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Schemm operation rooted in leadership

By Lucas Shivers

Editor's Note: This is the fourth week of the Grass & Grain Wheat Harvest series, sponsored by Kansas Wheat, Herrs Machine Hydrostatics, Bennington State Bank, FCS and Harris Crop Insurance.

David and Lisa Schemm with their son Clay, from Sharon Springs, raise wheat and other crops and also support agriculture with many leadership roles.

David serves as agricultural advisor for Senator Roger Marshall due to his connections and knowledge of farming and farm programs. Since 2017, David has also been Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Kansas state executive director to oversee the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill, three rounds of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and other FSA programs.

"I started learning to run a tractor and do it all with my boys because David is so busy with everything," Lisa said. "I love the flexibility and time out on the farm. Right now, it's busy with 14+ hour days. We've been running behind, but we'll be caught up soon."

Lisa has taken on much of the daily farm operation with Clay.

"Clay, our son, is growing in the operation and I love watching him take it where he would like it to go," Lisa said. "He's learning and staying balanced. We found that 'growing up on the farm' and 'working the farm' are two very different things."

Coming Together

While David has Kansas roots, Lisa grew up in Texas.

"My family farmed and had Angora goats that were raised for their hair," Lisa said. "Growing up for a summer job, I would grade goat hair for ten to 12 hour days. Agriculture has always been there for me, but sometimes it looks different."

David and Lisa went to college in east Texas, both working on farms around classes. David worked the ground; and Lisa was often in the stables with horses.

"It was hard to get a date with me, but then we eventually got engaged in a chicken house," Lisa said. "When he was work-



2007 was the first year for the Schemm boys to both run combines by themselves for wheat harvest; Clay would have been 11 and Luke was 9. Courtesy photos

ing at the farm, one of his duties was gathering the eggs. I loved riding horseback. One day, he took me on a ride, and he pretended the door was left open on the coop. He had it all set up in there to ask for marriage."

Family Focus

The Schemms stayed in Texas while getting married at the end of their junior year in college.

"Then, we moved straight to Kansas and started farming," Lisa said. "I worked for the local John Deere in town while it was there. David went to work as a salesman during some dry years on the farm early on. He got his commercial application license to spray for a few years."

Working full time and farming on the side, the Schemms helped the family manage the farm for ten years before totally going out on their own, even though David keeps busy with all of his many opportunities.

The Schemms' farming roots date back to David's grandparents, who came to Wallace County in 1928 and continued on with Vernon and Dixie.

"We started in 1993 with David's parents who had a lot in CRP land at the time," Lisa said. "We added ground and between our son and us now, we operate around 12,000 acres."

In 2015, the Schemms' younger son Luke died in a football accident as a senior in high school, collapsing at his playoff

game. From this tragedy, his older brother came back to the family farm to take it on.

"Luke always felt he would come back to the farm, but Clay wanted to farm as well," Lisa said. "Luke passed away when Clay was a junior in college."

With academic and athletic success across the board, Clay was accepted to the Naval Academy but instead took a scholarship to K-State with an initial major in chemistry and German.

Refocused after the loss of his brother, Clay finished at KSU with a degree in Ag Tech Management with emphasis in agronomy and business.

Wheat Focus

The Schemms have 1,500 acres in wheat this year.

"It's looking pretty good," Lisa said. "We had some wind and hail about five miles south in early June. We're hoping to have 60-70 bushels an acre, high for our area."

Rains in the fall and spring really helped the crop thrive.

"There is some striped rust, but we ended up not spraying due to timing," Lisa said. "It's still looking phenomenal, even after some freeze damage that we didn't think originally would show up."

The family runs New Holland tractors, and just purchased an older Versatile tractor to put on the sweeps.

"We have lots of other kinds of equipment and

machinery to find the best fit for our operation for the best deal," Lisa said. "It doesn't matter the color to us."

Harvest Time

Wheat harvest is an annual highlight on the farm.

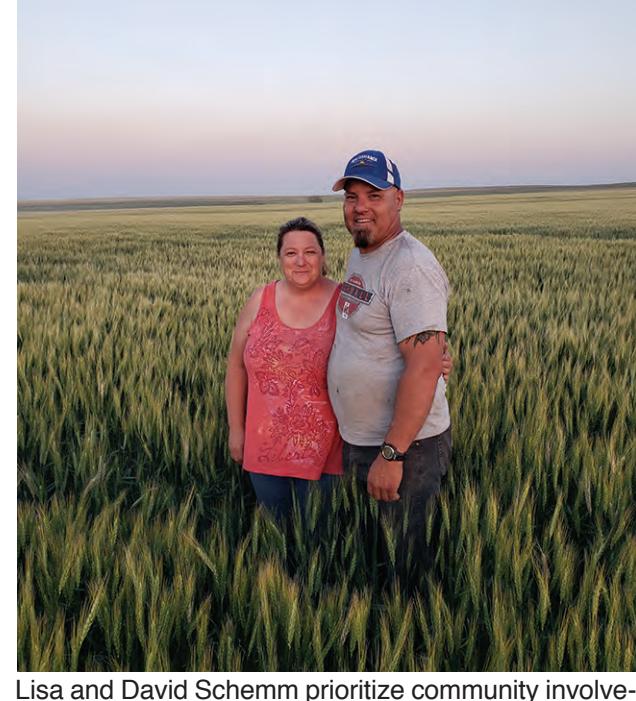
"I enjoy having all of us in the field at the same time," Lisa said. "One time, David and the boys were in three different combines, and I was out running the tractor."

In addition to farming, David took on leadership roles on Kansas and the National Wheat boards as chair.

Clay is involved as Wallace County Farm Bureau president and soil conservation board.

Lisa was on the Farm Service Agency board for 12 years and Wallace County Foundation Board for six years.

The Schemms also grow corn, grain sorghum and sunflowers.



Lisa and David Schemm prioritize community involvement and leadership as they manage life on their farm.



After earning a degree in Ag Tech Management at Kansas State University, Clay Schemm is back working on the farm full time.

Gov. Kelly visits Hildebrand Dairy to sign June Dairy Month proclamation



Members of the Hildebrand family, including their matriarch Margaret, third from left, greeted Governor Laura Kelly as she prepared to tour their farm store and processing facility near Junction City on June 24.

Photos by Donna Sullivan



Surrounded by the Holstein cows that Melissa Hildebrand-Reed affectionately calls The Girls, Governor Kelly was joined by Junction City mayor Jeff Underhill, Agriculture Secretary Mike Beam, Alan Hildebrand, Melissa and her son Chase, and Senator Tom Hawk as she signed the proclamation declaring June as Dairy Month in Kansas. Kelly also announced that a virtual tour of Hildebrand Dairy would be included in the upcoming World Dairy Expo. She cited the more than 173,000 dairy cows living on over 220 family dairies that produce in excess of four billion pounds of milk each year, adding \$668 million to the state's economy annually.

Kansas Department of Agriculture announces 2021 Ag Summit

The Kansas Department of Agriculture will host the state's agriculture community in person for its sixth annual Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth on Thursday, August 26, in Manhattan.

The 2021 Ag Growth

Summit will be a blend of in-person events and online meetings. The Summit main event will be held at the Manhattan Conference Center with in-person attendance highly encouraged. For several weeks prior to the Summit, starting July 1, a series of virtual sector breakout sessions will lead up to the Summit main event.

The Kansas Ag Growth Summit is well-known as a time when all of the agriculture industry sectors gather together in one place, with one goal — growing Kansas agriculture. Last year's virtual Summit was able to reach Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in a new way, especially for the individual sector breakout session discussions. Those sector breakout sessions will again be held via Zoom, with a strong emphasis on collaborative discussion. The individual meetings will vary based on the needs and interests of each sector. A full schedule of the sector breakout sessions, along with registration links for each individual Zoom meeting, can be found at

www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit

The Summit will culminate with the main event in person on August 26 — a day of meaningful discussion about the future of Kansas agriculture. Attendees are also invited to participate in a social event on the evening of August 25, also at the Manhattan Conference Center.

There is no cost to attend any of the Ag Growth Summit meetings or events, but it is important that attendees register to get login information for the virtual sector breakout sessions and so KDA can provide adequate materials for attendees and have accurate meal counts. Registration has begun for the Summit and for sector breakout sessions at www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit, along with additional information including agendas and overviews of the sectors.

If you have questions about the 2021 Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth, please contact Brittney Grother at Brittney.Grother@ks.gov or 785-564-6797.



