooked bacon
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2-pound bag frozen tater tots

Set oven at 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Set aside. Mix chicken, sour cream, soup, Ranch mix, bacon and cheese. Fold in tater tots and spoon into pan. Bake 40-45 minutes until bubbly.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: **CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE**

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup sour milk
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 cups grated zucchini

Beat butter, oil and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in dry ingredients alternately with milk. Stir in zucchini. Bake in a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Kellee George, Shawnee: **HOMEMADE FROSTY**

- 1/2 gallon chocolate milk
- 14-oz. can Eagle Brand milk
- 8 ounces Cool Whip

Mix well. Freeze.

NOTE: Doesn't get hard frozen; more like thick milk shake, but delicious.

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Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

**ICE CREAM FUDGE SAUCE**

- 14-ounce can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
- 1 jar marshmallow creme
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6-ounce package chocolate chips

Combine sweetened condensed milk, marshmallow creme, milk, butter and salt in a saucepan. Cook stirring constantly over medium heat until mixture thickens slightly and almost boils. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and chocolate chips until melted and smooth. Make 2 pints.

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Jackie Doud, Topeka: **EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE**

- 4 cups shredded chicken
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 Jiffy cornbread mix
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup milk

Set oven 400 degrees. Grease a 10" cast iron skillet. Toss chicken and barbecue sauce. Place in skillet. Stir cornbread mix, egg and milk. Spoon over chicken. Bake 20-22 minutes or until done.

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Darlene Thomas, Delphos: **APPLE STICKY BUNS**

- 3 1/4 cups flour
- 2 packages active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, cubed
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped peeled apples

**Topping:**

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine, cubed
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a large mixing bowl combine 1 1/2 cups flour, yeast, sugar and salt. In a saucepan heat the milk, water and butter to 120 to 130 degrees. Add to dry ingredients and beat until smooth. Add egg; beat until smooth. Stir in remaining flour and apples. Do not knead. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes. Meanwhile in a saucepan combine the topping ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring until blended. Pour into an ungreased 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking dish. Stir dough down. Spoon walnut-size pieces of dough over nut mixture. Cover and let rise for 30 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 1 minute before inverting onto a large serving platter. Yield: 12 to 16 servings.

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## Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon

### Lessons From A Yellow Billed Cuckoo

"We have flown the air like birds and swum the seas like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers." - Martin Luther King Jr.

I have always been the person that will talk to anyone, but at the same time, I have never been the person who will go out of my way to talk to just anyone. I am not sure if that makes me a great neighbor or the worst neighbor ever. I couldn't tell you my neighbors names, but I could tell you that on one side of me is a mother and son and they take great pride in their yard. I often joke about it to my family about how they must hate me as they are out mowing every three days in their perfect diagonal lines and I am perfectly content mowing once-a-week in whatever crazy pattern I feel like for the day. On Sunday I decided to face the Kansas heat, work on my seemingly lacking tan and tackle my once a week lawn mowing.

In the process of working my strange route of going all the way around my house and circling my way around, I finally got the backyard done and was ready to start tackling what was left of the front yard. I turned the mower off to move the hose out of the way and then got back to it. Made a swoop around the front yard and as I got back to the hose reel, I noticed a bird sitting in the freshly mowed grass. There is so much about me that I got from my mom, but my compassion for all animals is without a doubt from my dad. I instantly turned off the lawn mower and decided to investigate. I got down close, lots of little baby feathers surrounded the bird, it was breathing hard and seemed to be in shock. There was no appearance of injury, just seemed really dazed and confused, guessing it might have crashed into my house. I went inside and got the bird some water.

The bird clearly wasn't sure of me but seemed to know I was there to help. I was able to get the bird

to drink a little bit but it still was just sitting there, I then did what I always do with any animal I can get ahold of, I picked it up. It didn't fight me; I gave it my finger and it perched there ever so peacefully and I gave it a closer look over, still couldn't see any damage, so I took it over to the big tree in my yard and gave it the option to hop off. It took a few minutes, but it finally did and seemed to nestle in and just relax as it watched me finish mowing the rest of the yard.

So why share about a bird? In my mind it makes perfect sense. I honestly could care less where people stand politically, religiously or in any manner, what I care about is that in today's world, we could all use a little reminder to have some compassion. We don't have to know someone else's story or their reasoning to be compassionate and accepting. In today's current world it feels like we are all too focused on the "me" or the "I" and we forget to take a minute to look at the big picture, we forget to take a moment to care about others and in return we have found ourselves with pure chaos. Compassion goes a long way, is completely free and is something that we all can give. It didn't matter what had happened to the bird, I knew it needed help and I wasn't about to not take the moment to help it. Just think, if we were all a little less judgmental and a little bit more compassionate, the world might just be a friendlier place for everyone.

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### RECIPE CLARIFICATION

This recipe was printed in last week's issue. Bernadetta McCollum submitted the recipe then called and said when she measures the dressing ingredients she actually uses a serving spoon from her silverware set instead of a measuring tablespoon. She wanted to make sure it's clear and that you have enough dressing for your cabbage!

### COLE SLAW

- 16-ounce package cabbage, shredded from the store
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 heaping tablespoons Miracle Whip
- 4 level tablespoons sugar
- Dash of pepper


Combine all ingredients except cabbage in a shaker jar. Shake until well-blended. Pour over cabbage; stir.

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# K-State Expert Shares Tips For Aging Safely At Home

MANHATTAN – A Kansas State University specialist in adult development and aging says technology and advance planning are on the side of older adults who want to spend their golden years in their own homes.

“Most older adults do want to age in place, or stay in their homes, and live independently as long as they can,” Erin Yelland said. “In order to do that, there are things we can do around the house to make it more comfortable and a safer place to live.”

Many medical alert systems – which allow a person to call emergency help at the touch of a button – cost less than \$100 and can provide an important safeguard for those living alone. Yelland said some of the newer smart watches can even detect when a person falls.

“Smart devices can help adult children monitor their older adult parents in their homes,” she said, noting that technology is available that uses pressure sensors to detect if a person has opened a medicine cabinet or gotten out of bed in the morning.

And, she adds, “much of today’s smart-home technology is incredibly user-friendly,” allowing homeowners to turn on lights or make sure doors are locked with a press of a button. “Once those are set up, anyone can use it and these things will last for years.”

Yelland said there are many ways to modify a home – some at no-cost – to make living at home more likely for older adults.

