

2021 Cattle Empire Edition

Kansas cattle inventory hits 6.5 million head

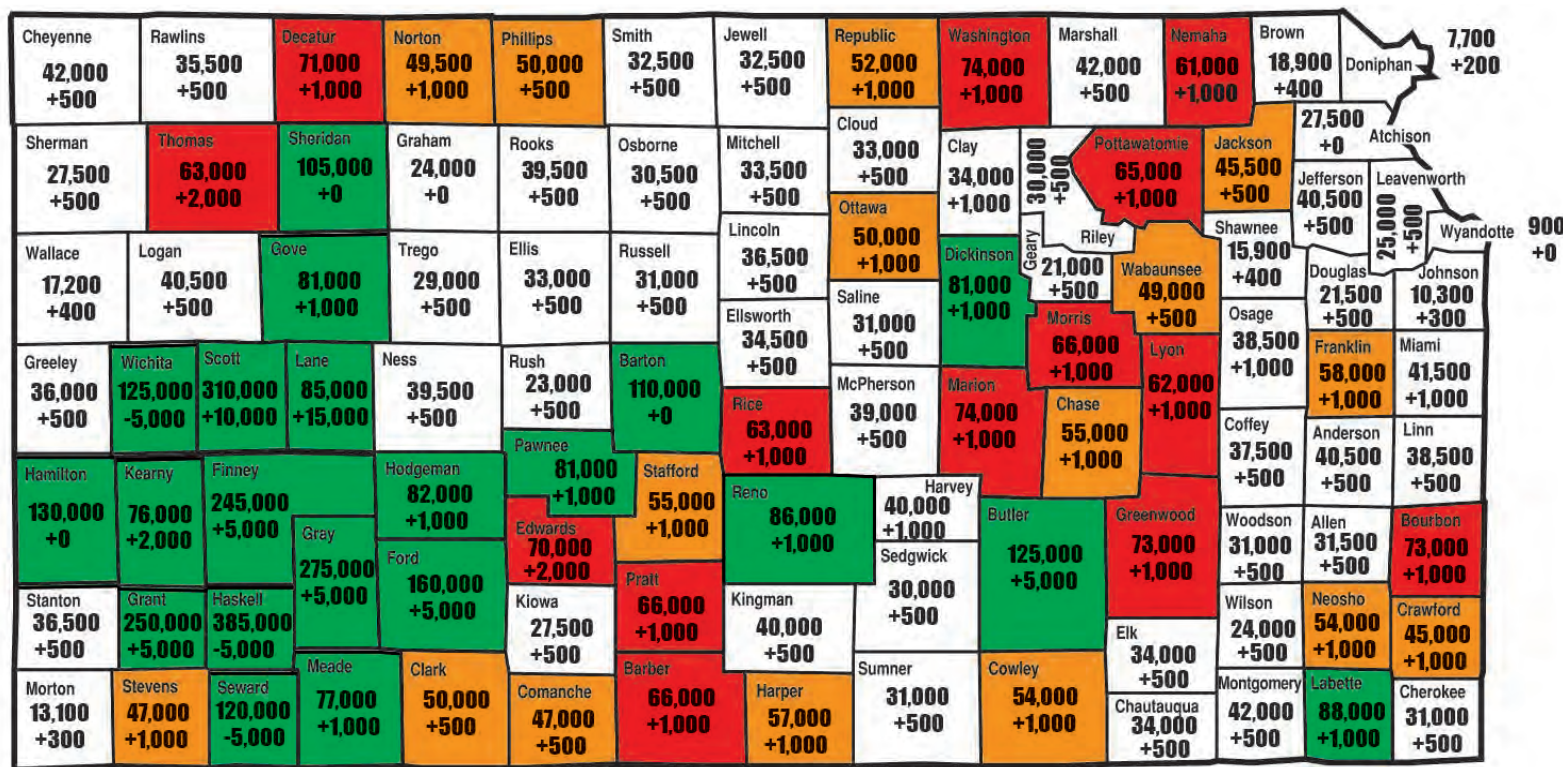
According to the county cattle estimates released by National Ag Statistics Service on May 10, the cattle inventory in Kansas climbed to 6.5 million head. The number includes all cattle and calves as of January, 2021.

Haskell County saw its 5000 head gain in 2020 erased, but still held on to the top spot with 385,000 head. Scott County added 10,000 and held on to the number two position, and Gray County added 5,000 for third.

Joining Haskell in counties showing losses were Wichita and Seward, both losing 5,000 head.

Butler, Finney, Ford, Grant and Gray counties all had gains of 5,000 head, Scott County added 10,000 and Lane increased by 15,000.

The large increase in Lane County moved them from a tie for 25th place last year to 15th in 2021.



Where's the Beef? 2021



Top 25 Cattle Counties in Kansas

1. Haskell 385,000
2. Scott 310,000
3. Gray 275,000
4. Grant 250,000
5. Finney 245,000
6. Ford 160,000
7. Hamilton 130,000
8. (tie) Butler 125,000
9. (tie) Wichita 125,000
10. Seward, 120,000
11. Barton, 110,000
12. Sheridan 105,000
13. Labette 88,000
14. Reno 86,000
15. Lane 85,000
16. Hodgeman 82,000
17. (tie) Dickinson 81,000
17. (tie) Gove 81,000
17. (tie) Pawnee 81,000
20. Meade 77,000
21. Kearny 76,000
22. (tie) Marion 74,000
22. (tie) Washington 74,000
24. (tie) Bourbon 73,000
24. (tie) Greenwood 73,000

Winners & Losers and Specialization maps on page 6.

Rep. Mann and Senators Moran and Marshall introduce legislation pushing back against 30x30 proposal

On May 18 Rep. Tracey Mann and Sen. Jerry Moran joined senators Roger Marshall, M.D. and Kevin Cramer (N.D.) in introducing the 30x30 Termination Act, which blocks the Biden Administration's 30x30 directive to conserve at least 30% of our private lands and waters by 2030. The legislation prevents a number of invasive actions on public and private land in the name of conservation and ensures 30x30 is stopped dead in its tracks.

More than 98 percent of land in Kansas is privately owned. Mandating the permanent conservation of 30 percent of America's land would require expanding federal control over land and undermining of private property rights. Additionally, President Biden's proposal would add to the large number of acres already under federal control.

"Land ownership is a core right protected by the Constitution and we cannot allow radical environmentalists who are in the driver's seat on 30x30 dictate what happens on our land. This initiative is further proof of the clear disconnect between the left and those who feed, fuel, and clothe the world," said Marshall. "Farmers and ranchers are the original conservationists, and no one knows what's best for the land better than those who work on it day in and day out. The best thing the federal government can do is trust the environmental judgment of farmers and ranchers and let them do what they do best: steward the land."

"I am deeply concerned with President Biden's land grab attempt" said Mann. "It is egregious that the Biden administration would consider a proposal like 30x30 that has the potential to strip away

Kansans' private property rights to meet an arbitrary climate goal. Additionally, no consideration was given to current voluntary conservation initiatives that are already under way in Kansas and rural America. Our legislation works to protect Kansas agriculture and prevent progressive overreach."

"Protecting private property rights from federal government overreach is a top priority of Kansans," said Sen. Moran. "While I have long supported voluntary, locally driven conservation efforts, this legislation would put a stop to the Biden administration's misguided 30x30 plan that threatens to expand federal land ownership and control."

"President Biden's administration is paving the way for another attempted land grab by the federal government," said Cramer. "He should learn from the North Dakotans who understand conservation goals are best set by the local communities impacted by them, not by bureaucrats in Washington. Our bill would nullify the President's ill-conceived plan and protect American taxpayer dollars from being used to carry out this initiative."

Background:
U.S. Representative Lauren Boebert (CO-03)

introduced the legislation in the House of Representatives.

President Biden's 30x30 Initiative is a part of a broader plan, titled "America the Beautiful," introduced by the current administration. Removing 30% of all land from production would have devastating consequences on rural communities and our ability to feed, fuel, and clothe the world as farmers and ranchers would be the main target of this initiative. The 30 x 30 Termination Act blocks the executive order and protects private land ownership by:

Nullifying Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 which contains the 30x30 program.

Prohibiting federal funds from being spent to carry out the 30x30 program, the report in Section 216, and any substantially similar program.

Ensuring no net loss of non-federal land in counties and states that already contain 15% or more federal land.

Ensuring no net-loss of multiple-use activities in states unless such action has been authorized by federal statute.

Requiring state and Congressional approval prior to the federal acquisition of more than a quarter section of non-federal

land.

Prohibiting withdrawing federal lands from mineral development without Congressional approval.

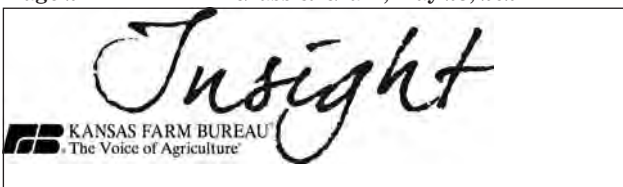
Prohibiting unilateral 30x30 designations under the Antiquities Act in counties and states that already contain 15% or more federal land.

NCBA welcomes bicameral push for swift conclusion to DOJ investigation

Senator John Thune (R-SD) and Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD-AL) recently led a bicameral letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, urging the Department of Justice to move forward with their investigation into anticompetitive practices in the meatpacking industry.

"Despite strong consumer demand and reopening across much of the country, cattle producers face significant business challenges. The farmers and ranchers NCBA represents are contending with high market volatility, drought, and extreme input costs, and they can't capture the value they deserve for the high-quality product they supply," said NCBA vice president of government affairs Ethan Lane. "We have a high supply of cattle at one end of this equation and a high demand for U.S. beef at the other, but the middle is being absolutely choked by the lack of processing capacity. It's in the best interests of both producers and consumers for the Department of Justice to get to the bottom of the current market dynamics, and assess why they seemingly always result in producers getting the short end of the deal. Cattle producers deserve to know whether or not the price disparity that has plagued our market is the result of anti-competitive or other inappropriate practices in the packing sector. We thank Senator Thune and Congressman Johnson for keeping up the drumbeat on this critical issue. We hope their bicameral request for a progress report will be met at DOJ with the urgency it warrants, and we hope to see results from the Attorney General soon."