KANSAS FARM BUREAU

The Voice of Agriculture

Avoiding Catastrophe

By Glenn Brunkow,
Pottawatomie County
farmer and rancher

This is the season of busy here in the ag world. It seems as though we are simultaneously in wheat harvest, crop planting, haying and there are always things to do with the livestock. There are never enough hours in the day to get things done, and we catch ourselves working long hours at a frenetic pace. Then you add in what we do in agriculture can be incredibly dangerous, and we are often alone. The bottom line is farming and ranching is always dangerous, but right now it is exceedingly dangerous.

Believe me, I am preaching to the choir,

and I speak from experience. A couple of years ago I was unhooking the rake from the tractor, I knew the jack was not good, and I knew the rake was on a slight incline. Despite knowing all of that, I still pulled the hitch pin without any thought of where my feet were or what could happen. The pin was in a bind, and I got closer to give it a better yank.

I admit it, I was in a hurry and more than a little annoyed the pin was not coming out easy. In any case, I set my shoulders and gave the hitch pin an extra hard pull. It came and what happened next was a blur. The rake rolled back, the jack gave out and everything fell

straight down. Straight down on my foot. I was stunned at first and then I realized the rake was on my foot. I could not move my foot and had to have dad come over with another jack.

Actually, it was on my boot and near my foot. It did not take too long to get the rake off, and I assessed the situation. It had sliced through the leather toe of my boot, which I am fairly sure is tougher than my foot. Then it hit me, just how close I had come to losing at least part of my foot and just how lucky I was to not be alone that day. Another inch or two and my life would have changed forever.

I bet my story is not unique, and I would guess all of us in agriculture have similar stories of near misses and many of us were not so lucky. What is the difference between a near-miss and a catastrophic accident? The answer is luck. What can we do to make sure we are not in that situation? The answer is to slow down and realize that the more we hurry and the more corners we cut the more dangerous this job gets. Throw in the long hours and stress and it is a dangerous combination, but one that can be avoided.

Please, in this time of busy be careful and cautious; go the extra mile and slow down. Remember, those of us in agriculture account for less than two percent of the population, we cannot afford to lose anyone.

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USDA preparing for meat processing expansion

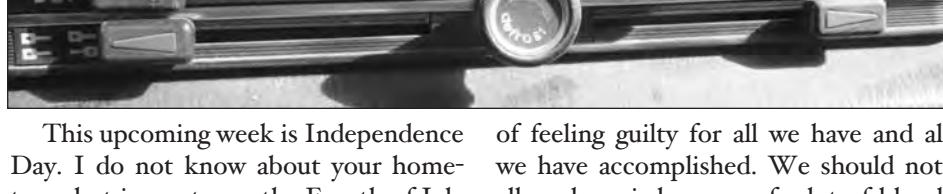
Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently told a U.S. Senate subcommittee that the department is building an infrastructure to support what he described as a "significant expansion" of the nation's meat processing capacity starting as soon as this summer.

In testimony on USDA's budget request for 2022, Vilsack noted that recent efforts to strengthen enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act are part of a larger plan to increase meat processing capacity over the next few months.

Support for new and expanded regional processing capacity was also a major theme of USDA's Build Back Better program, committing more than \$4 billion to strengthen the food system, support food production, expand processing, increase market opportunities and improve distribution.

DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

by Glenn Brunkow



This upcoming week is Independence Day. I do not know about your hometown but in my town, the Fourth of July is a big deal. Wamego is known for the celebration they put on and especially the fireworks. It is the best fireworks display I have ever seen but my favorite part of the celebration is without a doubt the parade. It is complete with antique cars and tractors, floats and, of course, politicians. It is a small slice of Americana and always make me feel a certain amount of patriotic pride.

Last year was so strange because we did not have an Independence Day celebration. It was odd to not get together with family and friends to cook out and relax. The Fourth of July is a much-needed break in the middle of the summer busy season, and it just did not seem like we got that last year. Then again, there was nothing normal about last year either, but all of those leaves me much more excited and anxious for this year's celebration.

I think this year also seems more important or maybe more necessary because of the current climate in politics and our nation in general. We seem to be more polarized and divided than I ever remember and maybe for a few short hours we can close the divide just a little bit. We need to celebrate all we have done, everything we have accomplished, and the bedrock principles we stand for. This great nation serves as a beacon of hope, freedom, and prosperity for the rest of the world, and it is important that we do not lose sight of that and that we celebrate it.

We live in a nation that was literally carved out of the frontier, we are a country of self-made entrepreneurs and business owners, we have created the world's most efficient, technologically advanced, and productive agriculture system. That alone is something to be proud of, then there is the knowledge that we are the protector of freedom and prosperity for much of the rest of the world. Without a doubt we are the best nation in the world. That is not being prideful or boasting, it is just appreciating our accomplishments.

Lately it seems like we have slipped. It is easy to get caught up in the news and wonder if this is the end of our great nation. At times I fear it could be. It would be easy for us to fall for the trap

of feeling guilty for all we have and all we have accomplished. We should not, all we have is because of a lot of blood, sweat and hard work. However, we must also be vigilant and not rest on our laurels.

Freedom is fragile and success is not guaranteed. If we get lazy, complacent and think that we are entitled to a certain lifestyle, the work of the past will disappear suddenly. We must look at the example set by past generations as a blueprint for future success. Sure, we will do it in different ways, but success will always require the work ethic and sacrifice of our ancestors. We must celebrate that.

With the benefit of hindsight would we do things differently and would we make changes? Probably, but we must also remember that those who came before us did not have that luxury. Instead of brushing aside our history because of those mistakes, we should focus on the great accomplishments and celebrate them, especially on Independence Day.

We must get back to what made us successful and that is a can-do attitude and the idea of putting in the work for the reward. We are still the best nation in the world and the best place to live, but we need to get our act together right now. I would guess that we have faced greater threats and we have always prevailed, I pray that we will do the same now.

This 4th of July, we need to take a step back and celebrate the accomplishments of this great nation. I think we need to celebrate the fact that we survived the past year, and we are still here. However, we also need to take the time to focus on the future and how we can do our part to keep this great nation healthy, free, and prosperous.

It will not be easy, it never has been, but it is worth it. We must dedicate ourselves to rolling up our sleeves, putting in the hard work and digging our way out of this hole. We have done it before, and we can do it again and it is time for us to heal wounds that are self-inflicted. I have faith that we can continue to be the nation that leads the world's economy, protects freedoms and is an example for all peoples. That is what Independence Day is about and that is what I intend to celebrate.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

In what can be described as a victory for common sense, the Colorado Supreme Court unanimously voted to block Initiative 2021-21 #16, known as the PAUSE Act. PAUSE (Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation) would have criminalized commonly used and accepted animal husbandry practices such as artificial insemination, semen collection and pregnancy testing, deeming them as cruelty to animals. It also sought to require an animal live one-quarter of their natural lifespan before slaughter and defined the "natural lifespan" of animal species as: "a cow lives to 20 years, a chicken lives to 8 years, a turkey lives to ten years, a duck lives to six years, a pig lives to 15 years, a sheep lives to 15 years, a rabbit lives to six years." Those in production livestock quickly recognized the harm this would do throughout all levels of the industry, from producers to feed manufacturers to packers, with the cost landing squarely on the plates of consumers.

The court ruled that the citizen-led ballot initiative was erroneously advanced by the State Title Board because it violated the Colorado constitution's single-subject requirement. The Court sent it back to the State Title Board, instructing them to return the initiative to its proponents. And just who are those proponents? The initiative was written by Alexander Sage of Broomfield and Brent Johannes of Boulder, a duo of animal rights activists with no training in or working knowledge of animal husbandry. Sage has been a volunteer at Luvin Arms Animal Sanctuary since 2017, where he was trained in "animal care support," according to an article by Jaclyn Krymowski for Protect the Harvest. Johannes is a known PETA associate who has been active in animal extremist work for some time, according to Krymowski.

Sage and Johannes can redraft the measure, but would have to start the process all over from the beginning. Whether they will or not remains to be seen.

Animal agriculture may have dodged a bullet this time, but the fact that such an extreme measure advanced as far as it did makes it quite apparent that livestock producers must remain vigilant in keeping abreast of issues surrounding the industry, as well as understanding we are the face of animal agriculture and will constantly find ourselves under scrutiny. Use best management practices and engage with consumers every chance you get.

There's a saying in sales, "Perception is reality in the mind of the consumer." We must make sure their perception of animal agriculture is based on truth.

Honestly, we're the only ones who can.

New study highlights negative impacts of death tax proposals

The Texas A&M University Agricultural and Food Policy Center released a report quantifying the negative impact two proposed bills would have on U.S. cattle and beef producers. The STEP Act would eliminate stepped-up basis at the time of death of an owner, and the For the

99.5% Act would decrease the estate tax exemption to \$3.5 million per individual and \$7 million per couple. Parts of both bills are incorporated into President Biden's tax plan.