“The first thing is to de-clutter,” Yelland said. “The less stuff you have, the less of a struggle you are going to have and the less you have to clean.”

Yelland suggests removing throw rugs or cords that stretch across a room, “anything that will pose a tripping hazard.”

For those with mobility issues, perhaps using a walker or wheelchair, Yelland advises keeping as much open wall space as possible, “to be able to walk up against the wall and balance yourself, if needed.”

“Some other things you can think about that are also free include lowering items in your kitchen cabinets, or anywhere in your house that you have to reach up or get on a step stool to retrieve items. It’s important to lower items to reduce the risk of someone losing their balance or having a fall.”

To prevent burns, Yelland said older adults should consider lowering their water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. “A lot of older adults have a delayed reaction time to hotter temperatures, or don’t realize at first that the water is hot,” she said.

“There are a lot of different free things that we can do around the home. I encourage everyone to start walking around room to room and think about some of those things to make the home a safer place.”

Some other in-home changes can cost a little to a lot more money, she said.

Some of the lower-cost options include improving lighting by installing night lights in hallways and dark areas; installing handrails and grab bars; touchless faucets; and changing door handles from knobs to levers.

“A lot of older adults who have arthritis, for example, find it really difficult to grab a traditional rounded door knob,” Yelland said. “Levers make it easier to get in and out of rooms, as well as function around the house.”

Among higher cost improvements, Yelland said homeowners should think about widening doorways, installing an outdoor ramp and re-

placing flooring.

“Flooring can be really tricky in the home, especially in the bathroom,” she said. “If you have slippery flooring, you need to look into getting that replaced.”

Yelland said the Americans with Disabilities Act and the National Association of Homebuilders recommend a friction coefficient – a measure of friction on a floor’s surface – of .6 or higher to prevent slippery areas.

“If you don’t have the dollars to completely replace your flooring, you can buy some slip-resistant coating that you can paint on your floor with a roller brush; it costs about \$85 per room to apply that slip-resistant coating,” Yelland.

To help prevent falls in the bathroom, Yelland suggests placing a non-slip mat in the shower, installing grab bars, using a shower chair, or installing a walk-in tub.

K-State Research and Extension has numerous programs and publications to help older adults age well, including ‘Simple Modifications for Aging in Place.’ More information on additional programs and publications is available online.

Links used in this story: Americans with Disabilities Act, [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)

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By Ashleigh Krispense

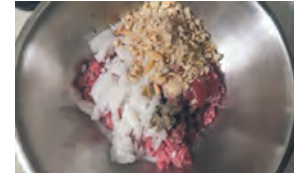
A few weeks ago, I shared a review of the Meals to the Fields cookbook by Joanie Nikkel. Today, I’m featuring a recipe from that cookbook! These Cheddar-Stuffed Meatballs are super simple to make, very moist, and have that fun little bit of extra cheese when you cut into them.

## CHEDDAR-STUFFED MEATBALLS

- 1 1/2 pounds hamburger
- 2 to 3 tablespoons onion flakes (or 1/2 cup freshly chopped onion)
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons salt
- Dash of liquid smoke
- Sprinkle of garlic powder
- 1/3 cup milk

1/2 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed  
Cheddar cheese cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
Barbecue sauce for topping meatballs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil for easy clean up and spray with nonstick cooking spray.



In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients except for the cheese and barbecue sauce.



Shape meatballs and press a cube of cheese into the center of each one. Fold the meat over it.



Place meatballs on baking sheet and smother with barbecue sauce.



Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until no longer pink in the center. Enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website, *Prairie Gal Cookin'* ([www.prairiegalcookin.com](http://www.prairiegalcookin.com)), where she shares step-by-step recipes and stories from the farm in Kansas. Follow PGC online or like it on Facebook for more recipes and ramblings!

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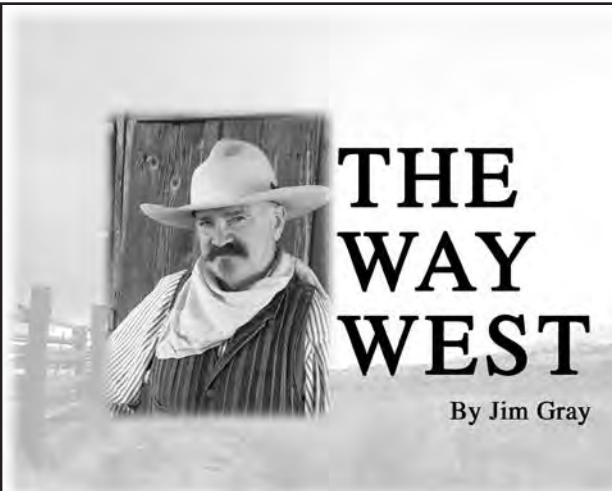
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# THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Texas drovers discovered Chisholm's trail, driving tens of thousand of Texas longhorns past the "Wichita" settlement on their way to the new railhead at Abilene, Kansas.

Wichita became an official town when another trader, Dutch Bill Griffenstein filed a plat with the proper officials on March 25, 1870. Texas drover C. H. Rust described Wichita in 1870 as "...a mile long, one hundred yards wide and an inch thick." According to Rust, Wichita was, "... where the Long and Shorthorns fought it out right," indicating that even though the Civil War was over, the Texans, who considered themselves "Longhorns" were still fighting it out with the "Shorthorn" northerners. One could add gamblers, prostitutes, soldiers, bullwhackers, Indians, and a wild mix of adventurers to the mix.

Into that mix William Antrim, Catherine McCarty, and her two sons, Billy, age 11, and Josey, age 10, arrived on the scene in July of 1870. Antrim and McCarty had not found occasion to marry, but they

had been together for nigh on to six years, having come from Indianapolis, Indiana. Antrim had served in the Fifty-fourth Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry and later worked in Indianapolis as a driver and clerk for the Merchant's Express Company.

Irish-born Catherine McCarty, described as "a jolly Irish woman, full of fun and mischief," landed in New York. Her story is uncertain. Some say that Billy's father was a young man by the name of Bonney. McCarty only related that she had been widowed in New York before moving to Indianapolis. Researchers disagree whether his name was Michael or Patrick McCarty.