NCBA has long worked to increase processing capacity and expand opportunities for producer profitability by lowering the hurdles for small- and medium-size processing facilities.



Growing Crops, Cattle and Curiosity

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

You can tell a lot about people by the types of philosophical questions they like to debate. Many people ponder sports greats, classic cars, blockbuster movies or which superpowers are the best.

In my house, these debates usually center on farming practices. We discuss which bull will be the best investment for our herd or the most effective timing to apply micronu-

trients to increase crop yields.

Farmers are perfectly happy to skip many of the rest of the world's interesting topics to endlessly ponder how to be better at their life's work. Farmers are constantly curious, driven to learn new things and have a knack for using all that knowledge to make improvements to the world around them. It is one of the hallmarks of farmers; they never stop learning and growing.

Sadly, Hollywood stereotypes often get farmers completely wrong. They are made out to be simple, uneducated and witless when reality could not be further from the truth. Farmers are well versed in more subjects than most professionals are because they have to be. They are hardwired to grow not just crops or animals but also themselves.

I was reminded recently of just how committed farmers are to continuous improvement. On a beautiful spring night a few days before rain when most farmers had long lists of projects to accomplish, a group of farmers from across our county quit early (or at least took a long break) to attend our county's wheat test plot tour.

Test plots, for those not familiar with them, are hundreds of trials with a selection of varieties of the same crop. These plots allow them to observe how varieties perform against each other in real-world conditions. Plot organizers typically host a tour during the growing season as an educational opportunity for local farmers.

During the 90-minute tour, I found myself thinking about how people outside of agriculture would probably be surprised to hear the highly technical presentations and lively discussions in the plot. Farmers switching from discussions of soil pH to disease tolerance to length of maturity all with the goal of understanding which varieties will be the right fit on their farm.

Farmers know the pH, soil type and amount of organic matter in every field they farm. Farmers use their understanding of chemistry to select nutrients to neutralize soil pH for healthier plants. They utilize knowledge of soil types to adjust tillage practices, which can increase organic matter and prevent erosion. They use their understanding of genetics and plant physiology to match varieties to their needs.

All of that technical knowledge is just for the decision of what, when and how to plant. Farmers still have to grow, harvest and sell their crops using their extensive knowledge of mechanics, marketing, technology, accounting and various other disciplines. In addition, some

of them have livestock too, which adds a completely different category of biology to the mix.

Most farmers don't talk much about what they do. Some may be too busy, and others don't think they are doing anything special, but I disagree. Our local farmers are growing crops and livestock to feed you, me, and people all over the world.

The next time you sit down for a meal, I hope you will stop and take a minute to appreciate the all the growth that went into your meal.

"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.

Kansas net farm income climbed in 2020, boosted by rising grain prices, government payments

By Mary Lou Peter

Early concerns for a tough year on Kansas farms linked to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 were ultimately alleviated by strong crop yields, dramatically improved grain prices and COVID-19-related government payments, according to the Kansas Farm Management Association.

Net farm income for KFMA members climbed to \$167,894 last year, up from \$108,960 the previous year and the five-year average of \$98,282. The data reflected a string of consecutive years of increasing gains since 2015 when income plummeted to \$6,744, its lowest average in 30 years.

In what he termed as "the wild ride of 2020," KFMA director Kevin

Herbel said early expectations were for a sharp drop in income due to market and supply chain disruptions, temporary livestock processing closures, dry weather in some areas, increased feed costs and other factors. However, the year turned out better than anticipated, due in large part to pandemic-related relief.

Government payments linked to coronavirus pandemic relief and traditional program payments (Agricultural Risk Coverage, or ARC, and Price Loss Coverage, or PLC), plus livestock and conservation payments averaged \$113,078, which was 67% of net farm income, Herbel said. Without those payments, 2020 net farm income would have averaged \$54,816 per farm.

Not all Kansas farms are KFMA members, but the data serve as a barometer of sorts for how farms are faring on an annual basis. The 2020 KFMA Executive Summary is available online.

In the annual summary, farmers who irrigated 20% to 60% of their crops fared best at \$211,058, with those who irrigated more than 60% averaging \$205,567. Dryland net farm income averaged \$176,047.

Net income for diversified farms that raise crops and have beef cattle backgrounding operations averaged \$173,443. For crop producers who also background and finish their own cattle, net farm income averaged \$203,546.

Average net income for dairy cattle operations was \$188,279, well above

the \$66,647 average in 2019.

Those operations listing cow herd as their only source of income averaged \$61,932, up from \$51,986 a year earlier.

The summary also indicated that in 2020:

Net worth for the average KFMA farm, from the beginning to the end of 2020, rose by \$135,811.

Total debt per farm decreased 3.15%, the largest annual decrease in debt since the early 1970s.

The gross value of crop production increased to \$414.30 per acre, the highest level since 2013, while crop production costs increased 2.2%.

Machinery and equipment investment increased; however, machinery costs were level at \$91.51 per acre with a decrease in fuel expense offsetting increased depreciation expense.

The value of livestock produced by the average KFMA farm increased 17.6%. However, more than 26% of this total value came from COVID-19-related government payments. Without those payments, the value of livestock production would have decreased 13.8%.

"While there is optimism and positive expectations as we look forward

in 2021, there is still much uncertainty and volatility," Herbel said. "It is important for farm managers to assess their individual financial position, to know their numbers and use their numbers, in order to better understand the environment in which they are making decisions."

An *Agriculture Today* radio interview with Herbel and KFMA agricultural economists from around the state on the topic is available online. For more detail, including information on different areas of the state, check the 2020 KFMA Executive Summary online.



This column is in the spirit of Paul Harvey's *The Rest of the Story*. A couple of columns ago I told you all the story of my lost calf and reuniting him with his mother. It was kind of a "blind pig finding the acorn" and "it's better to be lucky than good" type of thing. Well, I probably gave the idea that we immediately hauled the pair out to pasture, leaving you with the image of them going off into the sunset in the lush green grass. It kind of happened that way.

We will go back to the happy day when I found mother and son reunited. I was in a hurry, so I did nothing but confirm that I was not seeing things and the calf was indeed with his mother. The next morning, I went out with a couple flakes of prime alfalfa thinking that she would happily follow me into the catch pen, and everything would be roses and butterflies. I was wrong. Apparently, we traumatized Junior when we spooked him because he saw me and immediately put his tail in the air and went the other direction.

I did not add to his trauma and left the flakes of alfalfa in the catch pen. I came back the next morning and the alfalfa was gone. The cow headed to the catch pen as soon as she heard me, but her calf was nowhere to be found. The trap she was in is small and has relatively few hiding spots, but I could not find the calf anywhere. The cow was acting pretty coy, and I was sure she knew where he was hidden, and I could wait. Patience is a virtue that I sometimes have, and I left to fight another day. Well, the next week came and went and I would catch glimpses of the calf, but he was never with the cow when I gave her feed, and I could never find him. His level of hide and seek was legendary.

Part of the trap consisted of electric fence running out into one of my fields. I need to plant soybeans on the field eventually and the electric fence needed to be rolled up, but not until after she was caught and hauled to summer pasture. We continued to play cat and mouse until the day I had both kids at home. This was going to be my best chance to have help guiding her into the pen.

We made a plan that Tatum and I

would take a whole bale of alfalfa in with us and try to get her attention. At this point the calf was not as spooked by me but he still would not drive and definitely was not going into the catch pen. His mother, on the other hand, loved the alfalfa and came almost on a dead run to it. Isaac was to stay back with his dog out of sight. He would only come when we told him to because we did not want to spook the calf.

Tatum and I got as close as we could without getting Junior's radar up too much. The cow saw the bale and really, really wanted to come get it, but her mother's intuition must have told her something was up. In the meantime, Isaac was on the move; my son has many good qualities, but stealth is not one of them. The cow saw him and his dog and she and the calf spooked.

Fortunately, she spooked toward the catch pen, where Tatum and I had deposited the bale and gotten back out of sight. The cow was either under the spell of the alfalfa or had an incredibly short memory because she instantly went from being spooked to locking in on the bale in the pen. She went straight in and the calf, still being spooky, ran right past her and into the pen. The next task was to get the gates shut without losing either mother or son.

All I can say is that I must have picked one of the best bales of alfalfa I had. Isaac and his dog came up to close off the opening. The calf spooked and went farther into the pen while his mother munched on the alfalfa. Isaac closed the gate, and the last pair was caught and ready for summer pasture. It was evening when we finally loaded them on the trailer. The sun was going down when I opened the gate and they came off the trailer into lush, green grass, it was quite picturesque.

So, yes, I did find my lost calf. It was reunited successfully with its mother and they are now out with their assigned bull and pasture. That would have been the simple story, but we can never do anything the simple way around here. There you have it, in all the details and, in the famous words of Paul Harvey: now you know the rest of the story.

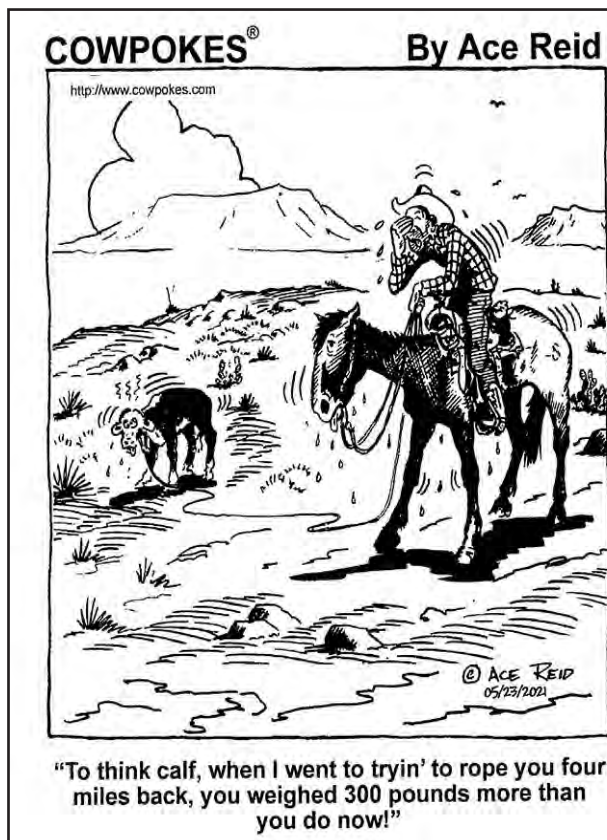
KLA volunteer leadership makes virtual trip to the Hill

KLA president Jerry Kuckelman, KLA president-elect Phil Perry

and KLA immediate past president Harry Moser, along with KLA Dairy

Council chairman Melissa Hildebrand Reed and KLA Stockgrowers Council chairman Lafe Wilson made a virtual visit to Washington, D.C., recently to discuss issues facing the Kansas livestock industry. The volunteer leadership joined KLA staff as they sat down with senators Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall and representatives Tracey Mann, Jake LaTurner, Sharice Davids, Ron Estes and/or their staff via Zoom.