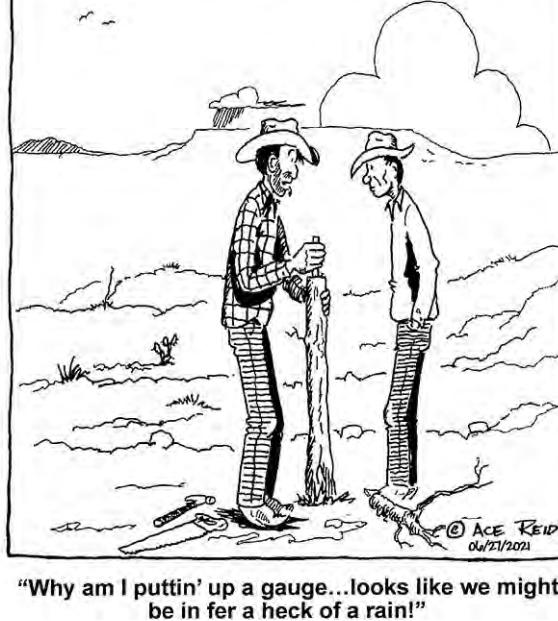
Under current law, when the owner of a farm or ranch dies, the estate is subjected to federal es-

tate taxes. As of 2021, \$11.7 million per individual and \$23.4 million per couple in assets are exempted from the estate tax, protecting most farms from the estate tax. In addition, when a decedent passes farm assets to an heir, the heir is allowed to take fair market value as their basis in the property, effectively avoiding capital gains taxes.

The study proves that, because of their unique structure, family-owned businesses are particularly susceptible to changes in the tax code. In fact, if both bills were implemented, 98% of the representative farms used in the study would have seen an average tax increase of \$1.4 million.

"Lowering the estate tax exemption and eliminating stepped-up basis will have a devastating impact on farmers and ranchers," said Josh Wingerter, TCFA director of government relations. "Hopefully those members of Congress supporting these proposals will read this study and make an informed decision rather than a politically expedient one."

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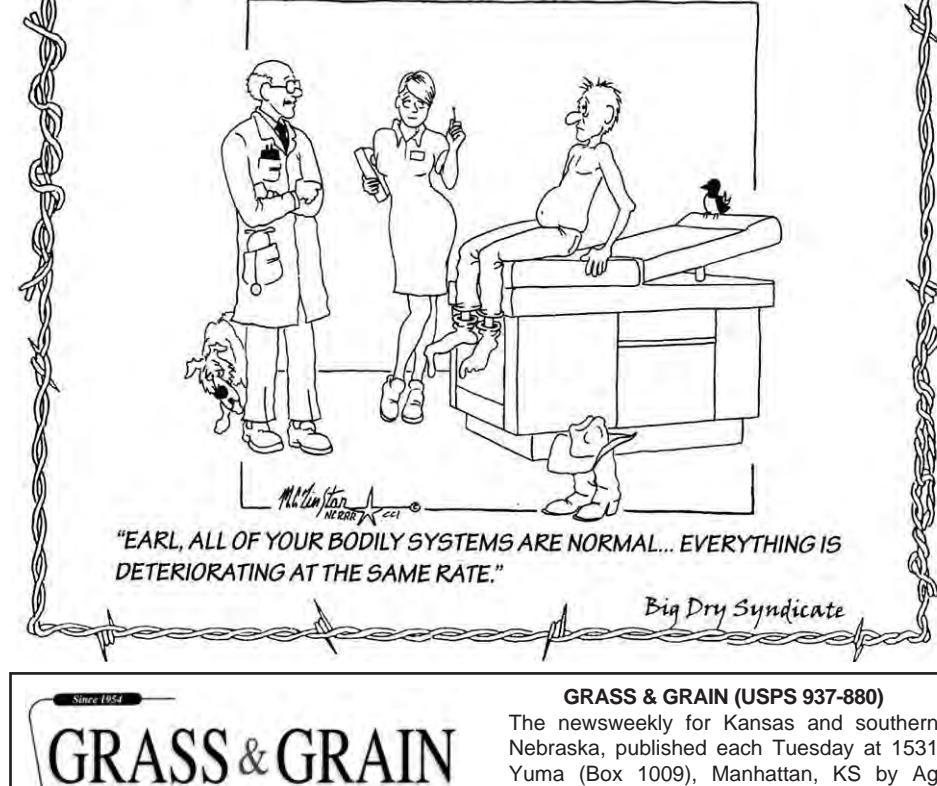
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Average lease rates reported in Bluestem Pasture Report

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas State University Department of Agricultural Economics recently released the Bluestem Pasture Report. Last issued in 2019, the biennial report is a compilation of survey information collected from ranchers and land-

owners in the 14-county bluestem pasture area.

Results of the survey showed the average bluestem pasture lease rate reported for a 600-lb. steer or heifer for the full summer season was \$144.80 per head when care is provided and \$118.60 per head without care. In a

short summer lease, the average rate was \$93.39 per head when care is provided and \$85.50 when it is not. The rate for a three-quarter summer lease averaged \$120.67 per head with care and \$119.67 without.

Pasture operators reported charging \$267.40

for cow-calf pairs on a full summer season contract if care is provided and \$192.87 without care. The average lease price for a cow-calf pair in a short summer season contract where care is not provided was \$123.67. There was an insufficient number of reports received to ac-

curately publish data on prices for cow-calf pairs in short summer season contracts where care is provided.

The rate reported in the bluestem region for building a five-wire, all-steel-post fence, including materials, averaged \$12,818 per mile. Excluding materials, the average was \$5,800 per mile. Additional charges averaged \$171.18 for steel gates, \$60.00 for wire gates and \$221.38 for corners.

The additional charge for building in rough or rocky terrain was \$62.50 per hour.

About 80% of survey respondents reported burning pastures this year. Water sources used for livestock on bluestem pasture are 46.5% ponds; 25% streams, spring-fed or spring development; 6.9% solar-powered; 6.5% wells; 5.8% windmills; 5.4% rural water; 1.9% electric-powered wells; and 1.9% hauling.

AgTrax celebrates 25th anniversary, holds ribbon-cutting for new headquarters

AgTrax, a Hutchinson based grain accounting and bin management software solutions company, led by president Gayle Lewis, is celebrating 25 years of serving the agribusiness community throughout the U.S. and Canada.

AgTrax hosted a 25th anniversary reception and ribbon-cutting at its new headquarters in downtown Hutchinson on Thursday, June 17. Taking part in the celebration included AgTrax's many customers, business partners, and colleagues, along with City of Hutchinson mayor, Steve Garza, the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Beam, and Katie Sawyer, state director for U.S. Senator Roger Marshall. Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and Senator Roger Marshall each extended their well wishes in separate congratulatory letters to the company.



A ribbon-cutting for the new headquarters for AgTrax was held June 17 in conjunction with their 25th anniversary celebration. Honored guests included Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam and Katie Sawyer, state director for U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, among others.

AgTrax has become known as 'The Industry Standard' in grain accounting software; designed specifically for grain elevators, fertilizer companies, cooperatives,

ethanol production facilities, feed stores, agronomy service providers, petroleum providers and other types of businesses in agriculture.

AgTrax is a shining ex-

ample of a successful Kansas-headquartered firm, that continues to evolve with the global ag industry.

National Sorghum Producers welcomes Farm Credit as Silver Level Industry Partner

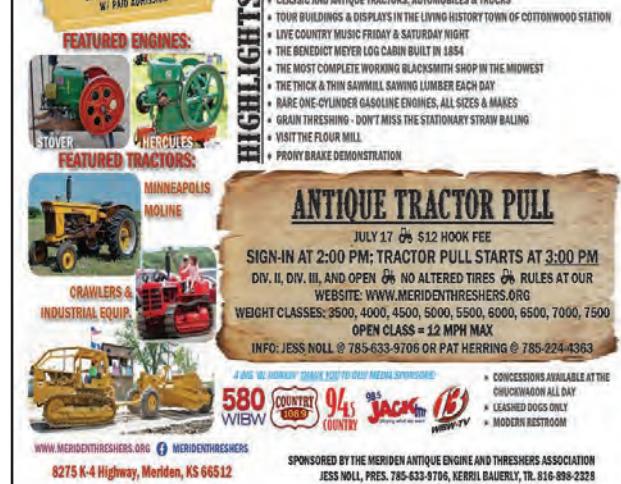
National Sorghum Producers is pleased to announce Farm Credit will be joining the NSP Industry Partner program as a Silver Level sponsor.