No one knows why Antrim and McCarty chose Wichita, but it's clear that she had a business venture in mind. She also did not waste any time making her presence known in Wichita. When a petition to incorporate the town was circulated, being a promising business owner, the name of Catherine McCarty was included with the one hundred twenty-four

signatures on the petition, dated July 21, 1870. She was also present the next day at the all-male first city board of trustees meeting.

McCarty established the City Laundry on the main floor of a two-story building with plenty of living space upstairs for her and the boys, Billy and Josie. Antrim filed a claim for a farm six miles northeast of town. By August 1st he had five acres under cultivation and a small frame house on the property.

The City Laundry turned out to be a popular and keenly profitable establishment. With the first edition of the Wichita Tribune, March 15, 1871, the editor encouraged readers to patronize the business.

The City laundry is kept by Mrs. McCarty,

To whom we recommend to those

Who wish to have their linen made clean.

On March 4, 1871, McCarty moved out of Wichita to a farm next to Antrim. Billy and Josie helped dig a well and cellar, built a small cabin, broke seven acres of sod, and planted fifty-seven fruit trees. She rightly recognized that Wichita was no place to raise two impressionable boys.

In less than a year Me-

Carty and Antrim had purchased several lots in town and two farms. But a dark shadow loomed over the couple's future. Catherine McCarty had contracted tuberculosis, commonly known as consumption. After all the plans and hard work, she sold her farm on June 16, 1871. By mid-August all the properties were sold, and they moved away.

Catherine and William Antrim were married March 1, 1873, at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Catherine lost her battle with consumption September 16, 1874, at Silver City, New Mexico. William Antrim lived until 1922. He is buried in Adelaida, California.

Catherine's youngest son, Josie, bounced around from job to job. He passed away at Denver, Colorado, on November 25, 1930. When no one claimed his body, it was donated to science without a known burial site. Billy moved on to Arizona doing ranch work where he was labeled "The Kid." On his return to New Mexico Billy passed from mere mortal to legend, changing his name to William H. Bonney. The one and only Billy the Kid was indeed just a kid when he first experienced the Wild West at Wichita, Kansas, on The Way West.

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## Be proactive about heat stress

Heat stress costs dairy and beef producers hundreds of millions each year. Proactive measures implemented before an extreme heat event can reduce immediate and long-term impacts of heat stress in ruminants.

"Mitigating impacts of heat stress begins before an extreme heat event," explains Jessica Fox, veterinarian and director of veterinary services and biosecurity for Ralco. "The impacts producers see are only a small portion of what is going on inside a ruminant during an extreme heat event."

Fox explains that by the time ruminants show external signs of heat stress: going off feed, labored breathing, panting, increased water intake, decreased activity or sweating, heat stress has already begun to wreak havoc on vital, internal systems. "Heat stress triggers a cascade of events that impact a bovine's production ability, make it susceptible to disease and, in extreme circumstances, death," Fox says.

During an extreme heat event, cattle need nearly double the amount of water they would typically consume. "Ensuring abundant access to cool, fresh water is the single, most important step beef and dairy producers can take," Fox says.

## Genesis of a Legend

Wichita, Kansas, in 1870 was just coming into its own. The confluence of the Arkansas River and its little sister, the Little Arkansas River provided a rich oasis of water, groves of timber, and tall prairie grass anchored in deep fertile soil.

Settlement of the area began in the fall of 1864 when Jesse Chisholm built comfortable cabins, corrals, and sheds near a spring on what became known as Chisholm Creek. Wichitas, Wacos, and

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Happy are the days when books arrive!

I received in the mail today *Under A Full Moon: the Last Lynching in Kansas* by Alice Kay Hill. It makes me want to drop everything I had planned today to dive in.

From the back cover: *Under A Full Moon: The Last Lynching in Kansas* tells of the tragic abduction and death of an eight-year-old girl at the hands of a repeat offender in 1932. This crime stands apart as the last mob lynching in Kansas. Based on true events, this account takes a deep dive into the psycho-social com-

plexities of pioneer times and their impact on this particular crime and the justice meted out to the perpetrator.

Beginning in the year 1881, and written in a chronological narrative non-fiction format, author Alice Kay Hill vividly weaves the stories of victims and the families involved. She reveals how mental and physical abuse, social isolation, privations of homesteading, strong dreams and even stronger personalities all factored into the criminal and his crimes.

I have known Alice for several years and count

her among the women I most admire in this world. She has published in *Hobby Farms* magazine and an instruction manual, *Grow Topless: A Modified High Tunnel Design for Headache Free Extended Season Gardening*. Whew! Say that one fast three times!

The story she shares in this new book began with childhood summers with her grandmother in Atwood. I knew she was working on this book and am so excited to finally see it published. It is available on Amazon and I am hoping conditions will soon allow public gatherings so we can schedule some talks and book signings.

Kudos, Alice. Now dear readers, I have some reading of my own to do.

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 that historic route in 2021. Contact her at [author.debgoodrich@gmail.com](mailto:author.debgoodrich@gmail.com).

## Cattlemen welcome legislation to improve meat processing capacity

A bipartisan group of lawmakers have introduced the Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants (RAMP UP) Act, which provides federal incentives to improve beef processing capacity.

Introduced by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Colin Peterson (D-Minn.), Reps. Frank Lucas (R-Okla.), Jeff Fortenberry (R-Neb.), Chellie Pingree (D-Maine), Glenn Thompson (R-Penn.), Sanford Bishop (D-Ga.), David Rouzer (R-N.C.), Jim Costa (D-Cal.), Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), and Angie Craig (D-Minn.), the RAMP UP Act will bolster market access for cattle producers and keep store shelves across the country stocked with wholesome and nutritious beef products.

"The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented disruptions to beef processing which were devastating to cattle pro-

ducers," said NCBA vice president and Minnesota Cattlemen's Association past president Don Schiefelbein. "The RAMP UP Act addresses these supply chain issues by ensuring cattle ranchers and farmers have robust access to new markets regardless of where their livestock is processed. We are grateful to Chairman Peterson and Rep. Lucas for their leadership and attention to this critical issue."

The RAMP UP Act authorizes federal grants

up to \$100,000 for existing meat processors to become federally inspected. Currently, state inspected and custom exempt processors cannot sell meat in interstate commerce and the process to become compliant with, and inspected by, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is expensive and daunting. If enacted, the RAMP UP Act would ease this burden on processors and benefit cattle producers by opening new markets for the beef they produce.

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## Harvest winding down, fall crops progressing

For the week ending July 5, 2020, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13% very short, 34% short, 52% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 34% short, 53% adequate, and 1% surplus.