Key issues discussed included, but were not limited to, cattle marketing, concerns around labor and immigration reform, livestock transportation, the navigable water protection rule, death tax and stepped-up basis, interstate sales of state-inspected meat and climate change. These meetings normally would have taken place in person during the annual NCBA Spring Legislative Conference, but it was held virtually this year.



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CKD wheat plot tours May 28th in Saline and Ottawa counties

K-State Research and Extension and Central Kansas District will host tours of three wheat variety plots in Saline and Ottawa counties on Friday, May 28th.

The first tour will begin at 8:30 a.m. southwest of Solomon at the

Tom and Pat Ryan Farm, Located three miles west of Solomon on Old Hwy. 40 then 2½ miles south on the Gypsum Valley Road.

The second tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. near Mentor at plots on Vaughn Isaacson and Sons farm, located on the

west edge of Mentor in the north side of Mentor Rd. A complimentary meal will be served following the tour, courtesy of Phillips Seed Farms Inc.

The third tour will begin at 2:30 p.m. southwest of Minneapolis at

the Tim and Ryan Myers plot, located at 950 Justice Rd. which is 1½ miles west of K-106 Highway and north ¼ mile on 90th Road.

Tour Speakers include Romulo Lollato, Extension wheat specialist; Kelsey Anderson

Onofre, Extension plant pathologist; and Stu Duncan, Extension northeast regional agronomist. The discussion will focus on wheat variety selection, agronomic traits of varieties in the plots, production practices, and wheat disease manage-

ment. For more information, contact Jay Wisbey, at the CKD Salina office at 785-309-5850. All wheat growers and other interested persons are encouraged to that attend these public tours. No RSVP is needed.

KFB's End Hunger campaign now offers grant funding for hunger projects in local communities

With the help of generous donations from Farm Bureau members in Kansas and Farm Bureau Financial Services agents, Kansas Farm Bureau's End Hunger campaign donated nearly \$100,000 to food banks and pantries across the state in 2020.

Now the state's largest farm organization is rolling out the second phase of the program, which will provide grant funding for county Farm Bureaus and local Farm Bureau Financial Services agents so together they can develop projects in their communities. The program will continue providing donations to local food pantries.

"We were thrilled with the success we saw in phase one," Terry Holdren, CEO of Kansas Farm Bureau, says. "This second phase will provide the same opportunities while also offering added flexibility to tackle specific hunger issues in communities head on."

Grant funds will target the issues that impact food insecurity. These issues include access, having enough, being able to afford and the nutrition of foods.

"We know there is no magic bullet to ending hunger," Michelle Hubert, regional vice president of Farm Bureau Financial Services, says. "By focusing

on these core issues and providing flexibility on the projects, we know community members can create lasting change together."

Anyone interested in learning more about the End Hunger program should contact AshLee Lattner at lattnera@kfb.org.

For more information about the fund or to contribute, visit www.kfb.org/endlunger.

America's Corn Farmers to sponsor MLB at Field of Dreams presented by GEICO

Major League Baseball (MLB) recently announced that the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) has agreed to become an official partner of this summer's MLB at Field of Dreams presented by GEICO event. The game will be played at a newly constructed ballpark adjacent to the *Field of Dreams* movie site in Dyersville, Iowa on Thursday, August 12th and will be broadcast nationally on Fox.

"NCGA brings an authentic voice of the American corn farmer to this unprecedented game," said Bill Morningstar, MLB executive vice president, Sponsorship Sales. "This organization is a perfect fit to sponsor a game nestled in a cornfield, just like the film we will celebrate. We are delighted to welcome the NCGA on board as an official partner of an event that will be memorable for all sports fans."

The game between two historic franchises - the Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees - will be played, as in the film from Universal Pictures, amongst fields of Iowa corn, in all its mid-August glory, as a backdrop. "This is a first-in-a-lifetime event to see two professional sports teams from two of America's biggest cities play a game in a field of corn," said NCGA President John Linder, a corn farmer from Ohio. "This creates a unique opportunity to tell the story of the American corn

farmer to the American public in a creative and highly entertaining way."

NCGA's partnership of this event is made possible through the generous support of the Illinois Corn Marketing Board (ICMB) and the Iowa Corn Promotion Board (ICPB).

"This is a terrific opportunity for us to provide a connection between local farmers and their communities," said Dirk Rice, ICMB chairman and Philo, Illinois farmer. "There may not be a better place to build that relationship than the ballpark. We are excited to share who we are and how we farm with baseball fans around the country."

"There is nothing more American than baseball and farming, and we are excited to have them come together on a century-old family farm in a rural Iowa cornfield," said ICPB president and farmer from Independence, Iowa, Greg Alber. "Our goal is that baseball fans leave with a sense of pride, not only in the team they are rooting for, but pride in our American corn farmers and an appreciation for agriculture."

The corn growers have a host of activities planned around the game. Visit ncga.com/bornfortheField to learn more about their plans for MLB at Field of Dreams.

Hemp law passes legislature, signed by Governor Kelly

Among nearly twelve hundred bills introduced into the Kansas legislature this session, one area receiving bipartisan support from lawmakers is hemp. After mobilizing into action on House Bill 2244, which officially transfers hemp processing jurisdiction to the State Fire Marshal's office, Planted Association of Kansas in partnership with Capitol Lobby Group successfully added crucial amendments to help expand the hemp industry's growth.

As an appointed member of the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Industrial Hemp Advisory Board, Kelly Rippel was invited to draft amendments with the intent of helping farmers and provided testimony in multiple committee meetings. As a result of this work provisions were adopted to HB2244 allowing the sale of both full spectrum CBD products (containing 3% THC) and products made from hemp seed that are produced in Kansas.

Upon the bill being passed out of a confer-

ence committee on April 8th, Governor Kelly signed the amended bill into law on April 16, 2021. PAK extends its gratitude for the work and ongoing support from House Agriculture Committee chairman, Representative Ken Rahjes, Senate Ag and Natural Resources Committee chairman, Sen. Dan Kerschen, Kansas Department of Agriculture and legislative committees.

While this change matches what is allowed at the federal level, there is more work to be done, particularly in easing restrictions on producers and processors, clarifying jurisdictions of state agencies and allowing other

forms of products to be sold while also increasing overall support for the hemp program as an important value-added crop for farmers.

Planted Association of Kansas was formed in 2018 as the state's membership trade group supporting the reintroduction of industrial hemp. The organization's mission is to spread awareness, provide education and advocacy, networking opportunities, and promote sustainable best practices for regenerative industries across the Heartland. As the state continues down the path of updating laws regarding cannabis, the non-profit looks forward

to collaborating to support Kansas communities and guide evidence-based policy.

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Loretta Shepard, Helena, Oklahoma, Wins
This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest
Winner Loretta Shepard, Helena, Oklahoma:
PEPPER STEAK

1 1/4 pounds beef top round OR Sirloin steak
1 cup water
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
2 green peppers
1 sliced onion
2 tomatoes
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
Cooked rice

Cut beef into strips. Heat oil in large skillet. Add beef, cook, turning frequently, until brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in water, garlic salt, onion and ginger. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 15 minutes for round steak, 8 minutes for sirloin. Add green pepper strips during last 5 minutes. Blend 1 tablespoon cornstarch, sugar and soy sauce into beef mixture. Cook, stirring until thickened; boil 1 minute. Cut tomatoes into eighths and place on top of beef; cover and cook until tomatoes are heated through. Serve over rice.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
RASPBERRY DELIGHT

1 1/2 cups butter
1 1/2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
2 cups powdered sugar
8 ounces cream cheese
1 cup boiling water
(2) 10-ounce packages frozen raspberries, thawed
3-ounce package raspberry gelatin
1 cup chopped nuts

Blend 1 cup butter, 1 1/2 cups flour and 2 tablespoons sugar and spread on the bottom of 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until tests done; cool. Blend 2 cups powdered sugar, cream cheese and 1/2 cup butter. Carefully spread onto baked crust. Sprinkle 1 cup chopped nut over cream cheese layer. In a bowl add boiling water to gelatin. After gelatin dissolves add raspberries. Pour on top of the nut layer; chill. Serve

with whipped cream.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
CORN SOUFFLE

1 stick butter, melted
1 cup sour cream
2 eggs
1 Jiffy corn muffin mix
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
1 can cream-style corn

Mix all together in order in large casserole. Stir until blended. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Let set 30 minutes before serving.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos:

EASY SALSA SLOPPY JOES

1 pound ground beef
1 1/3 cups salsa
10 3/4-ounce can condensed tomato soup, undiluted
1 tablespoon brown sugar
8 hamburger buns, split

In a large skillet cook

beef over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking into crumbs; drain. Stir in salsa, soup and brown sugar. Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until heated through. Serve on buns. Makes 8 servings.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
LIME BARS

2 cups finely crushed pretzels
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
1/2 cup lime juice
2 cans sweetened condensed milk
3 eggs
4 teaspoons grated lime peel

Set oven 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan. Combine pretzels, sugar and butter. Firmly press over bottom of pan. Bake until crust is firm, about 10 minutes. Cool slightly. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour into cooled crust and bake 25-30 min-

utes. Cool completely.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
OATMEAL BANANA CUPCAKES

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup mashed ripe bananas
3/4 cup honey
1 1/2 cups flour
1 cup quick oats
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt

In a bowl cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, bananas and honey; mix well. Combine dry ingredients and then stir into creamed mixture just until moistened. Fill paper-lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes or until tests done. Cool in pan 10 minutes then remove to wire rack. Makes about 1 1/2 dozen.

Be Food Safe: Pressure Canner Testing Dates Set For June

Home preservation of foods has been a foundation of Cooperative Extension Education. Early history reveals that Extension Agents have been helping local housewives preserve food using recommended practices since the beginning of Extension work.