"We are excited to develop this new partnership with Farm Credit," NSP industry relations director Jamaica Battin said. "Farm Credit and its employees are at the center of rural communities and agriculture, providing financial services and support that make this partnership valuable to our organization and the members we serve."

For over 100 years, Farm Credit has been a leader in providing credit and financial support to farmers, ranchers, farmer-owned cooperatives and other agribusinesses to increase American competitiveness around the globe. This history has helped Farm Credit build an understanding of rural needs, and it is committed to the success of those communities and American agriculture.

of the sorghum industry, today and tomorrow."

Support from industry partners like Farm Credit helps NSP continue to advocate for, promote and defend the sorghum industry. For more information about the NSP Industry Partner program, contact Battin at jamaica@sorghumgrowers.com or visit SorghumGrowers.com/industry-partners.



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Dr. Steele and Dr. Law would like to announce the addition of two staff veterinarians to Symbioun Inc. -

Bella Carmona, DVM and Ian MP Patterson, DVM.

Dr. Carmona

is a 2021 graduate of K-State and started work in May. Her main focus is on food animal and equine medicine, surgery, and reproduction. She is also interested in working with small ruminants.

Dr. Patterson

is 2021 graduate of K-State and will be joining the clinic in July. He will be continuing the focus of Symbioun Inc. on canine medicine, surgery, and reproduction. He is also interested in orthopedic surgeries on companion animals.

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Linda Kepka, Dorrance, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize

Winner Linda Kepka, Dorrance:

MICROWAVE CHICKEN ROLL-UPS

10-ounce can of chicken
15-ounce can of corn, drained
2 cups shredded cheese
2 cups salsa
8 flour tortillas

Combine chicken, corn, cheese and 1 cup of salsa in a bowl. Spoon some of the mixture over middle of each tortilla. Roll tortillas and place in a microwave-safe dish. Top with remaining salsa and microwave for 5 to 7 minutes until fully heated.

Millie Conger, Tecum-

seh:

SWEET & SOUR SAUCE

3 1/2 cups pineapple

chunks, reserve juice

1 1/4 cups chicken broth

1/4 cup brown sugar

3/4 cup vinegar

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon ketchup

1/4 cup cornstarch

1 cup green onions, chopped

3 green peppers, chopped

in 1-inch pieces (can use

a red one in place of all

green)

Mix all ingredients except the vegetables and pineapple chunks. Bring to a boil and cook until thick. Add vegetables and pineapple and cook 1 minute.

Kimberly Edwards,
Stillwater, Oklahoma:

FOURTH OF JULY FIRE CRACKERS

2 sleeves saltine crackers

1 packet Ranch dip

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

3 teaspoons crushed red

pepper flakes

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1 cup olive oil

Place crackers in a bag and set aside. In a bowl add all ingredients. Whisk to mix. Pour over crackers. Gently move bag around to coat crackers. Bake at 200

degrees for 15-20 minutes on middle rack. Cool completely and store in bags.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
CARAMEL ICE CREAM PIE

1 cup chopped pecans

1 pint chocolate ice cream

6 tablespoons caramel

sauce

6 tablespoons chocolate

sauce

1 pint caramel ice cream (or

coffee-flavored ice cream)

1 chocolate or graham

cracker crust

Scoop chocolate ice cream into bottom of crust and smooth. Sprinkle half the pecans over ice cream.

Drizzle with half of each sauce. Freeze until hardened, at least 2 hours and repeat the process with the caramel (or coffee-flavored) ice cream. Let freeze about 4 hours after second process.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
PEACH RELISH

1/4 cup lime juice

1 teaspoon honey

Dash salt

1/2 small red onion, finely

chopped

2 ripe peaches, chopped

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh

basil

Mix lime juice, salt

and honey. Add onion and

let stand 5 minutes. Add peaches and basil to combination. Great on meat.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

CREAMY CUCUMBER DIP

1 1/2 cups sour cream

Don't Forget To Wash Your Hands ... AND Your Fresh Vegetables

By Cindy S. Williams,
Meadowlark Extension
District, FAC

When it comes to washing fresh vegetables and fruits there are 5 basic rules:

* Wash hands with warm soapy water, for at least 20 seconds, before handling fresh produce.

* Wash all fresh produce under clean, running water before peeling, cutting, or eating.

* Scrubbing with a clean brush is only recommended for produce with a tough rind or peel (such as carrots, potatoes, cucumbers and squash) that will not be brushed or scratched by the brush bristles.

* Discard outer leaves of leafy vegetables like lettuce and cabbage before washing.

* Do not wash fruits and vegetables with bleach or soaps - it can be absorbed into the product and change the taste.

What about pesticides: Pesticides are strictly controlled by the FDA, USDA and EPA and the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables outweigh their possible presence.

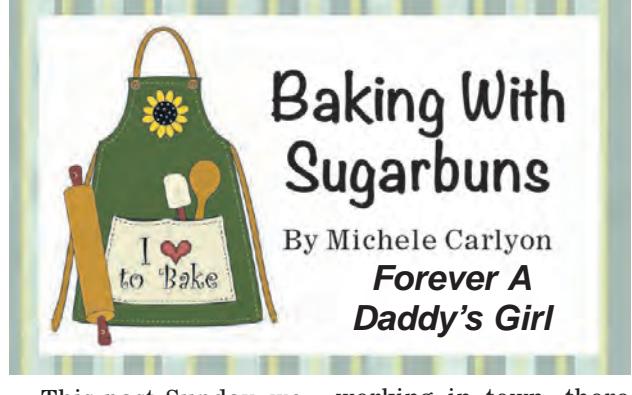
A lot of the pesticides are water-soluble and will come off with water, which is another reason to wash fruit and vegetables before you eat them.

Dry produce with a paper towel may further reduce bacteria. Although it is not necessary for items that will be cooked.

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Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon

Forever A Daddy's Girl

This past Sunday, we did not do much to celebrate the man that is the center of our everyday lives, the man we tend to refer to as Dad. It was the first Father's Day where his dad was no longer with us and my mom's dad has been gone for quite some time, so we opted for a low-key dinner, choosing to refer to it as our usual Sunday Night Family Dinner rather than a Father's Day Celebration. My brothers and I have decided to do our own things this year to ensure that he gets to do all of things he loves to do, going to a movie and a trip to the casino are both in his near future (as work and weather finally decide to free up some time for him).

If you are lucky enough to know my dad then I am sure you will get a little smile reading this and will fully understand why this man means so very much to all of us. As a man of few words, when he does say something, you can generally put money on the fact that it is going to be quite witty and quite possibly antagonistic. He loves his dog Lucy and will proudly tell you that she is his favorite child without an ounce of hesitation. He takes great pride in his toys and if you cannot find him during an evening or on a weekend, it is probably a safe bet that his four-wheeler or dirt bike is missing, and he is out living his best life.

There is no need to wash bagged leafy green salads in sealed bags labeled "washed," "triple washed" or "ready-to-eat." They don't need additional washing at the time of use unless specially directed on the label.

Fresh produce in the summer can provide many great dishes. You can find lots of ways to incorporate your produce into your diet. A great salad is always a hit at cook outs.

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Almost every morning you can find him getting a Dr. Pepper at Handy's, because according to him, no one else can compete. If the boys are

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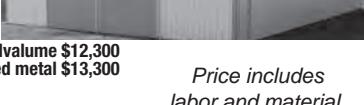
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Picking up where we left off, you can now enjoy a compilation of nearly 80 pages of unique & delicious recipes from "Our Daily Bread" circa 2014, including a few home recipes from the G&G staff!

Pick A Peck Of Peppers This Summer Snacking

Peppers come in a variety of colors, shapes, sizes and flavors ranging from sweet to spicy hot. They are a colorful addition to any meal or they can be enjoyed as a snack on their own. The bell pepper is the most common pepper in the United States. These sweet peppers are packed with nutrients like vitamin B6 and vitamin C, and they are a good source of dietary fiber. Bell peppers also contain more than 30 different disease-fighting phytochemicals called carotenoids, which give peppers their vibrant colors. Carotenoids such as beta-carotene have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory benefits.

Bell peppers come in a range of colors — red, orange, yellow, green and even purple — and some colors offer additional benefits. Yellow peppers have a slight advantage by containing more folate and iron. Yellow and red have twice the amount of vitamin C found in green peppers. The carotenoids in red and orange peppers provide more vitamin A which is beneficial for our eyesight.

Each type of pepper has a unique color, shape and flavor. While some are mild, others may be extremely hot. Chili peppers are used primarily for seasoning foods. Banana peppers are shaped like a banana and are a mild pepper. Hungarian wax peppers may be confused with banana peppers but they have a lot more bite. A simple taste test may be required and selection should be based on the dish it is used in and personal preferences.

