



By Julia Debes

The iconic chalkboard filled with lessons on policy and life alike has been erased for the final time following the loss of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh on Nov. 2. Kansas Wheat joins this generations of students – both in the classroom and in life – in celebrating Flinchbaugh's legacy of agricultural policy work, industry guidance and personal mentorship.

Flinchbaugh joined the faculty at Kansas State University in 1971 after earning a doctoral degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University and bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State University. He taught thousands of students across three generations in his 400-level course in agricultural policy each fall. He delighted in comparing grades between parents and children who had both taken this class and was quick to offer assistance and mentorship.

Dean Stoskopf, wheat industry leader from Hoisington, took Flinchbaugh's class in 1976,



Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh and Dalton Henry, vice president of policy at U.S. Wheat Associates and former Flinchbaugh teaching assistant, at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center.

back in the days when students furiously writing essay questions would see a cloud of green smoke float over their shoulders as Flinchbaugh smoked cigars in class. From the very start of his teaching career, he says the professor pushed students to look objectively at issues instead of automatically taking one side or another.

Stoskopf was one of many that Flinchbaugh would push to get involved

in organizations like the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. He assisted these up-and-coming "whippersnappers" to work through fundamental differences between the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Wheat Commission and transition to the current era of unified leadership. He also pushed for Kansas wheat farmers to assume larger leadership positions and

take advantage of strong and strategic roles for Kansas political leaders at the highest levels of government.

"We all have wonderful memories of Dr. Flinchbaugh," said Ron Suppes, wheat farmer-leader from Dighton. "Twice he recognized me personally, including when he introduced me to an audience and called me one of his students – which I wasn't. And the second when he asked me to run for Congress. Both times I was more than humbled. I will truly miss him."

With unabashed wit and unapologetic insight, Flinchbaugh was a titan in shaping agricultural policy. In Kansas, he campaigned for use value appraisal for agricultural property and spoke against severance taxes among many other issues. Nationally, he was involved in every U.S. farm bill written since 1968 and was an advisor to countless boards, advisory groups and task forces in addition to dozens of speaking engagements each year. He served as the chairman of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, which was authorized in the 1996 Federal Activities Inventory Reform, or

FAIR, Act, also known as the Freedom to Farm Act.

Despite this prestige, Stoskopf and his wife Mary Anne remember how they would often spot him chatting with farm hands, family members or tour guides during trips with fellow wheat farmers to Europe, Cuba and the Pacific Northwest. In this way, he was not only agriculture's greatest teacher, but also one of its strongest listeners, taking in ideas and insight from all sides and all levels.

"Flinchbaugh obviously knew more about the ins and outs of government policy than anybody else, but he also found those other angles to provide context to what was being discussed," said Mary Anne Stoskopf. "People were comfortable talking with him at all levels, from ministers of policy down to the regular people in the workforce." Flinchbaugh was a huge supporter of the wheat industry. The Ag Policy Office at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center was named after him, with his donation to the future of wheat research through the Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation.

Flinchbaugh will be remembered for his les-

sons, his leadership and his mentorship of countless members of the agricultural community. Our hearts are with his wife Cathy and his family as he is laid to rest in a private family burial. A celebration of life is expected to follow after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Many of you will remember him for his work on farm policy, but I'll remember him at least as much for his ability to hit me across the room with a marker when I wasn't quick enough erasing the whiteboard for him in AGECON 410," said Dalton Henry, vice president of policy at U.S. Wheat Associates and former Flinchbaugh teaching assistant. "Like many others, I owe an awful lot of where I am to the good doctor. The world will sorely miss his willingness to call it like he saw it, refusal to give into petty politics and his belief in the students who took his class."

Memorial contributions may be given to the Flinchbaugh Undergraduate Scholarship Fund or the Flinchbaugh Ag Policy Chair, both in care of KSU Foundation, 1800 Kimball Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan, KS 66502-3373 or online at www.ksufoundation.org.

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## Management of cows with limited forage available

By Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University Emeritus Extension animal scientist

Some cow calf producers in the Midwest and

Southwest are going into winter with very limited hay supplies and standing forage. As they search for alternative methods to

keep the cows in adequate body condition this winter, some were planning on wheat pasture that so far has not received enough rain to grow. Therefore it has become time to look for Plan B (or C or D). Most of the alternatives after wheat pasture are not easy or are they inexpensive.

Information that may provide guidelines for alternative winter feeding methods can be found in an Oklahoma State University Extension Fact Sheet: ANSI-3034 called "Management of Cows with Limited Forage Availability."

In this fact sheet you will find:

Culling suggestions (if that has not already been done);

Recommendations about how much hay is needed if it is to be purchased;

Limit-feeding grain with limited forage available

Suggested complete diets for cows fed in drylot

Limit energy concentrate feeding management tips

**Limit feeding of hay**

Some of the suggestions in the fact sheet require great skill and discipline on the part of the herd manager. Limiting the time that cows have access to the hay bales has been studied at a couple of upper Midwest land grant universities. The hay usage has been reduced in these studies with minimal impacts on cow weight change and condition change. However, it must be noted that high quality hay (ranging from 9.5% to 17% crude protein) was utilized in these studies.