Home canning and freezing are the two most popular food preservation practices among families and individuals today. Recently, there has been increased interest in gardening and that will lead to increases in food preservation of produce. To ensure pressure canning equipment is safe and accurate, dial gauge canners should be tested yearly.

Dial Gauge testing will be held at K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District offices beginning June 1 through June 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or drop off your canner to be tested at any time. Bring the entire canner, pressure gauge and rubber seal for a complete canner inspection. Testing takes approximately 15-20 minutes and is free.

If you have any questions or want more information about canning/preserving food at home please contact: Holly Miner at Wildcat District Independence Office 620-331-2690 to learn more about food preservation, food safety, or any other topic related to nutrition, food safety or health.

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For more info, please contact Holly Miner, Nutrition, Food Safety & Health Agent, haminer@ksu.edu, 620-331-2690.



My youngest niece, Chloe, fights sleep with every ounce of her being. Her nightly routine does not change; it is bath time followed by a little bit of movie time, followed by cuddles and hugs, and then tucking the girls into bed. You can generally put money on the fact that it is just a matter of time before Chloe is going to peek her little head out of the door to tell you something very important, things like, "I want to wear my robe tomorrow," or "I want the rainbow picture at the other end of my bed," or "Baby panda is not ready for sleep," or my favorite, "My blanket fell off." It is always something as she tries her hardest to prolong the inevitable of going to bed.

Her mom and dad have tried everything they can to overcome this and to get her to stay in bed. Everything from bribing with candy canes, to sleepovers with grandma, to even taking away movie privileges. Never fails, an option will work for a little bit and then she is back to being Chloe and will have something especially important to tell you after she is put to bed. This past week she has been up to her usual shenanigans and when asked what would encourage her to stay in bed, she said she wanted "to talk to Boo Boo (me) on her phone at night."

My brother had installed a telecom system with phones in both girls' bedrooms and one outside, giving them the chance to talk to whom ever is standing outside through their phones. They both love it. Although Chloe generally, does not want to give me hugs nor does she care about talking to me on the phone, so you can imagine my shock when she wanted her rewards for staying in bed to be that she got to talk to me on the phone. Yesterday morning, my brother called to inform me, rain, or shine, I was talking to Chloe on the phone last night, she had finally stayed in bed for the night after countless nights of fighting them on it.

After work and work-out, I headed over to see the girls with sugar cookies rolled in colorful sugar. Chloe was beyond excited to tell me that she had stayed in bed all night and now

she was going to get to talk to me on her phone. They took their baths, watched some movie, gave hugs and then outside I headed for another conversation with someone that is wise beyond her years.

We chatted about her day, she told me about her playgroup, what she had for lunch and was sure to not leave out any details; she was doing her best to avoid going to bed after all. Somewhere during our conversation, she told me that someday when they are bigger, they are going to have a new house and it was going to be right beside mine. I asked her why she wanted to have a house next to mine and she said with complete certainty, "So we can bake cookies for you, and you can bake cookies for us, it is what good neighbors do."

That little sassy three-year-old gets something that so many people in this world do not get and quite honestly, I do not know that she fully understands her understanding of this, but she understands how important it is to take care of those around you. She did not want to live close to me so she could see me more, she wanted to live closer to me so she could bake for me, and I could bake for her, so we could take care of each other. She is growing up surrounded by people who make food for people to show they care and that resonates with her and I cannot help but to think that that is an incredibly powerful thing for such a little human to grasp. She might leave me wondering daily if she likes me or not, but regardless, she is willing to help take care of me and that to me is amazing and says so much about the people who are raising her.

Michele grew up in Junction City and graduated from Kansas State University. She worked in the restaurant management field for six years before deciding to switch careers and now works as an office manager for a company that manufactures oilfield products. Her passion for blogging and food can be followed on Instagram: [boobs-brainsandbaking](#).

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K-State Health Expert Discusses Mental Health Impacts Of Pandemic

MANHATTAN – A new report from the American Psychological Association indicates that most U.S. adults are surprised that the COVID-19 pandemic has lasted so long.

The APA's report on Stress in America found that 82% of American adults are surprised that the pandemic has lasted more than a year. Nearly 7 in 10 (67%) said that living through the pandemic has been a rollercoaster of emotions.

And Elaine Johannes, the Kansas Health Foundation Distinguished Professor of Community Health at Kansas State University, said 46% of adults do not feel comfortable going back to living life like they used to before the pandemic.

"It's amazing that this has gone on more than a year," Johannes said. "So, it's not surprising that so many are re-evaluating and wondering what's next as they re-enter community life."

"It's hard for us to deal with. Usually we can acclimate to a sudden trauma, grief or loss. With the help of our friends or family, we can move on. But these repeated ups and downs ... it's been tough."

Johannes noted that many adults likely have gone through stages of shock, denial, sadness and grief and, eventually, acceptance.

"But some of the research around grief and change and how we feel about that has added another perspective, a sixth stage of meaning," Johannes said. "This is where we feel like we have to have meaning assigned to (the occurrence). I think that's where our emotions are right now. We're asking ourselves, 'what do we do now,' 'how do we recover knowing that we can't go back to the way life was' or 'what's the meaning that we can take away from this pandemic, even though it's still going on.'"

Johannes said there is evidence that indicates Americans 100 years ago dealt with the same emotions during the Spanish Flu pandemic. During that time, there was also political unrest, doubts about the proper way forward and many deaths. That incident also showed that the ripple effects were felt for many years after.

"As a society, we need to be ready to re-acclimate (after the COVID-19 pandemic), redefine what our recovery is and reflect on what we gained from it," Johannes said. "We can't just go back to 'normal' because we will never be the same again."

Work that has been done to address disaster-related psychological trauma has led to strategies that aid in recovery. Those include adapting to a different normal; feeling a sense of some control over our emotions;

gaining perspective and assigning meaning to the losses; and feeling mastery from the experience.

Johannes punctuated her point by recalling a saying from President Harry S. Truman: "The reward of suffering is experience."

"That, to me, kind of gives an understanding that the suffering and loss is real, and the sadness is authentic," she said. "But, what can we gain from that? I think we can say that we are wiser and we have this experience to guide us in the future."

Johannes added that the APA report highlighted an important point that Americans shared the experience as "a true community."

"No matter where we were, Americans realized this was a tough, tough thing to go through," she said. "We felt this roller coaster, up and down, not being sure what was next ... But, as a group, we were still a community."

A full interview with Johannes on the mental health aspects of living through the pandemic is available on the weekly radio program, Sound Living, produced by K-State Research and Extension.

Links used in this story: K-State Research and Extension local offices, <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/stateandareamaps.html>

APA Report: Stress in America, <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/stress/2021/one-year-pandemic-stress-conclusion>

APA Psychological First Aid Resources, <https://www.apa.org/practice/programs/dmhi/psychological-first-aid/resources>

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Wild, Free And Presentable

By Lou Ann Thomas

I'm fully vaccinated and ready to run wild and free. I can't wait to plan some trips, get away for a bit of R&R, and see more than the view out my windows. I've even started offering and accepting some social invitations.

However, that requires attention to grooming details that I've spent the pandemic being rather nonchalant about.

First on the, "Getting Ready to Leave the House List" is getting use to hard clothing again. Like many of us, I spent much of the last year in stretchy clothes with elastic waistbands, which I have learned will lie to you. These soft, comfy clothes with the expandable waists will lead you to believe that the pizza, chips and glazed donut holes that you depended on to get you through months of isolation had no lasting effect on your body.

Then, when you decide to leave the house you discover the truth - the pandemic has shrunk all of your clothes!

But long before you get to put on real clothes there is plenty of work to do to make yourself ready for a public presentation. Time must be spent soaping, shampooing and scrubbing, then there is tweaking and tweezing, shaving and plucking. And don't forget moisturizing, defoliating, twirling, curling and concealing. It's hard work to make yourself presentable after 19 months of being home mostly alone. Patience and time, and no small amount of self-acceptance is required, when looking at your

past, pale, indoor skin and pandemic pounds.

However, having made it through the pandemic we can feel pride in our strength and resilience. We traveled through an unprecedented time and circumstance. None of us anticipated a virus overtaking the entire world, causing us all to retreat. We learned new skills, like how to Zoom, order groceries online for easy pick-up, and how to tolerate our own flaws and peculiarities a little longer than we ever have had to before.

If you are fully vaccinated it's time to move about again. It's time to laugh with, and hug our friends. It's time to brush, floss and

polish ourselves up so we can step back into the world with grace and gusto. It may be a different world that we re-enter and that's okay, because we have also no doubt changed. We've learned what is truly important to us and for me, that is a deeper appreciation for freedom, choice and the people in my life. They are the ones who deserve my best. They are to whom I am hoping to make myself presentable again.

But, to be honest, by the time I get there, I will be so worn out from the primping and tossing that I'll likely have to request a rain check.

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Livestock organizations issue joint statement regarding market concerns

On Monday, May 10, 2021, member leaders of American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Farmers Union,

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The group talked openly and candidly about a wide range of important

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Demand the Department of Justice (DOJ) issue a public investigation status report and as warranted, conduct joint DOJ and USDA oversight of packer activity moving forward.

Encourage investment in, and development of, new independent, local, and regional packers.

This unprecedented meeting brought together diverse producer organizations to identify issues and discuss potential solutions. These issues and action item lists are not comprehensive, due to time constraints of this meeting. Attending organization representatives were pleased to have reached consensus on many issues and are committed to the ultimate goal of achieving a fair and transparent finished cattle marketing system.

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Recognizing and controlling 'summer pneumonia' in nursing calves

By Bruce Derksen

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But sometimes what is often termed 'summer pneumonia' disrupts their well-constructed plans and scatters those pieces like a child's puzzle.

Definition and Causes

The pneumonia cases occurring in summer are those in spring calving beef herds while fall calving herds might see pneumonias in pre-weaned calves at a different time of year says Dale Moore, DVM and director of Veterinary Medicine Extension at Washington State University.

Rather than separate entities, she describes these challenges as 'waves of pneumonia'.

"One wave is usual-

ly before 30 days of age, likely due to inadequate colostrum intake, and the second wave occurs at about 90 to 120 days of age, likely a result of waning maternal immunity from colostrum."