44% good, and 8% excellent. Corn silking was 27%, ahead of 16% last year, but near 30% average. Dough was 4%, near 1% last year and 2% average.

Soybean condition rated 1% very poor, 7% poor, 35% fair, 52% good, and 5% excellent.

Soybeans emerged was 98%, ahead of 87% last year and 91% average. Blooming was 30%, well ahead of 5% last year, and ahead of 14% average. Setting pods was 1%, equal to average. Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 7% poor, 40% fair, 48% good, and 3% excellent. Sorghum headed was 6%, near 4% last year and 5%

average. Cotton condition rated 2% very poor, 9% poor, 52% fair, 35% good, and 2% excellent. Cotton squaring was 45%, well ahead of 22% last year and 24% average. Setting bolls was 4%. Sunflowers planted was 93%, ahead of 88% last year, and near 91% average. Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 4% very poor, 18% poor, 38% fair, 38% good, and 2% excellent. Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency.

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## 2020 Mitchell County Fair Schedule

<p><b>Tuesday, July 7th</b> (Beloit First Christian Church)</p> <p>8-11:00am: Judging of Clothing Construction &amp; Fiber Arts Judging of Fashion Revue Construction &amp; Buymanship – Virtual Fashion Revue will be on the 4-H facebook page</p> <p><b>Monday, July 20th</b> (Beloit First Christian Church)</p> <p>9:00am: Judging of 4-H Arts and Crafts Judging of 4-H Foods</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 21st</b></p> <p>8:00am: Post Rock District Dog Show (Osborne Fair Grounds)</p> <p>2:00pm: Mitchell County 4-H Pet Show (4-H Bldg.)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 22nd</b></p> <p>9:00am: 4-H can enter any exhibits in the 4-H Bldg. Horse Show</p> <p>9:30am: Judging of 4-H Photography</p> <p>10am: Judging of 4-H Horticulture, Flowers, &amp; Crops</p> <p>6-8:00pm: Livestock Check In/Open Class Check In</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 23rd</b></p> <p>8-9:30am: Enter all 4-H remaining exhibits to be judged.</p> <p>9:30am: Judging of 4-H Spacetech Judging of 4-H Woodworking, Electric, Welding, Entomology &amp; Geology</p> <p>10:00am: Judging of 4-H Rabbit Posters Poultry Judging of Open Class Poultry Posters Judging of 4-H Posters, Notebooks, Banners, Food Displays</p> <p>10:30am: Judging of 4-H Bucket Calf</p> <p>1:00pm: Judging of Open Class Arts &amp; Crafts Judging of Open Class Foods Judging of Open Class Flowers Judging of Open Class Photography Judging of Open Class Clothing &amp; Quilts</p> <p>2:30pm: Judging of Open Class Garden</p> <p>6:00pm: Laser Tag Opens</p>	<p>6:00pm: 4-H Beef Show Creature Feature</p> <p>7:00pm: Talking Tombstones Circus Act</p> <p>8:00pm: Marissa Budke</p> <p>9:00pm: Landon Eilert</p> <p><b>Friday, July 24th</b></p> <p>9:00am: Judging 4-H Swine, following swin will be 4-H Sheep &amp; Goats</p> <p>5:30pm: Jayden Rosebaugh</p> <p>6:00pm: Laser Tag Opens Circus Act</p> <p>6:00pm: NCK Dancers</p> <p>7:00pm: Wade Richard</p> <p>8:00pm: Kaylee McGuire Circus Act</p> <p>9:00pm: Cassie Patterson</p> <p>5-8:00pm: Beloit FFA Cow Pie Bingo tickets available</p> <p>6-8:00pm: Beloit FFA Hayrack Rides</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 25th</b></p> <p>7:30am: Superhero Fun Run</p> <p>9:00am: Round Robin</p> <p>12:00pm: Horseshow Tournament \$10/person, draw for a partner at start time, please call 308-390-2607</p> <p>Cornhole Tournament \$20/team, please contact the Beloit FFA chapter at 785-220-5679</p> <p>1:00pm: Kansas ud Racing – 10 classes visit kmra.net for rules and class information.</p> <p>1:30pm: Kids Pedal Tractor Pull-Qualify for State Fair</p> <p>2:00pm: Circus Act</p> <p>4:00pm: Circus Act</p> <p>5:00pm: 4-H &amp; FFA Livestock Premium Sale</p> <p>6:00pm: Laser Tag Opens</p> <p>6-10:00pm: Open Mic Night on the Free Stage feat. John Pearson, Anthony May, Cassie Patterson &amp; Francis McCune</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 26th</b></p> <p>8:00am - 12:00pm: Check Out Exhibits &amp; Clean Up</p>
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# The Riley County Fair will look different in 2020

The Riley County Fair will look quite a bit different this year, according to Gary Fike, county Extension director. "Until recently, we were planning to hold a regular 4-H fair, despite the loss of the rodeo and the carnival" said Fike. "However, given the rise in the number of COVID-19 cases, and subsequent backdown on the number of people allowed at public gatherings, we decided to go with 'Plan B.' The number of cases had been trending downward, and we saw that

as a positive, and felt we could move forward; with a 4-H fair that looked pretty normal. Originally the ban was to be lifted totally by July 1st," Fike stated. "That is no longer the case."

The Kaw Valley Rodeo canceled several weeks ago, due to several issues related to COVID-19; in part because of the requirements that the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) placed on local rodeo committees regarding contestants, sanitation and health proto-

cols, but also with concern on the part of the sponsors. On June 24th, Danny Ottaway, of Ottaway Amusements, informed Fike that they would not be coming to the Riley County Fair this year either. Along with that, because the carnival draws the majority of the crowd, vendors who had items for sale, especially food, have likewise decided not to come.

"So the plan was to hold a "normal" 4-H portion of the fair, which allows our members to exhibit their projects on display in Pottorf Hall, along with all of the animal projects being on the fairgrounds for five days. Projects such as photography, horticulture, woodworking, arts and crafts, clothing, and foods that we refer to as "static exhibits" would be available for the public to see after they had been judged, in Pottorf,

with the animals housed in the barns throughout the duration of the fair. But as the number of cases jumped in Riley County, it became readily apparent that we needed to modify the schedule and the process," said Fike.