Hay with lower protein content (less than 8% crude protein) could not meet the needs of third trimester cows, if intake was restricted. Therefore more supplemental feed would be required to help cows maintain body condition through the winter. Also remember that additional labor would be required to move cows each day to and from the hay feeding area. A summary of the studies on limit feeding of hay can be found in Dr. Britt Hicks' newsletter written during the drought of 2011.

As you read the fact sheet (ANSI-3034) be reminded that feed handling equipment, feed bunks, and well-fenced lots or sacrifice pastures are necessary for many of these alternatives. Study the lesson extensively before undertaking some of these alternatives. The price of many grain-based diets must be considered as well as the management challenges. Read Oklahoma State University Extension Fact Sheet ANSI-3034 (<http://pods.dasn.okstate.edu/docshare/dsweb/Get/Document-4968/ANSI-3034web.pdf>) before winter sets in.

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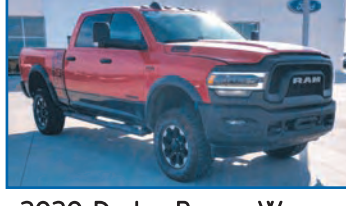
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**Legal Desc:** Northwest 1/4 33-2-2W of 6th P.M.

**FSA Info:** Total base acres; 120.78

Wheat, 53.9 acres Beans, 66.88 acres. PLC - Soybeans, Wheat

*This tract is located approximately 3.5 miles East and 2 miles North of Belleville, KS. 210 and Marble Rd. is the Northwest corner of the farm.*

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# C-CHANGE underscores role of agriculture as a problem-solver

A new – and what is expected to be an increasingly influential – player in the climate smart agriculture arena spread its wings earlier this month, staging its initial conference, which focused on expanding the value chain for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) generated from mixed agricultural feedstocks.

The Consortium for Cultivating Human And Naturally reGenerative Enterprises, or C-CHANGE, is a product of Iowa State University's (ISU) Presidential Interdisciplinary Research Initiative (PIRI) and aims to catalyze new science and engineering breakthroughs to deliver abundant, affordable and safe food to 10 billion people without compromising the Earth's supportive capacity in the long term.

C-CHANGE – one of the newest of the 15 interdisciplinary research teams created by PIRI since 2012 – structured

the conference this month to share information and generate discussion about multiple RNG-related topics, including feedstocks, anaerobic digestion, co-products, distribution, financing, policy, market opportunities and societal impact.

Participating in the conference were agricultural business and energy industry representatives, farmers and farmland owners, entrepreneurs, college and graduate students, researchers, governmental officials and representatives of agricultural, energy and environmental non-governmental organizations.

The conference underscored the major business and income opportunities, the growth in jobs and the environmental benefits that are all available to producers and local communities through the expansion of RNG production, giving farmers and value chain partners the incentive to invest in a

product that can build resilience, boost conservation and promote renewable energy.

Among those invited to address the conference were Sfl board member Ray Gaesser, an Iowa corn and soybean grower who also chairs the Enabling Policy Committee of the North America Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (NACSAA); Bryan Sievers, vice chair of the American Biogas Council, and head of Sievers Family Farms and AgriReNew located near Davenport; Matt Russell, a fifth-generation Iowa farmer and an Sfl Farmer Envoy; and Sfl president Ernie Shea.

Participation in the conference reflects the aims of the ongoing Iowa Smart Agriculture Initiative, in which Sfl and ISU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences are supporting a special, self-directed Work Group composed of state agricultural, business, academic, government and

conservation leaders, who are examining ways to keep Iowa agriculture profitable while providing nutritious food, clean energy, and ecosystem services such as water filtration and carbon sequestration. These leaders are exploring and assessing the impacts that extreme weather events and changing climatic conditions are having and are expected to have on the state's number one industry.

Farmers, agribusinesses and rural communities across the state are already experiencing the impacts of climate change and know that the threats to their livelihood are increasing. The overarching goal of this smart agriculture initiative is to inspire and empower agricultural leaders to become leaders in the broader discussion of climate smart agriculture (CSA), including adaptation and mitigation strategies.

The current IASA project aligned well with the C-CHANGE conference topic as the work group is exploring the feasibility of using cover crops, which help retain carbon in the soil, as a feedstock for anaerobic digestion, which produces renewable natural gas that can be used to fire generators and produce electrical power.

The C-CHANGE conference is a commendable example of the Sfl land model management characterized by generating multi-stakeholder collaboration that can integrate various problem-solving efforts, which, in turn, can be implemented on a landscape scale and provide market-based mechanisms that can boost ecosystem services.