With the wide variety of peppers available, they are very versatile. Peppers can add flavor and color

to many different dishes or they can stand on their own as a side dish or snack. To start, select peppers that are well-shaped, firm and glossy with taut, unwrinkled skin. Store unwashed peppers in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to a week. If you notice any soft spots, use those peppers immediately. Green peppers tend to keep longer than red peppers.

Peppers are great broiled, grilled or fire-roasted. Slice the peppers into flat panels and remove the stem and ribs. Place skin up if broiling or down if grilling. When skin starts to blacken (6-10 minutes), remove from heat, place in a bowl and let them set for 15 minutes. This loosens the skin so that it peels off easily. Fire-roasted peppers are left whole and the skin can be removed after the cooking and set time is completed.

Peppers also freeze well and do not need to be blanched. Thawed peppers are best for casseroles and other cooked dishes; although, some crispness may remain so they could still be used in salads or eaten as a frozen snack. Fresh, raw peppers are great for eating with a low-fat dip or they make a tasty, crunchy addition to salads and other cold dishes.

Whether small or large, red or green, sweet or spicy, peppers are a great vegetable to add to your table this summer.

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Watermelon: A Refreshing Favorite

By Cindy Williams,
Meadowlark Extension
District, Food, Nutrition,
Health & Safety

Watermelon is an American summertime favorite. Throughout the summer months, many cannot get enough of this sweet treat. There are more than 1,200 different varieties of watermelons. Watermelon provides a refreshing way to help us reach the MyPlate recommendation of 1-2 cups from the fruit group each day. One cup of watermelon is equal to 1 small slice (1-inch thick) or 1 cup diced. Watermelon is naturally low in fat, sodium and has no cholesterol. It provides a source of potassium, vitamin C, vitamin A and folic acid. Some interesting facts about watermelon:

* A watermelon is 100% usable and compostable (70% flesh and 30% rind).

* Watermelon live up to their name as they are 92% water.

* The rind of a watermelon is edible and can be used in stir-fries or salads.

* Hollow out the watermelon to make a compostable bowl for your delicious treat such as a fruit salad or fruity dessert.

Selecting the perfect watermelon. Choose a firm, symmetrical, fruit that is free of cracks, bruises, soft spots or mold. A ripe watermelon will have a dull sheen, dried stem, and a buttery yellow underside where it has

touched the ground. Thump your watermelon, as it should sound dull and hollow. Lift them as well, they should be heavy for their size.

Storing your watermelon. An uncut watermelon can be kept for up to 2 weeks at room temperature. When ready to use, scrub with a clean vegetable brush under running water. Dry with a clean towel or paper towel. Once cut, store watermelon in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days without a decrease in flavor or texture.

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Meals To The Field Cookbook Review



By Ashleigh Krispense

A little over a year ago, I shared a review of this cookbook with y'all. I'm still of the opinion that it's one of the best books in my house and have decided to continue resharing the review every once in awhile until every farm wife around has a copy of it in their hands. Meals to the Field is written by trucker's wife, Joanie Nikkel and packed full of over 1,000 recipes. Inside you'll find everything from menu ideas and tips from veteran lunch packers, to make-ahead meals and Instant Pot favorites. With wheat harvest having started already, this will be an invaluable resource to have in your kitchen!



In the first few pages, Joanie shares some of her own memories of mealtime during harvest:

"Quite often Dad would call saying they needed lunch over at the other farm. So we would wrap up all the kettles in thick towels and stick them in the back of our Ford Expedition. Quickly grabbing some silverware, our favorite melamine plates, and some plastic drinking glasses, off we would go. We always took 2 big water jugs along. The one was full of ice water... the other had some black electrical tape wrapped around the handle to remind us that it had hot soapy water inside for the men to wash their hands with. We took along an extra towel for drying, of course. It was a 15-minute drive, and when we arrived we just opened

the back hatch, stuck serving spoons in the kettles, and enjoyed a full course meal. Everyone gathered around, sitting on tailgates or whatever happened to be near. I have good memories of those days."



When it comes to the recipes, just about anything you can think of can be found inside this cookbook. A few examples are:

Bacon Breakfast Bundles
Buttermilk Blueberry Coffee Cake

Truck Driver's Dream Cinnamon Rolls

Smoked Jalapeno Poppers

Chicken Alfredo Bakes

Macaroni Salad

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and so much more.



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learn more about this cookbook or snag your own copy, the full review is up on www.prairiegalcookin.com. I'll be praying for you all as wheat harvest wraps up!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website, Prairie Gal Cookin' (www.prairiegalcookin.com), where she shares step-by-step recipes and stories from the farm in Kansas.

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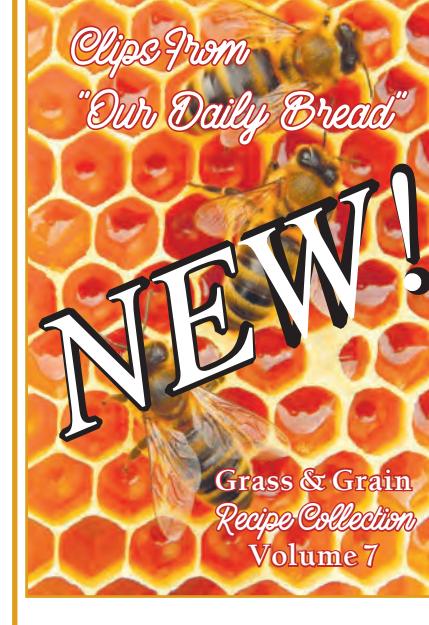
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A Kansas State University research team led by Krishna Jagadish (pictured fourth from right) is using climate-controlled tents to study the effect of high night-time temperatures on corn, wheat and other crops.

Study: Rising night-time temps rob yields in rice, wheat

By Pat Melgares

Warmer nights can upset a good night's sleep for humans, but could the biological processes of farm crops be fussy about nighttime temperatures, too?

Researchers at Kansas State University and North Carolina State University think so, and they've got a growing amount of evidence to prove that the circadian clock genes in rice – and possibly wheat – get messed up when nights get hotter.

"We still don't know all the details, but we're

narrowing down the key regulatory players," said Colleen Doherty, an associate professor of biochemistry at North Carolina State University.

Doherty and K-State professor and crop physiologist Krishna Jagadish began studying the impact of nighttime temperatures seven years ago when Jagadish worked at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines.

"Essentially, we found that warmer nights throw the rice plant's internal clock out of whack," Doherty said.

Jagadish said warm temperatures cause "hundreds of genes" to be expressed earlier than usual, and hundreds more to be expressed later than usual. That disrupts such key biological processes as photosynthesis and respiration (a process that uses sugars produced during photosynthesis to create energy for plant growth).

In field trials with rice, Jagadish used artificial heaters in field conditions to maintain experimental plots at 2 degrees Celsius above ambient temperature, and compared samples – taken every three hours for 24 hours – from plots that were grown at ambient temperature.

Similar studies at K-State have indicated a 5% reduction in wheat yield for each one degree Celsius increase in temperature, according to Jagadish. For wheat, he added, "These changes in grain composition under warming nights will im-

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pact both the quantity and quality of bread."

"Most people think plants aren't dynamic, but they are," Doherty said. "Plants are constantly regulating their biological processes – gearing up for photosynthesis just before dawn, winding that down in the late afternoon, determining precisely how and where to burn their energy resources. Plants are busy, it's just difficult to observe all that activity

from the outside."

"And what we learned is that the clock responsible for regulating all of that activity gets messed up when the nights get hotter relative to the days."

Doherty is currently focusing her work on rice, while Jagadish has studied the impact of night-time temperatures on rice and wheat. "Rice and wheat behave similarly to warming nights, so progress made with one crop can benefit the other,"

Jagadish said.

The researchers' goal is to better identify the factors that create havoc with the plants' circadian rhythms so that scientists can breed varieties that perform better under conditions where higher night-time temperatures are present.

"It's the high-starch cereal crops that are most vulnerable to high night-time temperatures," Jagadish said. He and his team are currently studying

the impact of nighttime temperatures on corn at K-State's north farm in Manhattan.

"Corn, for example, has very high levels of starch. We believe that with warmer nights, we will lose starch, so the grain quality and quantity of biofuel that can be generated from corn will be negatively impacted. In other words, with the varieties we have now, warmer nights could have negative impacts on both the food

and biofuel industry."

In a 1,200-page report released in 2019, the United Nations linked a rise in global temperatures to increasing pressure on fertile soil, jeopardizing the world's food security. Jagadish and Doherty note that rice, wheat and other cereal crops feed hundreds of millions of people around the world.