Plan B is for all 4-H'ers to exhibit the same number of projects, but the static projects in Pottorf Hall will be judged one-on-one, utilizing social distancing, barriers, masks and hand sanitizers to mitigate the potential spread of the disease. This way, the members can get their projects evaluated by a qualified judge, and still receive awards and ribbons due to them. The projects will then go back home instead of being on display for the public to see. Clothing judging will still be held, but the public style revue will not.

The animal projects,

cattle, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits, and poultry will still be exhibited, but they will show up for their respective shows, be judged, and then go home with their animals the same day. Social distancing will be encouraged, as well as the use of masks at the livestock shows, to comply with the recent city commission ordinance. There will also be a livestock premium sale, but instead of the animals going through the sale ring, bidders will see the 4-H member with their animal on a large screen and place their bids.

The county fair horse show will still be held on Saturday, July 18th in Wells Arena. This show has always been a come-and-go show, with horses and kids arriving in the morning, staying all day for the show, and then returning home. Social

distancing is very easily accomplished during this event, Fike advised.

Because of the concerns, there also will not be any open class exhibits in 2020. This includes the berry pie contest, pedal tractor pull, livestock judging contest, and round robin showmanship.

"It's disappointing in many ways, and I'm sure there are very few people who are excited about the different format," Fike says, "but in the end, we are trying to be responsible and accountable to the public, and at the same time, allow the 4-H'er and their families to grow in their project areas in terms of new skills and knowledge gained. After all, that is truly what the 4-H program is all about."

Fike encourages the public to see updates on the fair at: rileycountyfair.com



T Bar T Ten X 40G won grand champion steer at the 2020 Northeast Kansas Jr Angus Show, June 20 in Effingham. Cole Kucan, Holton, owns the January 2019 son of T Bar T T EN X 79E. Wyatt Durst, Washington, evaluated the 42 entries. Photo by Anne Lampe

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**By Adaven Scronce, diversified agriculture and natural resource agent, Wildcat Extension District**

While aquatic plants are a natural part of the aquatic ecosystem, it is common for them to become too prevalent and control efforts may need to be implemented. Although aquatic plants can be a problem if they are too abundant, not all aquatic plants are bad. In fact, vegetation in and around ponds is valuable for fish and wildlife habitat and can also help reduce stream bank erosion. When aquatic plants become too prevalent and start to overtake a pond they are referred to as aquatic weeds and some

control is necessary. When considering aquatic weed control, remember these two points: prevention is always better than treatment and you must identify the weeds to determine the best option for control.

### Prevention

Keeping weeds from ever becoming a problem is much better than trying to treat and control them once they become established. Reducing fertilizer runoff into your pond and reducing the amount of silt running into your pond are two of the best prevention strategies. Grass is a great sponge for absorbing fertilizers like nitrogen and phosphorus, helping to prevent these chemical elements from running off from surrounding areas and into the pond. Less fertilizer in the water means fewer weed problems. Maintaining a grass buffer strip around your pond is a great way to manage both of these strategies. The continuous barrier

of permanent grass that the buffer strip creates will help intercept soil particles and nutrients as they wash off surrounding fields or lawns. It will also help limit sediment washing into your pond, which causes decreased water depth and increased weed issues. Taking a serious look at what you can do to prevent problems will be significantly cheaper than dredging out a silted-in pond or applying some of the weed controls listed below.

### Control

The first step in controlling aquatic weeds is to properly identify the type of weed that is in the pond or at least correctly classify it. Aquatic weeds are classified into four categories; floating plants, submerged plants, emersed plants, and marginal plants. Not knowing the type of aquatic weed you are trying to control can lead to wasted money on products that do not

work and delay getting control of the situation. If you are unsure what type of aquatic weeds are in your pond, you can bring a sample to your local Extension office for identification.

When it comes to aquatic weeds, there are many options for control. These options are briefly described below.

- Mechanical and physical control - Pulling, raking or physically removing weeds. This can be a good way to control small quantities.

- Biological - Grass carp are a non-native, plant-eating fish that will reduce the abundance of some aquatic plants. However, grass carp are not the "fix-all" in terms of aquatic plant management because they prefer certain types of plants over others which can limit their usefulness. Grass carp may also increase the occurrence of algae blooms as a result of their redistributing nutrients in the water.

- Herbicides - There are a number of herbicides that control aquatic weeds, but you must match the correct product with the correct weed. Always read the label for specific rates and application instructions, and follow any restrictions that apply.

When managing a pond it is important to remember that prevention and quick action will be the best lines of defense when it comes to aquatic weeds. Nutrient runoff and shallow water systems are major contributors to the growth of aquatic plant life. It is also important to remember that aquatic plants are part of the natural ecosystem and provide many benefits to surrounding aquatic life. For more specific information, refer to K-State Research and Extension's publication titled, "Aquatic Plants and Their Control."

For more information, please contact Adaven Scronce, Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, adaven@ksu.edu or (620) 331-2690

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# Newly released white paper addresses crop insurance access

The backbone of rural communities in the Midwest, family farm operations rely on sound risk management options and practices to keep going.

A tool for many farmers to manage risk is federal crop insurance. However, according to a white paper released by the Center for Rural Affairs, it is not an option used by all farms and ranches.

Authored by policy manager Anna Johnson, the white paper "Crop Insurance: Taking a Look at Access in Nebraska and Iowa" outlines the Center's outreach efforts with underserved producers, which first began in 2017 and expanded in 2019.

Traditional crop insurance is available mostly for corn, wheat, and soybeans, leaving out many organic, small grain, fruit, and vegetable crops and livestock.



T Bar T Eve 233G won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female at the 2020 Northeast Kansas Jr Angus Show, June 20 in Effingham. Cole Kucan, Holton, owns the October 2019 daughter of Boyd Dynamic 6118, which was shown by Bridgett Kucan. Wyatt Durst, Washington, evaluated the 42 entries.

Photo by Anne Lampe



Lafins Power Bull 9748 won grand champion bred-and-owned bull at the 2020 Northeast Kansas Jr Angus Show, June 20 in Effingham. Tate Lafin, Olsburg, owns the September 2019 son of S Powerpoint WS 5503. Wyatt Durst, Washington, evaluated the 42 entries.

Photo by Anne Lampe

In outreach efforts, Center staff stressed the value of diversification.

"Diversification can be another important strategy for mitigating risk," Johnson said. "But, lack of access to reliable crop insurance is one reason many farmers avoid incorporating additional crops into their operation."