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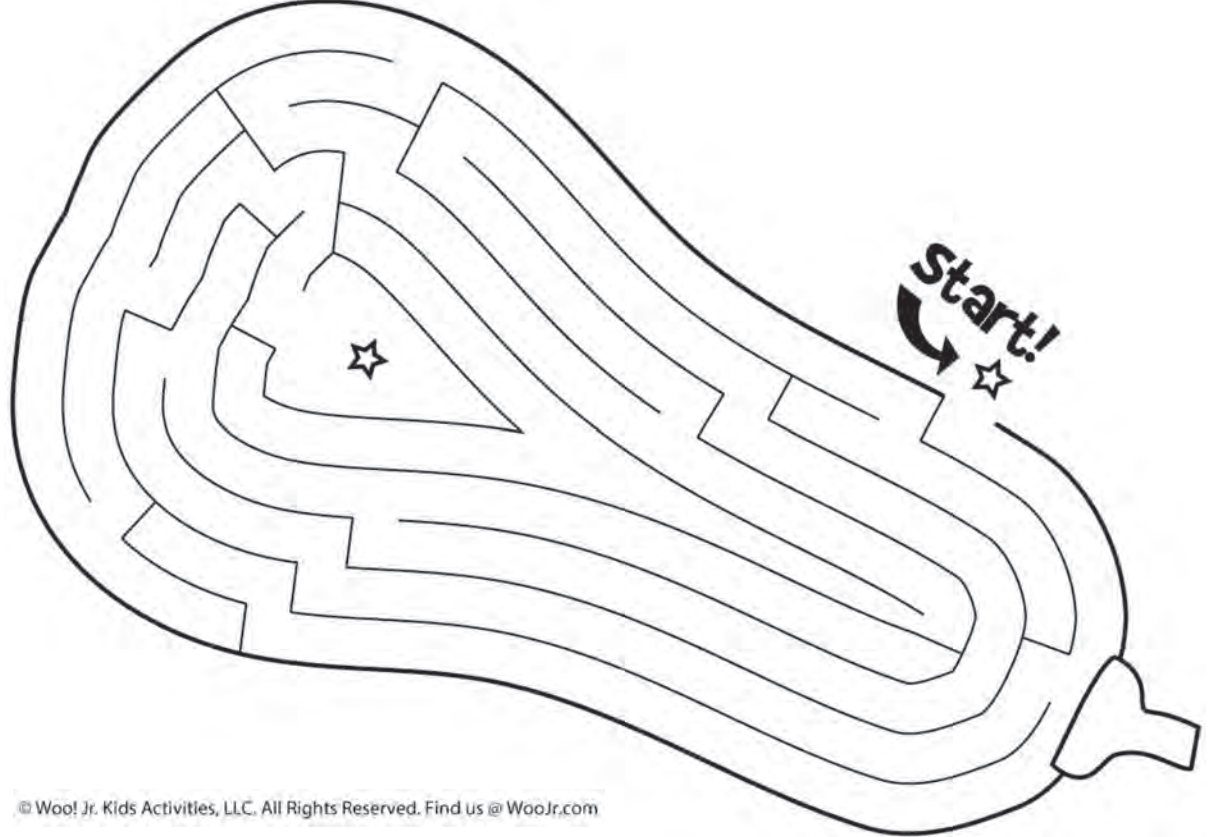
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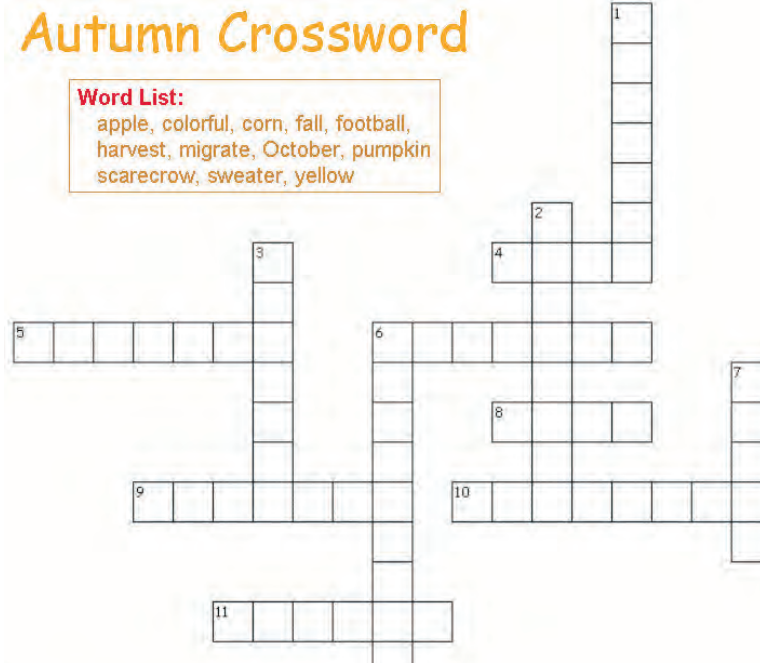
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### Autumn Crossword

**Word List:**  
apple, colorful, corn, fall, football, harvest, migrate, October, pumpkin scarecrow, sweater, yellow



**Across**

- 4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
- 5. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
- 6. Something people wear during autumn.
- 8. Another word for autumn.
- 9. Many animals do this in the autumn.
- 10. The way trees look during autumn.
- 11. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.

**Down**

- 1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
- 2. A sport that starts in autumn.
- 3. The middle month of autumn.
- 6. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
- 7. A crisp, red fruit.

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