"(Our study) is not just an interesting scientific question," Doherty said. "It's a global food security

issue."

The research is supported by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The researchers have published a paper that discusses their work. "Warm Nights Disrupt Global Transcriptional Rhythms in Field-Grown Rice Panicles" appears in the June 2021 *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, known familiarly as PNAS.

USDA launches resource guide to help America's rural workforce build back better

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Justin Maxson has unveiled a resource guide to help rural community leaders start and expand employment opportunities and access resources to train, recruit and create a sustainable rural workforce.

"America's rural workforce is critical to the success of the nation's economy," Maxson said. "As USDA continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and help restore the economy, we remain committed to helping rural employers build back America's rural workforce to be better, stronger and more equitable than ever before."

The resource guide outlines programs and services available at USDA and other federal agencies that support workforce development in rural communities. It helps community leaders and other local entities access resources more easily to create jobs,

train talent, expand educational opportunities and provide technical assistance.

A resource matrix organizes USDA funding opportunities by four key assistance types:

- Workforce development planning;
- Infrastructure and equipment financing;
- Industry and em-

ployer engagement, entrepreneurship and local business development; and,

• Education, training and apprenticeship.

The guide also features examples of how customers have used USDA programs to support each assistance type. It includes recommendations on how rural

leaders can replicate this assistance in their communities.

Additional resources to support rural workforce development are available at www.rd.usda.gov/rwin.

To learn more about investment resources for rural areas, contact the nearest USDA Rural Development state office.

June WASDE report: ending stocks increase, supply remains tight

By Julie Deering, U.S. Soybean Export Council

High prices may sideline more U.S. soybeans, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report.

USDA's estimate for U.S. soybean ending stocks for the current and following marketing year rose by 15 million bushels in June to 135 and 155 million bushels, respectively. While not surprising, according to Mac Marshall, vice president of Market Intelligence for the U.S. Soybean Export Council and United Soybean Board, the change is the first move USDA made to ending stock figures in the past four months.

"Today's move by USDA was warranted," said Randy Mittelstaedt, head of Market Insights for R.J. O'Brien. "We started the year incredibly strong. Then the balance sheet started tightening up significantly with domestic supply."

"The market is doing its job by telling industry to slow down the crush because we don't have the supply."

Marshall and Mittelstaedt shared their analysis of the June WASDE report in a recent briefing

hosted by USSEC.

The WASDE report, which provides a comprehensive forecast of supply and demand for major crops globally, attributed the soybean ending stock increase to a lower domestic crush forecast due to increased price pressure.

Given tight domestic supply, soybean oil production was reduced by 135 million pounds (60,000 MT) and soybean meal production was reduced by 200,000 short tons (181,000 MT). U.S. domestic soybean oil use increased by 225 million pounds (100,000 MT), though the increase was in the food and industrial space, not in biofuels, which was a new line item introduced by USDA in May.

"There may still be some downside realized on USDA's crush numbers," added Mittelstaedt. "We could probably trim another 10 to 15 million pounds off its estimate."

With a reduced crush rate, USDA increased price projections for soybean oil by another \$0.04 per pound to \$0.59. Marshall suggested oil value is becoming the primary driver for pricing. Traditionally, soybean meal demand has driven commodity pricing, but the

increased use of soybean oil in food, as well as pressure from the biofuels sector, has pushed the value of soybean oil higher.

"Soybean oil is driving crush prices right now," said Mittelstaedt. "That's probably going to stay in place for the next couple of years because of the push for biofuels and renewables. Just over the past couple of months we've had announcements for new crush plants and expansions at existing facilities."

Although supplies tightened in the U.S. and globally, demand persists for U.S. Soy. WASDE projects near-record export figures for the current marketing year, as well as a significant harvest for U.S. Soy in 2021. WASDE left soybean production estimates unchanged at 4.405 billion bushels, based on a national average of 50.8 bushels per acre.

Although Marshall highlighted USDA's soybean production figure as unchanged, Mittelstaedt suggested it was too early to celebrate. He expects this to be one of the more volatile summers because every bushel is critical.

Every bushel matters

"There's zero supply cushion for the United

States," he said. "We've had yields range from 47-50 over the past three to four years, and every bushel change is worth 90 million bushels to the overall crop."

Mittelstaedt further indicated this could be a "big weather market."

"We're in the throes of watching the weather because there's no room for below trend-line crop conditions," he said. "Every day's forecast is critical now."

USDA will release a revised acreage report June 30 with commodity planting estimates, which should bring the 2021 crop into focus, according to Marshall. Mittelstaedt suggested USDA's March figures underestimate the soybean acres planted by 1 to 1.5 million acres.

"The acreage number is going to be critical at the end of the month," said Mittelstaedt. "All the indicators suggested farmers

should have planted every acre available. We need to see if those acres play out in the data."

On the global front, USDA raised Brazilian soybean production estimates to a record 137 MMT versus 136 MMT a month ago. Argentine production estimates remained un-

changed. Old-crop world ending stocks rose by 1.2 MMT to 88 MMT, while new-crop ending stocks moved up by 1.5 MMT to 92.6 MMT. The report made no changes to Chinese demand.

USDA left price forecasts unchanged for U.S. soy crop.

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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Jim Lane's Torment

There are names from days of Territorial Kansas that every Kansan should know. They were our heroes. The men that fought to make Kansas a Free State. Among the dozens, perhaps hundreds that

should be remembered, many who have graced the pages of *The Way West*. Three specifically come to mind. Charles Robinson governed over the final Free State administration and when Kansas became

former commander.

He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Indiana in August of 1849 and elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1853. In 1854 Congressman Lane voted to pass the Kansas-Nebraska Bill that created both Nebraska and Kansas Territories. As a classic northern Democrat, Lane embraced the concept of territorial citizens having the right to choose or reject legal slavery. But popular sovereignty held pitfalls for both abolitionist and pro-slavery supporters. Lane found himself walking a fine line that angered both sides.

Early in April, 1855, Lane made preparations to move to Kansas. Lane wore a disguise as he traveled through Missouri. When he reached Lawrence, Lane claimed a piece of land just west of the original town. Within weeks tragedy struck the family when a daughter died on June 18, 1855. Some have recorded her name as "Annie," but Anna lived until 1928. The child was buried on the claim southwest of their log cabin home. A "neat paling fence" enclosed the poignant grave.

Death and the uncertainty of frontier life shattered Lane's marriage. His wife, Mary Baldwin Lane, returned to Indiana with their three surviving daughters. Seven-year-old

James Jr., stayed with his father.

In March of 1856 Lane was elected to represent Kansas Territory in the United States Senate. In Washington, D. C. Senator Lane focused on Kansas' admission to statehood under the Topeka Constitution. Rejection of the Topeka Constitution by Democratic leaders, including President Franklin Pierce caused Lane to change to the emerging Republican Party. It was a tumultuous change from an outward appearance, but even more so within the heart of a dedicated Democrat. Popular sovereignty and Kansas itself meant more.

Lane returned to Lawrence in August of 1856 to find his home occupied by Gaius Jenkins, formerly of Kansas City. A company of soldiers evicted Jenkins. The entire territory was in a state of war. Lane was placed in charge of the Free State militia. When in September Governor Geary disbanded all militias, Lane was advised to leave the territory until things quieted down.

When he returned in the spring of 1857 he found that Jenkins had once again taken over his claim. Lane moved back in and suffered what was described as a violent attack from Jenkins. A considerable portion of the claim had been plowed. To Lane's dismay all traces of his daughter's grave were

gone. Several days were spent hunting and digging for the coffin but it could not be found. It was said that until the day of his own death Lane believed that Jenkins had dug up his daughter and threw her remains away!

Jenkins built his own cabin on a separate part of the same claim, the two living a very contentious relationship. Their final confrontation occurred June 3, 1858, when Lane locked the fence to a well used by both men. Jenkins brought friends. They argued. Lane produced a shotgun and fired when Jenkins continued toward the well. Lane was hit in the leg from a pistol shot, but Jenkins was dead.

On June 29, 1858 three Justices of the Peace found that James H. Lane had not committed the crime of "willful murder." That would not be the end of turmoil for Lane. The shadow of a lost grave haunted his tormented brain until on July 2, 1866, when he ended his pain with a single gunshot on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier*, Ellsworth, KS. Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st RD Geneseo, KS. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

Valley Heights FFA member recognized as Star Farmer

Valley Heights FFA member Wesley Denton was recognized as the State Star Farmer, one of the association's top honors, during the virtual 93rd Kansas FFA Convention, June 2-4, 2021.

Each year, the Kansas FFA Association recognizes three FFA members who have the top Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs with the Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, and Star in Ag Placement awards. The Kansas Star Farmer award is sponsored by United Bank and Trust.