As outlined in the paper, the federal crop insurance product Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) may make diversifying easier. Available nationally, WFRP can be purchased along with other standard crop insurance for corn and soybeans, to add protection for third or fourth crops or livestock.

## 4-H shooting sports team eyes fall season

Anissa Jepsen had to figure that there was little or nothing the Kansas 4-H National Shooting Sports team could do once the global pandemic forced most Americans inside in March.

To refine your marksmanship, you really need to be outside shooting at targets, you know.

Yet nearly two dozen Kansas 4-H youth and their coaches were able to put their skills to the test in a first-ever virtual shooting sports quiz bowl recently.

"The process was a little complicated just because it's something we haven't done before," said Jepsen, an instructor with the Kansas 4-H Youth Development state office. "But of course our Kansas youth and families were able to navigate that and participate."

Nineteen Kansas youth participated in junior, intermediate or senior divisions of the quiz bowl, which is essentially a test of participant's knowledge. Each participating state formed teams to answer questions in competition with teams from other states.

It wasn't the same as lining up and taking aim at targets, "but I believe it was a very good experience, and we're looking for more of those opportunities in the future," Jepsen said, noting that results will be posted soon on the Kansas 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page.

The quiz bowl, Jepsen said, symbolized 4-H members' ability to adjust to



Participants in the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program resumed practices July 5 in preparation for the Fall season.

the abrupt shift in plans for this year's 4-H shooting sports program.

"Across the country, we've all been struggling with ways that we can adapt and overcome the challenges we faced," she said. "One good thing about our 4-H kids is they are resilient. We will handle the challenges we faced this year and come back stronger."

That process starts now. As of July 5, Kansas 4-H shooting sports partici-

Though a variety of options are available to manage risk, the Center's outreach efforts indicated there was a general lack of understanding among many diversified farmers about how crop insurance works and its value.

"While they are concerned about risk, many farmers and ranchers of diverse crops and livestock don't see crop insurance as a viable risk management option," Johnson said.

To read the full white paper, "Crop Insurance: Taking a Look at Access in Nebraska and Iowa," visit [cra.org/publications/CropInsuranceAccess](http://cra.org/publications/CropInsuranceAccess).

the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state of Kansas. Our shooting sports volunteers need to make sure they are in contact with their county health department and doing what is needed to keep youth safe."

Jepsen said the state's 4-H program plans to hold qualifying matches for the state shooting matches that will occur in the fall. The state matches are as follows:

September 26 - archery (Lindsborg).

October 3 - hunting skills, muzzle loading and small bore (Topeka).

October 10-11 - shotgun (Wichita).

Oct. 17-18 - Western heritage (location TBD).

Information on those contests is available from local Kansas Extension agents.

Jepsen said the state's shooting sports program has scheduled a training session Nov. 7-8 in Cimarron for those interested in becoming instructors. She said instructors must be qualified and trained, and each local program requires a ratio of instructors to participants for safety purposes.

Those interested in becoming instructors or volunteers for their local shooting sports program are encouraged to contact their local Extension agent. More information also is available on Facebook, and the Kansas 4-H Youth Development website.

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## Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year nominations accepted until Aug. 20

Farmers are invited to submit nominations for the 2021 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest, with support from Purina. This is the third year of the contest, which celebrates farm dogs that work alongside farmers and ranchers to produce nutritious food for families and their pets across America.

The grand prize winner - Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year - will win a year's worth of Purina dog food and \$5,000 in prize money. The winner will be recognized at a Farm Dog of the Year award ceremony at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in January. Up to four regional runners-up\* will win \$1,000 each in

prize money.

"We're pleased to continue this award, which provides a great point of connection for the general public to get a glimpse into farm life," said AFBF president Zippy Duvall. "It's especially appropriate after a year of unprecedented challenges in agriculture to recognize the dual role farm dogs often play as both working dogs and companions to farm families."

According to scientific research insights provided by Farm Bureau's partner Purina, living with pets can provide marked health benefits. For example, spending just 30 minutes with a dog has been proven to boost human levels of oxytocin, which has been found to reduce stress, fight depression and create feelings of trust.

"Even in these uncertain times, farm and ranch work doesn't stop, and farmers count on farm dogs to be right there to

face these challenges together," Duvall said.

Desired attributes in the Farm Dog of the Year include helpfulness to the farmer and his/her family, playfulness and obedience. The 2021 Farm Dog of the Year will also be featured in a video.

"Purina is proud to support the American Farm Bureau Federation's Farm Dog of the Year contest," said Jack Scott, VP of sustainability at Purina. "We understand the positive impacts pets have on people's lives as companions and contributors to farmers' and ranchers' operations. All of the fantastic submissions we receive truly help demonstrate that people and pets are better together, and we look forward to hearing and seeing many more stories in this year's contest."

Farm dog owners must be Farm Bureau members to enter their dogs in the competition. Applicants who are not Farm Bureau

members can visit [fb.org/](http://fb.org/) to join to learn about becoming a member.

Eligibility guidelines and submission requirements are available at <https://fb.org/2021farmdog>. Farm Dog of the Year nominations, which include written responses to questions, still photos and a video clip (optional), must be received by Aug. 20, 2020, for consideration. The Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest is sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

People's Choice Pup was a popular element of the 2020 contest. More than 100,000 social media followers voted, commented, shared or liked their favorite dog. People's Choice Pup will return for the 2021 contest, with profiles of the top ten dogs shared starting in October, with the public invited to vote. Bragging rights and a \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the People's Choice Pup.

**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; concrete 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 & neck; 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; Goebel figures; corner shelf; carnival 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; Hams beer sign; old world globe; toy boats; toy train cars; Red Book 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.

NOTE: Karen & Hershel are downsizing, this is a large auction with many quality collectibles. They have collected for many years. Check our website for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com)  
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Always great online Equipment auctions — [www.purplewave.com](http://www.purplewave.com)

July 13 — 2015 GMC Denali pickup, JD 260 skid steer, accessories, JD 3046 tractor with loader, machinery, 32' trailer, livestock equipment, tools, shop supplies & miscellaneous held North of Abilene for Gary & Dixie Bergmeier. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

July 14 — Online Real Estate auction - 3 tracts of land including Tract 1: 310 acres m/l native grass, timber, excellent hunting; Tract 2: 478 acres m/l native grass, some timber; Tract 3: 788 acres m/l native grass, timber, plentiful water supply at Yates Center. Online at: [www.vaughnroth.com](http://www.vaughnroth.com). Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers.