Moore explains these waves are all-encompassing, affecting every breed of cattle, however, studies have found the incidence much lower in crossbreds compared to purebreds.

Causes for the youngest calves relate to colostrum quality, quantity and transfer of immunity from dam to offspring. If any are lacking, antibody levels are insufficient to help fight off germs present early in life.

Likewise, colostrum is also an issue for older nursing calves later in summer. Although they may have received adequate amounts, Moore says immunity and maternal antibodies wane over time, with serum levels

halved approximately every 20 days, thus by the time offspring are three to five months old, levels are low.

For all young calves, congregating and co-mingling of various ages is a potential underlying cause of pneumonia and presents increased opportunity for disease agent transmission.

"The same pathogens are in play, but actual underlying causes may be different from herd to herd. A viral, mycoplasma or environmental insult (handling stress, dust, extreme heat/humidity or cold as examples) can affect the normal respiratory tract defenses, allowing bacteria to enter the lower airways, settle in lung tissue and result in pneumonia."

Identification, Management and Control

Moore urges monitoring of pastures for early signs of the disease although it can be hard to

detect as sick animals attempt to hide and blend in with the group. Labored breathing, lethargy and muscular weakness are outward signs.

"Pneumonia in pre-weaned calves is serious and the illness can lead to death. Respiratory disease, however, is difficult to diagnose and signs such as coughing or rapid breathing might not be observed until the lungs are heavily affected. We are finding this even with dairy calves observed daily."

She says clinical assessments don't reveal how much of the lung is influenced so they often use lung ultrasound to determine extent of consolidation or damage.

A narrow calving peri-

od is an excellent prevention strategy for pneumonia according to Moore, as it avoids grouping a wide range of ages and immune systems. This offers vaccines an increased opportunity to work in a higher percentage of animals. Large variations in age present a greater likelihood for older calves to become a source of bacteria, spreading it to younger, more susceptible calves, even though they may not be sick themselves.

She also encourages identification and early treatment with an approved antimicrobial although she understands this can sometimes be hard to accomplish in a pasture setting. Thought should be given to potential methods of gathering

or restraining affected animals for treatment.

Vaccinations are beneficial and if possible, should be time sensitive as they help prevent outbreaks in upcoming years. When issues routinely appear during a particular time, immunizations made several weeks prior could be useful in controlling challenges.

"Keeping accurate health records is key to understanding and addressing the problem on individual operations with all pneumonia, including what some call summer pneumonia," Moore said. "Ranchers and their veterinarians should examine the records and make ranch-specific decisions on vaccination, timing and management practices."



Technology in the Smart Feeder allows monitoring and control of individual livestock feed diets and intake. *Courtesy photo*

Nebraska's Smart Feeder to kickstart precision livestock management

Researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Extension Centers and Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory have kickstarted a project that takes a new approach at real-time precision livestock management in extensive rangeland ecosystems.

Utilizing a solar-powered Smart Feeder, researchers have the ability to precisely monitor and control individual livestock feed diets and intake online.

"We create custom diets on an individual animal basis based on the animal's needs, and we can adjust the diet on each cow," said Travis Mulliniks, assistant professor in the animal science department. "That's precision livestock nutritional management."

"We are looking at how we can utilize these technologies from a production standpoint and how they work for producers. We're asking what's the benefit and what's the best for the producer in terms of profitability and sustainability."

The portable Smart Feeder system is used to continuously measure, control and adjust daily feed intake and feed time for individual animals. Inside the SmartFeeder are four individual bins, allowing a broader choice in supplements that the herd may require nutritionally, in the form of cake, powders and pellets. Data is captured on when each animal eats, what they eat, and how much they consume. Producers can access this data and adjust feeding times and access if necessary.

Animals access the smart feeder using an electronic identification - or EID - tag. Each tag is unique to an individual animal, and the Smart Feeder dispenses the prescribed amount of feed for that animal.

"I've got a lot more control over their nutritional diet than I had before," Mulliniks said. "I can be very cost-effective with what I feed to get a certain targeted end product. It also allows us the abilities to gather other performance or animal behavior

data."

Optimizing resources on a large scale, especially in an extensive environment like the Nebraska Sandhills, can be challenging. Individual animal management plays a role in optimizing resources, according to Mulliniks.

The Smart Feeder will allow Mulliniks and his team to curb variation in intakes due to behaviors of aggressive and less aggressive eaters. This will allow for a uniform diet and daily gain for livestock, re-

al-time feed data decision making as well as reduced feed and labor costs.

"Part of the issue we have is, whether it is feedlot or pasture, it's hard to get our hands on animals daily," said Mulliniks.

"It's hard for us to answer a lot of key questions because of the extensive environment, the extensive unknowns such as their diet. Embracing this technology will help answer some on those questions that have been unknown forever."



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Cattle Chat: monitoring bulls in breeding season

By Lisa Moser

At any sporting event, it is easy to spot the trainers and medical personnel hovering on the side watching for a potential athletic injury. In much the same way Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute veterinarians Bob Larson and Brad White advise that producers need to closely monitor their bulls at the beginning of breeding season.

“Just like an athlete at the start of their sports season, game time is now for bulls turned out in breeding pastures,” said White on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

Larson agreed with that analogy and said that the first three to four weeks of the breeding season are critical for a successful breed-up and the bulls should be monitored particularly closely during this time.

“At the start of the breeding season, none of the cows are pregnant therefore, bulls will be the most active when there are the most open cows to breed,” Larson said.

“The first few weeks of the season are the most important time of the year regarding the success of the breeding program because the age of the calves at weaning directly relates to the income for

the operation.”

The two most common bull injuries that result are lameness and damage to the penis, Larson said.

“It is important to evaluate his movement on his feet and legs, and if you see him limping, you will want to check him out more closely,” Larson said. The temporary lameness can be from a injuries from fighting other bulls, a misstep when mounting cows, or even

stepping in a hole in the pasture.

Larson and White caution producers not to just drive by the pasture, observe the bull lying down and assume he is okay.

“You’ve got to get out of the truck and check to make sure the bulls are moving well,” White said.

Along with movement, Larson said observers need to carefully look at the bull’s underline. Swelling between the

sheath and scrotum could indicate an injury to his penis.

“Take the time to look at his feet and legs and his underline as well as observing his behavior to confirm he is in good overall health,” Larson said.

He added: “The month of breeding turnout is really important; give it the attention it deserves.”

To hear the full discussion, listen in to the Cattle Chat podcast online.

KLA Young Stockmen’s Academy tours beef and dairy industries in Kansas

The second installment of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) 2021 Young Stockmen’s Academy (YSA) was held May 10-12. The group of young producers spent three days touring various segments of the beef and dairy industries in Kansas. Merck Animal Health is the ex-

clusive sponsor of the YSA program.

The first stop on the tour was at Hildebrand Dairy near Junction City. Owner and operator Melissa Hildebrand Reed discussed the protocols used to manage their dairy cows and took the class on a tour of the facility.

The group then traveled to Tiffany Cattle Company near Herington to tour the custom cattle feeding operation owned and operated by Shawn and Shane Tiffany. Creekstone Farms Premium Beef packing plant in Arkansas City also hosted the class, who got to see the beef grading pro-



Pictured are, front row, from left: Derek Neal, Wamego; Cayden Daily, Great Bend; Audrey Schultz, Andover; Darcy Reeve, Maize; Clara Cross, Salina; Brooke Boulware, Scott City. Back row: Matthew Harrison, White City; Clayton Kershner, Rush Center; Chris Mushrush, Elmdale; Colton Lowry, Alma; Josh Johnson, St. Francis; Brian Carlton, Larned; and Trent Johnson, Fort Scott. Not pictured, Julie Hiesterman, Palmer; Matt Rezac, Onaga; Justin Shields, Colby; and Brandt Skinner, Leonardville.

cess, fabrication floor and state-of-the-art beef distribution center.

During a stop near Sedan, Bill Sproul explained how Sproul Ranch has implemented a three-year, back-to-back fall prescribed burning plan to control Sericea lespedeza on their stocker and cow-calf operation. The class learned more about seed-stock production and the use of a live auction and private treaty marketing to sell genetics while visiting McCabe Genetics near Elk City. Locke Cattle Compa-

ny shared how they utilize prescribed burning and double-stocking as part of the grazing management plan on their El Dorado ranch.

Additionally, the YSA class visited El Dorado Livestock Auction, where co-owner Josh Mueller took them on a tour of the modern facility that sells more than 50,000 head of cattle per year. While there, the group participated in a Beef Quality Assurance training seminar.

Members of the 2021 class are Brooke Boulware, Scott City; Brian Carlton, Larned; Clara Cross, Salina; Cayden Daily, Great Bend; Mat-

thew Harrison, White City; Julie Hiesterman, Palmer; Josh Johnson, St. Francis; Trent Johnson, Fort Scott; Clayton Kershner, Rush Center; Colton Lowry, Alma; Chris Mushrush, Elmdale; Derek Neal, Wamego; Darcy Reeve, Maize; Matt Rezac, Onaga; Audrey Schultz, Andover; Justin Shields, Colby; and Brandt Skinner, Leonardville. The third session for the YSA class will be held in September. Members will have the opportunity to learn more about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. More information about YSA can be found at www.kla.org.



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New study: guilting meat-eaters doesn't work

According to a study published in the *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, humanizing animals does not cause most consumers to reduce their meat consumption out of guilt, but it does influence them to choose healthier meat dishes.

"We believe that this is because the health benefits of eating meat, more than taste, provides a strong justification for meat consumption, thus reducing consumer guilt about animal suffering aroused by animal anthropomorphism," wrote the researchers, marketing professors at the University of Buffalo. "Since the health justification dissipates guilt, animal anthropomorphism hardly reduces consumers' meat consumption unless they are barely committed to eating meat."

CRP participation has declined, despite rising program cap

First incorporated into a farm bill in 1985, the conservation title is what some would consider the original Green New Deal. Its voluntary conservation initiatives give farmers and ranchers flexibility to adopt practices in a market-based approach.

Farmers and ranchers are already good stewards of water and land, but the 2018 farm bill, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, provided expanded conservation programs

that could increase conservation initiatives. The goal is to improve water quality and wildlife habitats and populations, protecting natural resources, and providing many other benefits. The conservation title of the 2018 farm bill spends \$60 billion of the \$867 billion of mandatory funding required for conservation programs over ten years, equal to 7% of the bill's total projected mandatory spending in that time frame.