Denton's SAE is in Beef Production - Entrepreneurship. During his SAE experience, he expanded and grew his beef operation while working at Springhill Herefords. He started his operation at three years old when his grandfather gave him his first heifer. Since then, his herd size has grown to 45 mature cows, along with 25 heifers, steers, and bulls. Denton has gained valuable knowledge related to successful beef production, including research on breeding beef cattle as well as haying and row crop operations.

Wesley is the son of John and Angie Denton. His FFA chapter advisor is Drew Obermeyer.



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ELLSWORTH



by Deb Goodrich

KANSAS

There is a brand new magazine in Kansas, and while it's called *Ad Astra Eating*, it's about far more than filling your belly.

This issue features new twists on the classic peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, recipes for crappie and gazpacho, insights into apple pie and refrigerator pickles. Former governor Bill Graves recalls the Cozy Inn in Salina and I share stories of Chef Walter Staib's visit to sights on the Santa Fe Trail for the PBS series, *A Touch of History*.

Founder and publisher Andy Obermueller wrote, "There's more to chronicle than what's in the fields or on the plate. A lot more: Kansas teems with life, with green, with sunshine. It's a magical, relentlessly surprising place that's worth exploring."

Of course, we at *Around Kansas* have been saying that for a long time.

Journalism has taken Andy from *The Southwest Daily Times* in Liberal to the (Newark) Star Ledger to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Amarillo Globe-News*. For more than a decade, he edited an investment newsletter and wrote for policy-makers and business leaders around the world.

Now he is back home in Lincoln, Kansas.

Andy combines his journalistic skills with a renewed love for Kansas and Kansans, and what and how they eat.

When I was visiting New Orleans with my sister-in-law a couple of years ago, we wandered into a kitchen store. It was filled with ornate buffets and

heirloom china, silver serving pieces and modern gadgets. From behind his mahogany desk, the store manager spoke of trends in food and how young people were learning to cook and interested in entertaining. We talked of the communal nature of food, and I allowed that the pieces I collect are those associated with gatherings – soup tureens and platters.

"Julia Child sat right in that same seat and said exactly the same thing!"

There is far more to food than maintaining life. In times of joy, we rejoice with food; in times of sorrow, we comfort with food.

I am very proud to be a part of this inaugural issue of *Ad Astra Eating*. Kudos to Andy for celebrating the myriad eating experiences Kansas has to offer. Visit AdAstraEatingMag.com to subscribe or just send me a message and we'll arrange it.

Bon Appetit!

Or, dig in, folks!!

Deb Goodrich (with Michelle Martin) hosts Around Kansas and is the Garvey Texas Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

GRASS & GRAIN



NBB members highlight policy priorities in letter to Congressional leaders

The National Biodiesel Board recently delivered to Congressional leaders a letter signed by more than 50 companies outlining the industry's policy priorities. The priorities include maintaining tax incentives for low carbon biofuels, supporting infrastructure to deliver more clean fuels to consumers, and optimizing the Renewable Fuel Standard to maximize environmental benefits. NBB delivered the letter as 71 industry representatives prepared to engage (through teleconferences) in 86 meetings with senators, representatives, and staff in the annual NBB Advocacy Day Fly-in, Wednesday June 23.

"As Congress develops legislation to address the nation's infrastructure, climate and economic priorities, we ask that you support continued growth of the biodiesel and renewable diesel industry. U.S. biodiesel and renewable diesel producers are meeting America's need for better, cleaner transportation fuels right now. We are

also generating economic, environmental and health benefits for many states and communities," the letter states.

The letter highlights the \$17 billion annual economic impact of the biodiesel and renewable diesel industry, which employs more than 65,000 Americans. It also highlights the carbon benefits the industry delivers. In 2020, the United States used 3 billion gallons of renewable diesel and biodiesel, which achieves an average 74% reduction in carbon emissions compared to petroleum diesel. The industry also touted a recent study demonstrating the substantial reductions in health care costs and outcomes that communities can achieve by switching to biodiesel. The Health Benefits Study from Trinity Consultants is available on the NBB.org website.

"The biodiesel and renewable diesel industry is poised for substantial growth and can deliver carbon reductions, healthcare savings and jobs.

Biodiesel and renewable diesel have cut more than 140 million tons of carbon emissions since 2010, through the RFS program and other policies. As our members meet with senators and representatives this week, we'll be highlighting these benefits and asking them to support the continued growth of our industry and ask that they include them in any legislation addressing climate change, economic stimulus, or infrastructure," adds Kurt Kovarik, NBB vice president for federal affairs.

The U.S. biodiesel and renewable diesel industry supports 65,000 U.S. jobs and more than \$17 billion in economic activity each year. Every 100 million

gallons of production supports 3,200 jobs and \$780 million in economic opportunity. Biodiesel production supports approximately 13 percent of the value of each U.S. bushel of soybeans.

Made from an increasingly diverse mix of resources such as recycled cooking oil, soybean oil and animal fats, biodiesel and renewable diesel are better, cleaner fuels that are available now for use in existing diesel engines without modification. NBB is the U.S. trade association representing the entire biodiesel and renewable diesel value chain, including producers, feedstock suppliers, and fuel distributors.

Kansas milk production up seven percent in May

Milk production in Kansas during May 2021 totaled 355 million pounds, up 7% from May 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 175,000 head, 7,000 head more than May 2020. Milk production per cow averaged 2,030 pounds.

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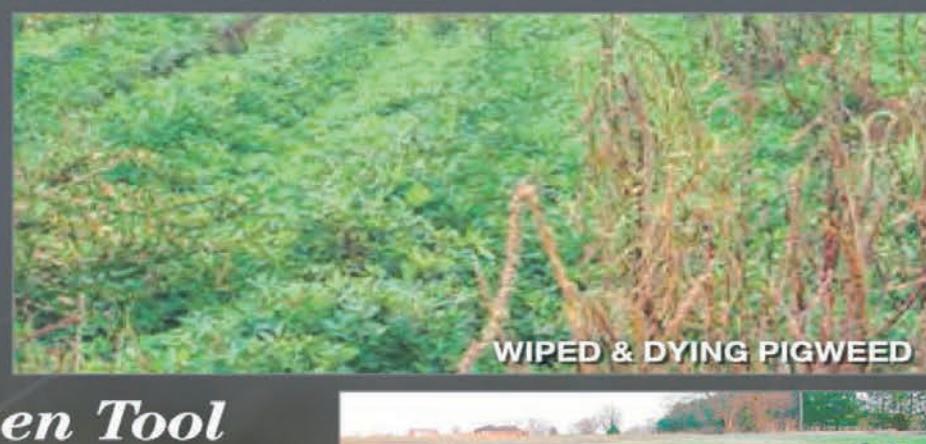
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USDA reminds producers to file crop acreage reports

Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after planting should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office before the applicable deadline. July 15 is a major deadline for most crops, but acreage reporting deadlines vary by county and by crop.

"USDA offers a lot of

programs to assist producers, but in order to receive many of these program benefits, you must file an accurate crop acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits."

How to File a Report

Producers can contact their FSA county office for acreage reporting deadlines that are specific to their county.

Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Because of

the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Producers should contact their Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment.

To file a crop acreage report, you will need to provide:

Crop and crop type or variety.

Intended use of the crop.

Number of acres of the crop.

Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.

Planting date(s).

Planting pattern, when applicable.

Producer shares.

Irrigation practice(s).

Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.

Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant but were unable to because of a natural disaster. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

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

More Information

For questions, producers should call their FSA county office. To find their FSA county office, they should visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Nebraska Extension to host inaugural Specialty Crop Conference & Trade Show

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Lincoln, Neb., June 11, 2021 - Nebraska Extension, in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, will host the Nebraska Specialty Crop Conference on November 9-10, 2021, on Nebraska's Innovation Campus. The two-day event will focus on education, growth and development of specialty crop production businesses across the state, feature nationally known presenters, and create a platform for participants to connect with industry professionals, other farmers, chefs, and consumers.

Registration will open in August. Participants will have the opportunity to attend in person or virtually for \$25 per day. To stay up to date on conference information, please visit the event website, <https://nscc.unl.edu>. For questions about presenting, attending, or participating as a vendor at the Nebraska Specialty Crop Conference, please contact Katie King at kking19@unl.edu or call the Nebraska Extension office in Cass County at 402-267-2205.



RHR Brooks 015 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned bull at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show. Baylee Wulfkuhle, Berryton, owns the March 2020 son of S&R Roundtable J328. He first won junior champion.