July 15 — 235.4 acres m/l of Osage and Wabaunsee Counties farmland offered in four tracts held at Harveyville. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

July 16 — Automobiles including 1992 Chevy LT1 blue Corvette, 2 door coupe, 2004 Dodge Ram 3500, household, collectibles & miscellaneous held at Beatrice for Steven G. Wehmer Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin, Sommerhalder.

July 18 — Firearms including competition high quality 22 LR rifles & others, pistols, knives & 25,000+ rounds of ammo, reloading supplies held at Benton for Robert Singleton Estate. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC, Vern Koch & Mike Flavin.

July 18 — Cargo trailer, furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles, misc. tools, household, chicken coops & more at Portis for Don Chegwidan Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

July 18 — Toys, glass & collectibles including furniture, Fostoria, Hull, Depression, Pyrex, Nippon, pottery, bell collection, quilts, jewelry, JD, Tonka, American Flyer & more vintage toys, crocks, Santa Fe calendars, some coins & much more at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 18 — Pickups,

trucks, tractors, combines, machinery held near Eskridge for Beulah Scholes Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

July 18 — Household goods & miscellaneous held North of Abilene for Gary & Dixie Bergmeier. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

July 18 — Tractor & 3 pt. equipment zero turn mower, log splitter, lawn & garden equipment, trailer, tools & shop items, furniture & household, camping, fishing & outdoor equipment, lawn & patio furniture, antiques & collectibles, clothing & misc. at Burlington for James David & Julijanna Lichlyter. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

July 19 — Barber items, railroad collectibles, dolls, toys & other collectibles including signs, Coca Cola, dolls, comic books, baseball pennants, Wizard of Oz puzzle, books, angel collection, marble collection, button collection & much more held at Salina for Karen & Hershel Huffman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 19 — Gun auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 20 — 320 acres m/l of McPherson County farmland sold in 2 tracts held at McPherson for Jim & Cindy Cooperider. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction, Farmers National Company.

July 21 — Online Real Estate auction - 3 tracts of land including Tract 1: 3 BR, 1 BA residence, newer shop and 5 acres; Tract 2: 74 acres m/l tillable land adjoining Tract 1; Tract 3: Combination of Tracts 1 & 2 at Burlington. Online at: [www.vaughnroth.com](http://www.vaughnroth.com). Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers.

July 25 — 2 storage units full of tools, engines and shop items held at 1st location in Manhattan. 2nd location selling bumper hitch tandem axle car/implement trailer, generator on trailer, lawn & garden tools, shop & tool items, fence posts, greenhouse frame & cover & lots more held at Manhattan (2 locations) for Stan Ehler Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 25 — Vehicles, motorcycle, ATV, trailers, tractors, skid steer, manlift, guns, tools, equipment & implements & much more held at Benton for Frank & Janet Duvanel retirement auction. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Land Brokers, Joe Sund-

gren & Jeremy Sundgren.

July 25 — Tractors, trucks & farm machinery, telehandler, construction & woodworking equipment held near Burns for Jantz Carpentry, Ron & Kelley Jantz. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

July 25 — Real estate with 2BR, 1.75BA ranch-style home, storage shed, shop building; 2008 GMC Envoy SUV, furniture, appliances, antiques, guns, household, coins & stamps, shop items held at the North edge of Scott City for M.E. (Doc) Niedens Estate. Auctioneers: Berning Auction Co.

July 25 — Farm equipment, vehicles, antiques held Southwest of Barnes for Dennis & Judy Woerman. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

July 25 — Annual July Consignment Auction consisting of 2000+ pieces of machinery held at Paris, Missouri. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

July 25 — Old vehicles, tractors, large power tools, shop supplies, stationary engine, miniature dozer, furniture & antiques held at Palmer for Leonard & Vivian Herrs. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

July 25 — 2015 Chevy Silverado crew cab 4x4, small tractors & 3 pt. equipment, trailers, metal lathe, shop tools & 34 guns held at Leroy for Kenneth & Sherry Garrett. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

July 27 — 110 acres m/l of Marion County farmland with easy access held at Goessel. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

July 30 — House, pickups, mower, tiller, household & miscellaneous at Miltonvale for Merlin Adey Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

August 1 — Antiques &

collectibles at Hanover for the Heirs of Bill & Louise Dierking. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

August 1 — 1958 Chevy truck, car trailer, lots of plumbing & heating & air supplies held at Wamego for Butler Plumbing, Dennis & Betty Butler, owners. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 8 — Jeep, tractors, ATV, farm & shop equipment, blacksmithing tools, primitives held South of Fairbury, Nebraska for Mrs. Bruce A. Junker. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

August 8 — Contents and beam house (to be taken down and removed from property) held SW of Lindsborg for Hoffman Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 8 & 15 — Household, antiques and miscellaneous at Herington for Irene Finley Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 15 — Farm auction held at Baldwin City (Vinland Fairgrounds) for J.C. Brown Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Company.

August 15 — New Strawn Consignment auction including tractors,

trucks, vehicles, farm & ranch equipment, lawn & garden, trailers, tools, building materials, farm misc. & more held at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Darwin Kurtz, Lyle Williams, Laverne Yoder; Richard Newkirk, sales manager; Larry Hermon, asst. sales manager.

August 22 — 2008 PR Cruiser, Retro lighted juke box, furniture, large floor scale, household, holiday decor, collectibles, large trampoline held just west of Junction City for Thomas & Mary Ballowe Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

August 22 (rescheduled from June 6) — Farm machinery, trailers, 1976 Lincoln, antiques, farm supplies, tools, iron & miscellaneous held at Talmage for Twila (Mrs. Rosie) Holt. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 28 — Farm machinery, iron, shop tools & miscellaneous held near Herington for Duane Strada. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 30 — Gun auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 31 — Farm machinery, new skid steer,

nice pickups & more at Clay Center for The Lorenz Karmann Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

September 19 — Household goods & collectibles at Clay Center for Betty (Mrs. Grant) Sump. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

October 28 — Fink Beef Genetics Production Sale held at Randolph. Contact Galen Fink at 785-532-9936.

December 5 — Consignment auction held at Wetmore for St. James Catholic Church. Early consignments contact Bill Burdick (785-547-5082) or Ron Burdick (785-207-0434).