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This is just a small sample of the items available. Two rings will run on Saturday. Mildred was well known for her multiple collections. From Disney figurines to political memorabilia to railroad collections, Depression era glass, Fenton glass and beyond. The overall quality is above average & the love of what she collected shows. If you're looking for good & unusual pieces, this is the place to come. Visit our website for pictures.

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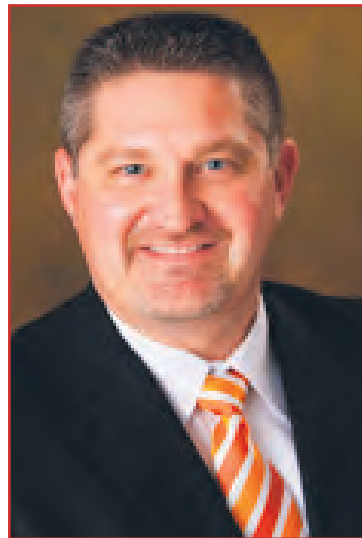
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It pays to know what your farm liability insurance covers

Without regular policy checks, farm liability insurance might be like a hospital gown – not

enough coverage where you need it most.

Thoroughly read your policy regularly and check

for gaps and needed updates, says University of Missouri Extension economist Ray Massey. “Plan-

ning is important, but even the best plans do not always succeed in managing risk,” he says.

Massey and Barry Langford, a law instructor in MU’s Division of Applied Social Sciences, recently updated MU Extension’s Farm Liability Insurance Guide, available for free download at extension.missouri/g455.

Most farmers purchase farm liability insurance to cover expenses from farm accidents – the kind that they lie awake at night worrying about: a cow that jumps a fence and gets hit by a car on the road, or a visitor who trips and breaks an arm. Other “acts of God” policy clauses for unintended consequences are trickier.

Types of farm liability insurance

There are three common types of farm insurance: property insurance, general liability insurance and workers compensation.

Exclusions

It is important to know what your policy covers, but it’s just as important to know what it does not cover, says Massey. “Understanding exclusions in general farm liability insurance can prevent the insured from potentially disastrous surprises,” he says.

Common exclusions include farmers market sales, agritourism, boarding dogs or horses, non-farm activities such as snow removal or landscaping, custom farm work, and spraying chemicals on your own farm or under contract for others.

New technologies

Few policies cover new technologies that create risk, Massey says. “Consider drones, for example,” he says. “Are they an aircraft, or does an aircraft require an onboard human pilot?” Another is pollution. Pollutants may not be covered, but the definition of a pollutant is a broad subject to discuss

with the insurance agent.

There is renewed interest in liability insurance due to damages caused by off-target movement of dicamba. It is critical to understand these insurance exclusions related to chemicals, says Massey.

Purchase endorsements, additions or riders to policies for special circumstances to cover exclusions as needed, says Massey. Umbrella policies also provide additional liability protection.

Negligence

Farmers also must know rules about negligence, which can void liability insurance claims. Negligence includes illegal activities, fraud and intentional damage. Honesty remains the best policy when filing claims and in other activities, says Massey, so avoid misrepresenting or omitting facts on the application and claims.

Who is covered?

Always confirm who the policy covers. The policyholder is always included, but ask about legal business entities operating as the business of the policyholder and relatives.

Most policies cover employees, but verify coverage for seasonal and short-term employees. Know if and how your policy covers independent contractors such as custom farmers or sprayers, as this is a complicated area.

On and off the farm

Know if your policy covers accidents on the road. This includes equipment as well as trucks or automobiles used as part of the farm business.

Review and update often

Make it a practice to annually review policies and advise your insurer of changes in operations and number of employees. Review premium and coverage amounts and consider the current economy and protection needs for the stage of your life. Failure to purchase sufficient coverage for business size and activities can have severe consequences for the financial health of the farm.

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Online Only Property Auction (Ends Thursday, May 27, 6 PM) — 5.2 acre m/l farmstead (Home, KS) consisting of a ranch-style 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full basement home for Alan J. & Rochelle A. Loeffler Estates. www.Midwest-LandandHome.com Auctioneer: Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer; Jessica Leis, agent.

Online Auction (lots begin to close at 2 PM June 1) — 350+ lots consisting of John Deere mower, tools, Roseville pottery, railroad collectibles & antiques, household, electronics & more held at GriffinRealEstateAuction.com for property of the late late Floyd & Lavonne Prior. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

Online No-Reserve Auction (Begins closing Tuesday, June 8 starting at 10 AM) — Allis-Chalmers Collector Auction including 1975 Allis-Chalmers 200 2WD tractor, 1969 Allis-Chalmers 220 2WD tractor, 1938 Allis-Chalmers B 2WD tractor & more Vintage tractors & equipment held at www.SullivanAuctioneers.com (physical address Leavenworth) for Rick & Josh VanTuyll. Auctioneer Managers: Cody Holst & Matt Sullivan.

Online Only Property Auction (Ends Thursday, July 8, 6 PM) — 3 Commercial Buildings (Haddam, KS) consisting of tract 1: 2-story school building; tract 2: relocatable office buildings; tract 3: warehouse structure & pre-fabricated storage shed; tract 4: entire property as a whole. Seller: Haddam Alumni Association. www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneer: Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer; Jessica Leis, agent.

May 25 — Real Estate consisting of a house with 4 conforming bedrooms, 2 baths, nice deck, walk-out basement and great backyard near Wamego middle school held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 27 — Tractor, pickup, implements & horse trailer, mowers & tools, household & collectibles held at Concordia for Evelyn Miller Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 27 — 24th Oil & Gas auction consisting of operations, royalties, working interests, overrides, minerals & more held online & Live at Wichita. Mid-Continent Energy Exchange. www.MidContinentEnergy-Exchange.com (mceonline.com).

May 27 — Real Estate and Personal Property auction including vehicles, buildings, tractor, 3-pt equipment & misc. farm items, lawn & garden, household and col-

lectibles. Held at Sylvia, KS for Henry Hall Estate. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

May 29 — 1997 Ford Ranger XLT pickup, MTD riding lawn mower, antiques & collectibles including coins, Fiesta & Frankoma, glassware, crocks, records, games, toys, JD toy tractors & more, furniture, tools & miscellaneous held at Council Grove for Karyl Osbourn. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

May 29 — Consignment auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 29 — Tractor, boat, shop equipment, furniture & household held at Goessel for Henry "Pete" (Patricia) Ediger. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 29 — Commercial grade kitchen equipment, taxidermy, advertising pieces & much more held at Manhattan for HCI Hospitality & Dave Dreiling. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

May 29 — Truck, trailers & equipment, tools & household held at Beloit for Dwaine Chinander Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 30 — Glass & collectibles including 150 paperweights, 75 water sets, Toby mugs, 60s carnival collection, crocks, clocks & more, furniture, OshKosh B'Gosh sign, Rusty Jones Container on Wheels held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 31 — Cars including 1958 Chevy Cameo pickup, 1958 Chevy Del Ray sedan, 1967 Chevy 1/2 pickup, 1952 Chevy sedan, 1977 Chevy Vega & more, Farmall Cub tractor, signs, new parts & collectibles, tools & new parts held at Hill City for former Money Chevrolet, Mike Money. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 4 — 125 Antique Tractors including muscle tractor models from John Deere, Massey Ferguson, Case, International Harvester, Oliver and Allis Chalmers held at Solomon for The Abilene Machine Collection. Auctioneers: Mecum Auctions' agriculture branch Gone Farmin'.

June 4 & 5 — Toys of all kinds from the 50s & 60s, 100+ Vintage KS license plates, holiday items, 75+ sports cloth pendants, glassware, Santa collection, Newton memorabilia, crocks & more; appliances, furniture & much more held at Newton for The Estate of Mildred Prouty (Kevin Smith, beneficiary). Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC., Vern Koch & Mike Flavin.

June 5 — Household goods, antiques & miscellaneous held at Clay Center for The Estate of Ruth A. McNish & Justin Wayne McNish. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

June 5 — Antique gas pump, farm equipment, trailers & truck, harness & horse equipment, farm miscellaneous, antiques & collectibles, incubator, household & miscellaneous held at Burlington for Doris McBride. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction &

Real Service.

June 5 — 2001 New Holland tractor with loader, AC 5040 tractor with loader, 2002 Dodge Caravan, Honda Sportsworks Chuck wagon ATV, 1984 Ford pickup, 1958 Edsel, 1951 Studebaker truck, Studebaker Champ pickup, 55-56 Ford Crestline, golf cart, backhoe, small farm equipment, shop tools & a few collectibles held at Holyrood for Edgar Lanzl. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service, Bill Oswalt.

June 5 — Welders, tools & shop items, hunting & outdoor items, trailer, antiques & collectibles, kitchen items & appliances, household & more held at Abilene for Estate of Joseph Graves. Auctioneers: Gray's Auction Service, LLC, Gerald Gray & Kelly Rock.

June 5 — Tools & equipment, collectibles, knives & reloading held at Salina for Jesse Hughes Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 5 — Antiques, furniture, primitives, household & more held at Wamego for Larry Bolyard & his late wife Carla. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

June 6 — Furniture, antiques & collectibles held at Salina for Jerry Olson Estate & Kandie Olson. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 6 — Estate gun auction including a nice variety of approximately 240 high quality guns, gun safes & ammo held live at Salina with online bidding available. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

June 8 — 4-wheeler, boats, golf cart, mowers & trailer, mounts, fishing, reloading equipment, ammo, tools & other held at Scandia for Dean Milner Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 8 — Land auction consisting of Tract 1: 168 acres m/l Dickinson County productive till, 13 acres m/l hay meadow & 8 acres m/l waterways; Tract 2: 36 acres of timber/creek & meadow with great hunting held at Woodbine for Allen Knopp Trust. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC, Ray Swearingen.

June 12 — Real estate consisting of 41.8 acres m/l of rolling hills and timber located between Wamego and St. George. Great recreational or potential building site held at Wamego for Linda Bobey. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 12 — Real estate consisting of 3 bedroom 2 story home with 1 1/2 baths on 5 acres m/l; Also selling personal property consisting of vehicles, trailers, yard equipment, furniture, appliances, tools & miscellaneous held at Chapman for Art Flaaen & Theresa Jaime Estates. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 12 — Tractor, Polaris, truck, pickup, equipment, outdoor, furniture, Mitchell Auto repair manuals, lots of antiques & collectibles held at Gypsum

for Roger & Sherry Bengtson. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

June 12 — Tractors & machinery, vehicles, trailers, salvage items, livestock equipment, mower, generator, shop tools & miscellaneous, guns, antiques, collectibles & household held at Olsburg for Floyd & Julie Munson. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

June 12 — Household goods & miscellaneous at Clay Center for Myrtle (Mrs. Allen) Baxter Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

June 12 — Estate auction held at rural Lawrence for Dwane & Dorothy Schaae Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 12 — Tractors, tools, trailer and equipment, North of Overbrook, KS. Property of the late Jim Zimmerman -Patti Zimmerman, seller. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 15 — Real Estate & personal property consisting of T1: Home with 10 acres m/l; T2: 80 acres m/l with some crop group, hay meadow and waterways, some timber and a pond; also selling farm equipment, tools, shop supplies, household, collectibles & miscellaneous held at Maple Hill for Bill & Dorothy Eaton. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 19 — Tools, shop equipment, mower/tractor, iron, antiques, household & more held at Topeka for Judy Hilbish & The Late Olin Hilbish. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

June 21 — Internet Only Land Auction consisting of 208 acres (land located 5.5 miles North of Admire) held at UCGreatPlains.com/auctions. Auctioneers: United County Real Estate, Great Plains Auction & Real Estate, Lance Fullerton.

June 26 — 2020, 2017, 2013 Kawasaki utility vehicles, 2013 Kubota L3540 tractor with loadr, patio grills, 2005 Chevy pickup, equipment, tools & household items held at Newton for Larry Reber Estate. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC., Vern Koch & Mike Flavin.

August 7 — Farm machinery, tools & miscellaneous held near Green for Ray & Diane Lykins. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.



I have been traveling the winding roads of my childhood, dark ribbons through a sea of green — trees, grass, vines, flowers, shrubs — so much green it is not possible to measure. It is as if every green thing had spilled on the countryside. The mountains look as if a lush green velvet blanket has been laid across them. Like Baby's Breath in a bouquet, the pink and white Mountain Laurel blossoms and soft white blackberry bushes only serve to accentuate the living green of the countryside.

Daddy was a preacher man. He stood in the pulpit, the sing-song of his sermon washing over us like the warm water of the Jordan, and spoke of the "hills arrayed in living green." We were nestled in those very hills.

Our playhouses were in laurel thickets. The twining trunks were bare four or five feet high, like a manicured topiary, and then the foliage and blooms formed a canopy that only the heaviest rain could penetrate. We swept the leaves from the ground and designated a living room, bedrooms, and a kitchen. A bright king snake crept into our "living room" one day and our faithful collie/shepherd mix jumped between us.

Blackberry bushes are everywhere this year; my sister and I allow we have never seen so many. One time, Granny, Grandpa, and I went to visit Aunt Lou Em who had a black-

berry thicket with old vines rising ten or twelve feet tall. We put on rain boots and long sleeves shirts to protect us from ticks and thorns. We picked ripe blackberries until we had overfilled every tin bucket and my face and hands were stained with juice.

The blackberry vines line every fence, promising berries that will become dark jams and warm sonkers, a dish somewhat like a cobbler that is distinctive to this region.

Here, in the western reaches of Virginia and North Carolina, where the roads curve against the hillside, crossing back and forth across the state line, the trees nearly touch the sky. They are so tall you have to back up, back way up, to get the entire tree in a picture.

I miss tall, tall trees. My sister and I have always loved roads, a trait we inherited from our Daddy. After church on Sundays, we often rode up and down the backroads, taking unfamiliar routes until we knew them, too. Every road brings a memory now, even those we really don't recall are known to us on some subliminal level.

This green, these laurels, these blackberry vines, these curves, these peaks — these are imprinted on my DNA as surely as dark hair and short stature.

I am grateful to be able to come back and travel these roads.

Deb Goodrich is the co-host of *Around Kansas*, along with her friend, Michelle Martin. Deb is the *Garvey Texas Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum and the chair of the Santa Fe Trail 200*. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

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NEW AD DEADLINE:

Friday BEFORE 11:00 AM

* Due to new printing deadlines, all AUCTION ADS have to be sized by Noon and ads submitted after 11:00 AM will not be accepted.

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AUCTIONS are a VERY IMPORTANT part of Grass & Grain & this notice is meant to prevent any auction from being excluded due to deadline. We appreciate your loyalty to Grass & Grain!

ANTIQUE AUCTION

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021 — 10:00 AM

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

GLASS & COLLECTIBLES

150 Paper weights; 75 water sets; many Toby mugs; many table sets; Iris & Herringbone sets; butter dishes; hen on nest collections; covered deer collections; 60's carnival collection; Shriner pieces; cane collection; canvas ducks w/glass eyes; many brass items; several train cars and 5903 & 3100 engines; crocks inc: 2, 3 & 10 gal Red Wing;

Seth Thomas mantel clock; oak Kellogg wall telephone; fancy hanging lamp; coaster wagon; baby buggy; small display case; assortment of other collectibles.

FURNITURE

Dental cabinet; oak hall seat; French curio cabinet & lamp table; wash stand; oak Hoosier type cabinet; cherry wardrobe w/mirror; oak flat glass secretary; dish cup-

board; pine corner cabinet; 3 drawer dresser; treadle sewing machine; floor model radio; Duncan Phyfe table, chairs & china; kitchen display cabinet; small counter 2 door display; Coca Cola metal shelf; display case.

OSH KOSH B'GOSH SIGN; RUSTY JONES CONTAINER ON WHEELS

NOTE: This is a collection of 2 estates that collected many years. The glass, paper weights, water sets, Toby mugs are very quality and is a 50+ year collection of 1 estate. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. Please wear your mask at the building for your safety.

Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC, 785-738-0067

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021 — 9:30 AM

Auction will be held at 617 W. Court in BELOIT, KANSAS

TRUCK, TRAILERS, EQUIPMENT

1968 Chevrolet C50 service truck, 366 engine, 4-2 38P Browning transmission very low mileage w/crane, tool boxes, air compressor; 1995 Ford E350 w/16' box van dually, automatic; 2001 Dodge Durango SLT V8, automatic; 1986 Hillsboro gooseneck tandem 6'x20' covered stock trailer; 5'x16' 1/2 covered tandem axle stock trailer bumper hitch; Ditch Witch R30 w/backhoe & loader; Ditch Witch R30 trencher; Ditch Witch R40 for parts; Yanmar 155D-53708 tractor 4 wheel drive 3 pt; H&H 16' tandem axle trailer; John Deere 224ws square baler; Mydhandy cattle squeeze chute w/headgate; 2004 Craftsman lawnmower; Atlas 5 hp snow blower; Poulan weedeater; 1999 ROLC boat trailer; Mercury 500 boat motor; Wards cement mixer w/electric motor; 5' loader bucket; 12-12' cattle panels; 150 T posts; electric fence posts & wire; 100 gal water tanks.

TOOLS & HOUSEHOLD

Large assortment hand tools (Matco, Mac, Snap-on, SK, Iregal); several Snap-on special tools; air tools; wrenches; impacts; sockets; Snap-on roll-

ing cart tool tray; Lincoln SP wire welder; Lincoln welder w/generator engine needs work; Miller Spectrum 375 plasma cutter; Snap-on cooling system tester; Snap on bolt grip puller set; Snap-on gear puller; Craftsman grinder; Chicago 3' x 21' belt sander; DeWalt 5' orbit sander; 2 hp Skill saw; Snap on crowfoots; Cen-Tech laser; Snap On MT33B testing; Delta shop master; Lincoln jack; Snap On timing & Advance light; Mac power steering pump/alternator/pulley remover/ installer set; Snap on compression gauges; Mac ET120A LED circuit tester; table saw; wet saw; belt sander; router; Chicago 14: cut off saw; Chicago 1/2" low speed drill; Laser photo tach; Rigid 36" wrench; Milwaukee heavy duty T dial; Chicago 1/2" VSR drill; Matco 4 ton porta power; Iregal & Wright 24" wrenches; Central Tools dial indicator; DC inductive timing light; Dillon dynamometer; tap & die set; pneumatic fan clutch wrench set; torque angle gauge; transfer punch sets; torque wrenches; Engine stand; welding tables; Snap On mirrors, cups; creeper; Winchester tool set; dent puller;

turn signal cam; jack stands; small wheels & axles; aluminum Magnex jaw caps; engine stud kit; transmission cooler; USA hose power; New 10' x 17' portable garage; 75 gal fuel tank; assortment engine parts inc: performance parts; headers; O rings; saw blades; assortment screws & bolts; California mirrors; Engine books; hydraulic control valves; A O Smith AC motor; Coleman cooler 54; Household: mini fridge; 50" TV; entertainment center; Spectra gas oven; twin bed; coffee tables; Atlanta Homestead wood stove; Antique dresser; kerosene lamps; assortment die cast models; vintage light fixtures; vintage luggage; sound system; gun case; shell reloading kits; Winston & Coleman camp grills; wall lanterns; exercise equipment; wheelbarrow; ladders; upper cabinets; tin; lumber; shingles; cement blocks; red bricks; electrical supplies; wiring; sand paper; clothes line poles; trailer cover; laminate flooring; floor tiles; electrical boxes; cooktop fan; driver, passenger middle seats; bifold doors; bathroom sink & stool; very large assortment of other items.

DWAINE CHINANDER ESTATE

NOTE: This is a very large auction, there is a large number of good tools. There are many toys and other items. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. For your safety, please wear your mask. Cash, checks and credit/debit cards accepted as forms of payment. A 2% convenience fee will be added to credit/debit card transactions.

Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC, 785-738-0067

AUCTION

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021 — 10:30 AM

Auction will be held at the home at 1795 N. 160 Road in Concordia, KS (1/2 mile South of the Fairgrounds on the East side of Concordia).

TRACTOR, PICKUP, IMPLEMENTS & HORSE TRAILER

Ford 641 tractor w/loader 4' bucket, 3 point; 1979 Ford F 150 Custom 4 wheel drive flatbed pickup, 351 engine, automatic, shows 97,000 miles; Miley tandem axle 2 horse covered trailer; 2 bottom 3 pt. plow; 2 wheel manure spreader; 3 pt. blade; 3 pt. Continental post hole digger; flat harrow.