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# AUCTION

## SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo 900 Greeley in SALINA, KS

**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; **TOYS:** 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 & Weston 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; Tuck's 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 Vargas pinups; 46 star flags; Kansas railroad maps (1907, 1915, 1928); female mannequins; pocket watches (Elgin, Hampden, Special Railway); railroad lanterns (MKT, Burlington Route, Rock Island, CSPM & ORY, Adlake switch signal); ATSF coal bucket; Trolley bell; oil stove; kitchen items; leather purse; Wallace tractor hood ornament; chicken nests & feeder; buckets; wooden cabinet; railroad jack; branding irons; primitives; crock bowls; wood bowls; assortment book ends; apple peeler; sausage press; brass bucket & coffee pot; sad irons; cast iron door stop; lamp fixtures; 50's pink Coleman cooler; copper boiler; early 1900's newspapers; Youth Companion; Farm Journal; Santa Fe calendars; Kennedy half's; silver certificates; Indian head pennies; commemorative coins; large assortment of other collectibles.

**Note: Check our web site for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com). This is a large auction from 4 local collectors with many good collectibles, large amount of toys.**

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was lookin' for had been bought by a trader! "What'd he pay?" asked Mike. "Fifty-six cents a pound." In a panic he tracked down the trader. He'd run the bull through the Brush sale. The trader said he broke even. Packerland had bought him as a baloney bull! Mike drove all night to Packerland in a desperate effort to save his bull! "No," they said, "he was too thin to kill" so they'd sent him to a feedlot in Rocky Ford! Mike smelled like

burnin' rubber and was chewin' the upholstery when he boiled into the feedlot in a cloud of dust! The foreman was surprised but led him over to the receiving pens. There stood Mike's future; road-worn, coughin' and covered with sale barn tags! Mike's knees were shakin'! "Nice bull," said the foreman, "But ya cut 'er close, sonny. Tomorrow evenin' he'da looked a lot different without his horns and cojones!"

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STEERS			
400-500	\$160.00 - \$170.00	50 blk Hope	923@132.50
500-600	\$148.00 - \$157.50	62 blk Jay, OK	854@132.50
600-700	\$144.50 - \$154.00	55 blk Uniontown	949@131.35
700-800	\$135.00 - \$142.00	113 blk Jay, OK	937@130.75
800-900	\$129.00 - \$133.75	53 mix Uniontown	951@130.00
900-1,000	\$128.00 - \$132.50	60 mix Valley Center	897@129.25
		60 mix Hope	1003@128.00

HEIFERS			
300-400	\$146.00 - \$155.00	7 red Burrton	408@157.00
400-500	\$150.00 - \$157.00	2 red Burrton	340@155.00
500-600	\$135.00 - \$141.00	5 red Partridge	457@153.00
600-700	\$133.00 - \$143.50	4 mix Salina	443@148.00
700-800	\$127.00 - \$134.50	17 mix Riley	644@143.50
800-900	\$120.00 - \$126.85	23 blk Gypsum	677@141.75
900-1,000	\$110.00 - \$122.00	14 mix Riley	529@141.00

**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020:**

STEERS			
3 red Partridge	442@170.00	5 blk Gypsum	617@138.00
3 blk Newton	540@157.50	21 mix Ellsworth	644@137.00
6 mix Newton	656@154.00	4 mix Miltonvale	619@135.50
17 blk Gypsum	652@153.50	4 red Maize	570@135.00
6 mix Riley	601@153.00	30 mix Olpe	715@134.50
12 mix Riley	664@153.00	31 mix Whitewater	720@134.00
26 red Maize	674@150.00	5 blk Lost Springs	686@133.00
10 mix Salina	625@146.00	54 mix Riley	717@132.25
15 mix Ellsworth	699@144.50	42 mix Gypsum	771@131.00
8 blk Lost Springs	756@142.00	64 mix Whitewater	774@130.75
7 mix Olpe	745@138.50	29 blk Assaria	771@129.00
17 blk Gypsum	769@137.50	66 blk Tampa	782@128.50
57 mix Assaria	813@136.25	58 mix Assaria	783@127.50
11 mix Gypsum	740@135.50	71 mix Salina	836@126.85
55 mix Hope	852@133.75	63 mix Hillsboro	808@126.25
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- 120 Black S&H home raised, long time weaned, vacc 500-650
- 55 Black S&H home raised, weaned, vacc 600-700
- 24 Heifers long time weaned, off grass 700
- 54 Black Sim/Angus S&H long time weaned(5/13), vacc, 500-650
- 35 Black S&H 2 rounds vacc 700-800
- 46 Black S&H open, vacc 600-800
- 24 S&H Spring vaccs 500-700
- 50 Char S&H 600-800
- 68 Black Steers Yearlings, grass 800
- 35 Black S&H (mostly steers) 2 rounds vacc 600-800
- 80 Black S&H home raised, off grass, 2 rounds vacc, 45 days weaned 600-800
- 31 Mostly Black S&H home raised 550-700
- 60 Black & Red Steers 850-900
- 20 Mostly Steers home raised, weaned 600-650
- 65 Heifers off grass 750-850
- 27 Black S&H vacc, home raised 600
- 22 Steers home raised, grass, long time weaned 850
- 41 Heifers home raised, long time weaned, grass 750
- 10 Steers home raised, long time weaned, grass 800
- 35 Black S&H vacc, home raised 600-800
- 19 Mostly Black S&H weaned April 1st, home raised, vacc 700-750
- 12 S&H home raised, black 700-750

**COW SALE: MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 \* Starts at 6:00 PM**

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**COWS & PAIRS:**

- 140 Black Cows 3-5 yrs. Bred Angus, several calves on the ground.
- 25 Black Cows running age. Bred Angus, Fall bred
- 10 Red Angus, bred Red Angus, Fall bred
- 36/36 Black/BWF Cows, all 2013 models , big calves, bred back same bulls, One Iron 3 n 1's
- 55 Mostly Black Cows 3-5 yrs, August 1 70 days, bred Stafford or Poland Angus
- 53 Black/BWF Cows, One Iron 3-7 yrs, bred WindMill Angus sons of SAU Comando & TC Forthnight Sept 1 for 70 days, selling due to dry conditions
- 34/34 Black Pairs 3-5 yrs RdWF & BWF calves 300# plus, bred back to Hrn Hereford for 45 days plus
- 42 Black Cows 4-5 yrs, bred Angus sons of Griswold Money Earned, Sept 20 for 50 days