MOWERS & TOOLS

John Deere X534 riding mower near new; John Deere lawn trailer; Cub Cadet mowers (129; 123; 126; 122 for parts); DR trimmer; Toro push lawn mower; Yard Man mower; wheel barrow; Homelite chain saw; fertilizer spreader; Werner 1124-2

extension ladder; 8' step ladder; Snap On tool box; floor jack; assortment hand tools; battery charger; C clamps; jack stands; bench grinder; parts cabinets; many hand tools; blower; metal ammo boxes; yard tools; assortment of other items.

HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES

Schwinn LeTour Tourist bike; 5 saddles inc: 2 child's; horse rings; 3 wooden wagon wheels; well pump; pedal grinder; coaster wagon; iron wheels; painted high chair; oak parlor table; pr. metal lawn chairs; copper boiler; Winchester 150 lever 22 s.,l,r; Ithaca M4 22 s.,l,r; Ranger 12 ga. double barrel; mantel clock; assortment costume jewelry; toy stoves; assortment dolls; doll china; Pepsi clock;

covered boxes; Carnival bowl; Pyrex; Jewell T bowls; cups & saucers; assortment china; collector plates; steins; 4 qt. churn; sad irons; viewer; plates; clocks; cream cans; 4 gal Western clock; 1 gal Western jug; Christmas items; color wheel; records; wood ironing board; yard art; assortment other collectibles. Household inc: lift chair; recliner; rocker; several chest's of drawers; jewelry cabinet; Sears sewing machine; 60's roll top desk; modern stack bookcase; maple kitchen table w/4 chairs; 60's cabinets; cedar chest; metal 2 door cabinet; exercise bike; kitchen items; yard furniture; luggage; large assortment of other glass and household items.

EVELYN MILLER ESTATE

Note: Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. There are many items, this will be a large auction. Be safe, if you are not feeling well please call in your bids to 785-738-0067.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cowhide On The Soles of His Boots

I wanna tell y'all a true story that happened to a friend of mine. Big Jim was judgin' the rodeo at Burlington last year. They call him Big Jim 'cause

he's big as a round bale and twice as tough. But he don't move quite as fast as he did in his ol' bronc ridin' days. Big Jim always had

a way with animals. He roped a skunk one time when he was a little boy and drug it home. His dad made him unsaddle a hundred yards from the house. Jim said his ol' pony walked right into the pond and stuck his whole head under the water... several times. He finally sold the saddle. Two years later. In the winter.

They claim him and his dog, Pat, cornered a 300-pound wild boar in a thicket, unarmed, and did him in with his Barlow.

So Big Jim is used to animals behavin' peculiar around him.

The stock contractor told Jim that his blue mare would buck out and come round to the right. Jim positioned himself to see when the saddle bronc rider marked 'er out. The rider called for the horse.

Out they came, pitchin' and rollin'. The cowboy was spurrin' fer all he was worth and the ol' mare was feelin' her oats. She bucked toward Big Jim. He backed up 'til he was

backed up against the front of the chute.

Ol' Blue stuck her head right against Big Jim's chest and pinned him to the fence! She had her mouth wide open and was squealin' like a cheerleader at the high school basketball finals. She was strikin' and pawin' and flailin' on both sides of his rigid body. Splinters and sparks were flyin' off both sides of Big Jim's head.

He daren't move a muscle. He was less than three feet from the dumbfounded bronc stomper who was still spurrin' like a hound dog in a gopher hole! They were lookin' at each other with Pekinese eyes.

Silver and horsehair was flashin' and flyin' in furious strokes as the rider continued to try and im-

press the judge. It can be said, he certainly had his attention. This continued for a three-second eternity then the mare fell back, wheeled and mule-kicked at the petrified judge. Both hooves hit the chute simultaneously on each side of Jim's head at eye level. Then she bucked off down the arena.

The other judge come runnin' over. "Are ya okay? Could ya see what happened? Was he spurrin' on both sides? How'd ya mark'em?"

"Wull," said Big Jim, "I know the kids got the makin's of a bronc rider. He had his toes pointed out so far that from where I was standin' I could read 'genuine cowhide' on the soles of his boots!"

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AFBF congratulates Jewel Bronaugh on her confirmation

American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) president Zippy Duvall commented May 14 on the Senate confirmation of Jewel Bronaugh as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

"AFBF congratulates Dr. Jewel Bronaugh on her confirmation as USDA Deputy Secretary. Not only is the confirmation historic, the bipartisan vote is an acknowledgement from both parties that she is focused on the needs of America's farmers and ranchers.

"Bronaugh's wide range of experience as Virginia's Agriculture Commissioner, as state director of USDA's Farm Service Agency and her work addressing mental health issues in rural communities will make her a valuable addition to Secretary Tom Vilsack's team as they tackle the challenges facing rural America."

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RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE			
STEERS			
300-400	\$178.00 - \$188.00	59 mix Tampa	871@133.00
400-500	\$172.00 - \$182.00	120 blk Abilene	905@132.25
500-600	\$152.00 - \$162.00	61 mix Minneapolis	896@132.25
600-700	\$150.00 - \$160.00	60 mix Hope	879@132.00
700-800	\$135.00 - \$145.00	11 mix Minneapolis	816@129.00
800-900	\$126.00 - \$136.75	50 mix Hope	939@128.75
900-1,000	\$116.00 - \$126.50	17 blk Hope	927@127.00
		25 mix Beloit	921@123.85
		8 red Smolan	516@59.00
HEIFERS			
400-500	\$143.00 - \$153.00		
500-600	\$130.00 - \$140.00		
600-700	\$124.00 - \$134.00		
700-800	\$117.00 - \$127.00		
800-900	\$114.00 - \$124.00		
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021			
STEERS			
2 mix Tampa	410@182.50	2 mix Lorraine	413@152.00
2 blk Falun	398@181.00	5 blk Tampa	501@149.00
2 mix Salina	430@168.00	26 mix Falun	453@148.00
8 mix Tampa	538@165.00	9 red Lincolnville	487@146.00
5 blk Tampa	478@163.00	6 red Smolan	452@144.00
14 mix Tampa	556@160.00	7 mix Assaria	546@143.00
4 blk Claflin	571@158.00	9 red Smolan	522@142.00
5 blk Tampa	625@157.50	10 blk Assaria	601@141.00
3 blk Tampa	525@157.00	2 blk Salina	538@139.00
6 blk Assaria	546@156.50	2 blk Claflin	558@139.00
10 blk Delphos	592@154.50	5 blk Ada	568@138.00
11 mix Peabody	626@153.50	3 mix Lorraine	630@136.00
10 blk Assaria	647@150.50	6 mix Salina	549@135.00
17 mix Abilene	587@150.00	7 blk Tampa	555@135.00
14 blk Ellinwood	659@149.00	13 blk Delphos	630@135.00
4 blk Tampa	576@147.00	17 mix Peabody	624@134.50
7 blk Tampa	713@146.00	12 blk Gypsum	740@134.00
17 mix Peabody	732@145.25	11 red Lincolnville	551@133.00
3 blk Claflin	632@145.00	5 blk Tampa	639@132.00
15 blk Delphos	810@142.25	8 blk Aurora	704@132.00
34 mix Clay Center	814@142.00	18 mix Miltonvale	696@132.00
16 blk Delphos	728@142.00	67 mix White Water	710@129.75
7 blk Lost Springs	741@141.75	14 blk Delphos	720@129.00
18 blk Ellinwood	733@141.50	12 mix Durham	703@128.00
68 mix Abilene	805@140.50	8 blk Abilene	788@128.00
20 mix Beloit	779@140.25	62 mix Hillsboro	812@127.85
6 blk Clay Center	715@140.00	15 blk Hays	757@127.00
4 mix Tampa	751@139.00	37 mix Salina	700@127.00
66 mix Abilene	827@138.00	63 mix White Water	834@126.50
5 blk Ada	849@138.00	9 blk Aurora	833@126.25
22 mix Hope	820@137.25	45 mix Durham	834@126.00
21 mix Mcpherson	860@137.10	6 blk Minneapolis	741@125.50
60 blk Abilene	830@136.50	46 mix Assaria	823@124.35
61 blk Hope	857@136.25	29 mix Salina	918@120.75
55 mix Mcpherson	842@134.50	11 mix Salina	1088@104.50
11 mix Gypsum	890@133.25		
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021			
CALVES			
1 blk Randolph	230@685.00		
2 bwf Salina	240@410.00		
1 blk Randolph	220@400.00		
1 blk Jamestown	200@385.00		

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MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY

Hogs sell at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD

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1 Char Salina	190@360.00	COWS	
1 blk Mcpherson	190@260.00	1 red Barnard	1630@76.00
1 blk Mcpherson	100@160.00	1 blk Marquette	1410@75.50
		1 red Canton	1640@75.00
		2 mix Salina	1123@74.00
BULLS			
1 red Geneso	2130@110.00	1 blk Abilene	1535@73.00
1 blk Barnard	1820@107.00	1 blk Newton	1670@72.50
1 blk Nickerson	2053@107.00	1 blk Salina	1635@71.50
1 blk Barnard	2585@103.50	2 blk Durham	1670@71.50
1 blk Salina	2305@103.00	7 blk Ellinwood	1517@71.00
1 blk Lost Springs	2170@101.50	1 blk Little River	1565@70.50
1 blk Newton	2045@101.00	1 blk Goff	1605@70.50
1 blk Lost Springs	2180@99.50	1 red Marquette	1890@70.00
1 red Geneso	1940@99.00	2 blk Assaria	1455@69.50
1 blk Miltonvale	2095@99.00	1 blk Salina	1215@69.00
1 blk Barnard	1875@98.00	1 blk Carlton	1530@68.00
1 blk Nickerson	1980@98.00	1 blk Delphos	1625@68.00
1 blk Newton	1960@97.50	1 blk Miltonvale	1315@68.00
1 blk Claflin	2310@97.00	1 blk Marquette	1675@68.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

- 1 str, 900-1000 lbs.
- 1 str, 350 lbs.
- 58 mostly blk str, 900-925 lbs., NS



IN STOCK TODAY:

- Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders
- 42' ROUND BALE DUMP TRAILERS
- Heavy Duty 5000# Grain Tote

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