Photo by Anne Lampe



AVF Lucy 3210 won grand champion bred-and-owned female at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, May 31 in Effingham. Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, owns the March 2020 daughter of Conley Express 7211. She first claimed junior champion. Lane Robinson, Russell, Iowa, evaluated the 35 entries.

Photo by Anne Lampe



AVF Blackcap 0070 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show. Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, owns the October 2020 daughter of Conley Express 7211. She first won senior calf champion.

Other topics being presented at the event include berry production under cover, honeyberry production, cover cropping for high tunnels, buying and selling in retail markets, successful farm transition and more.

A panel of regional young producers will share their experiences in specialty crop production as well.

Stay tuned as more sessions are confirmed.

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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 & prefabricated storage shed; tract 4: entire property as a whole. Seller: Haddam Alumni Association. www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneer: Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer; Jessica Leis, agent.

Online Absolute Land Auction; No Reserves (Bidding ends July 14) — Selling 10 tracts and over 700 acres in Harrison County, Missouri consisting of T1: 64.5 ac. m/l, T2: 240 ac. m/l, T3: 11 ac. m/l T4: 2.1 ac. m/l, T5: 17.2 ac. m/l, T6: 40 ac. m/l, T7: 25.4 ac. m/l, T8: 51.7 ac. m/l, T9: 101.1 ac. m/l and T10: 155.6 ac. m/l held at BidCBM.com for Casady Family Trust. Auctioneers: Chip Glennon Real Estate Experts, Chip Glennon, Real Estate Broker; Chris Riley, President CBM Auctions.

Online Only Property Auction (Ends Thursday, July 15, 6 PM) — Commercial building built in 1920 with 11,872 square feet with lobby, kitchenette, men's & women's restrooms, storage spaces, gathering room with stage & more located in Marysville. Seller: Marshall County Veterans of Foreign Wars Community Fund. www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneer: Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer; Jessica Leis, agent.

June 30 (Day 1 of 3-Day Auction. Also 7-7 & 7-10) — Antiques, vintage Christmas collectibles, antique furniture & miscellaneous held at Topeka for Breta Bloomberg Living Trust. Auctioneers: Greg Kretz & Morgan Riat.

July 3 — Trucks, motorcycle, van & trailers, wagons, buggies, antiques & collectibles including Robert Colson McCormick Deering miniature baler with gas engine, 50+ buggy frames, iron wheel railroad cart, sleigh, 4 wooden high wheel grain wagons, wooden dog sled, wooden boxes, pop crates, crocks, Coors beer trays,

used lumber & lots more held at Solomon for Guy E. (Big Ernie) Hough Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 7 (Day 2 of 3-Day Auction. Also 7-10) — Large Colonial home, antiques, vintage Christmas collectibles, antique furniture & miscellaneous held at Topeka for Breta Bloomberg Living Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer and Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat, salesman & auctioneer.

July 10 — Equipment including Agco ST-25 tractor w/loader & bucket, Craftsman lawn tractor, chain saw, hand tools & more, excellent furniture, antiques, collectibles & household for Jane (Mrs. Bob) Ross. Very nice furniture, Baldwin upright piano, appliances & household for Rebecca Pannbacker held at Washington. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

July 10 — Furniture & collectibles including Fisher slate top regulation pool table, John Perry art sculptures, KU items & more; firearms, fishing, tools & miscellaneous held at Lawrence for Bob Stanclift Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

July 10 — Antiques, primitives & collectibles including Farm Toys, Red Ryder Daisy BB gun & other Daisy, cap guns, TV lamps & lights, clocks, cast iron, vintage fishing reels, pocket knives, dolls, records, kitchen items, Black memorabilia, advertising pieces, license plates, books & more; furniture & glassware held at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

July 10 — Real estate consisting of house; personal property including vehicles, horse equipment, collectibles, tools & shop equipment, scrap iron & much more held at Council Grove for Ralph & Phyllis Anderson Estate. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

July 10 — Art work including 1995 exhibition print Sandzen Kansas Sunflowers & others; furniture & collectibles including Disney, Gnomes, Hummels, silver, jewelry, John Deere Collection, comic books, wood ducks, political, Christmas, Studio 56 items, books & more held at Salina for Max & Joellyn Bishop Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 10 (Day 3 of 3-Day Auction) — Antiques, vintage Christmas collectibles, antique furniture & miscellaneous held at Topeka for Breta Bloomberg.

Living Trust. Auctioneers: Greg Kretz & Morgan Riat.

July 11 — Guns, antiques & collectibles consisting of furniture, glassware, Swedish items, large collection of Christmas items, farm toys, hand tools held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 11 — Estate Gun auction selling approx. 350 guns held at Salina with internet bidding. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service. soldbywilson.com

July 17 — 2007 JD 7130 tractor (only 600 hrs), 2003 Chevy 3500 Duramax, Big Tex gooseneck trailer, good farm equipment & much more held at Partridge for Lanny Harts Estate. Auctioneers: Hillman Auction Service.

July 17 — Trailers, garden tractors, collectibles including collectible toys, Hesston buckles, vintage lures & more & household held at Newton for Harry W. Kasitz Estate, Bob Kasitz seller. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

July 17 — Land Auction consisting of 157.03 acres of Marion County land with expiring CRP grassland or continuing contract held at Peabody for D & L Hochstetler Trust, Arlan Yoder, trustee. Auctioneers: Lepke Realty & Auction.

July 31 — Consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 31 — Guns, coins, Hummels, miscellaneous antiques & more held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

August 4 — Multi-Parcel Land Auction consisting of 2,990.09 acres m/l of Haskell & Gray County, Kansas land held at Garden City for Jantz Farms. Auctioneers: Peoples Company; Cushman & Wakefield; Lund Company.

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

August 14 — Antiques, furniture, bar back & counter, old Brunswick pool table, Coke machine, many usual items held at Westmoreland for Rock House Antiques. Auctioneers: Morgan Riat & Greg Kretz.

August 14 — New Strawn Farm & Ranch Consignment Auction held at New Strawn. Richard Newkirk, sale manager. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

August 14 — Wakefield Elevator and Fertilizer plan held on location at Wakefield. Auctioneers: Homestead Real Estate, Brad Fowles, agent Gail Hauserman & Greg Askren, auctioneers.

August 14 — Large assortment of other items.

Indigo Ag debuts new identity for its industry-leading carbon farming program: Carbon by Indigo

Indigo Agriculture, a company with a mission to harness nature to help farmers sustainably feed the planet, has announced plans to unveil a new brand identity for its carbon farming program: Carbon by Indigo. The refreshed identity officially debuted at the inaugural "Carbon Farming Connection" learning session on June 23. The session brought together farmers with private industry and scientific experts supporting the development of a robust global market for agricultural carbon credits.

The refreshed identity seeks to better reflect the program's focus on meeting the needs of farmers in an increasingly complex voluntary carbon market.

Supported by committed purchasers of verified agricultural carbon credits, Carbon works with growers at every step of the carbon farming journey,

from those who are just beginning to think about implementing their first cover crop, to those who are further along down the regenerative path.

Distinguished by an emphasis on enabling informed decision-making through a combination of learning resources, agro-

nomic tools, and community-building efforts, Carbon seeks to catalyze action and scale impact.

According to Indigo Ag CMO Jennifer Betka, "Carbon by Indigo conveys the long-term journey of transformation that a decision to farm carbon sparks.

By bringing 'carbon' to the forefront, we hope to simply speak to the hallmark values - shared ownership, collaboration, and maximized value for all - that guide our support for stakeholders on this journey of sustainable business and land stewardship."

As private companies increasingly seek out science-based strategies for addressing the environmental impact of their operations, demand for verified offsets (and subsequent interest in re-

generative agricultural techniques that generate this new asset) has continued to mount. Farmers are poised to benefit from the economic and environmental benefits of cultivating a new crop (carbon).

Still, access to information is a key challenge to getting started. A recent Ag Economy Barometer study from Purdue University found that while growers were aware of opportunities to earn income from farming carbon, less than 1% have entered a contract with a program aimed to help them do so.

The findings are congruent with a recent Indigo-commissioned Nielsen survey, which highlighted that for

farmers - a highly conscientious group eager to innovate with new practices like cover cropping and no till but careful to ensure any practice changes they make are right for their unique operation - more support is needed to meet the need for informed decision-making and get started with a program today.

"We want to ensure that 'farming carbon' is understood beyond just the soil health benefits it provides in order to deliver on its potential as a long-term source of productivity and pride for the ag industry," said Chris Harbourt, Global Head of Carbon by Indigo. "The question for farmers is no longer if the opportunity to become a producer of carbon credits is there, but how can I produce carbon credits in a way that expands my access to the transformative economic opportunity of this new frontier? With Carbon by Indigo, we've created an experience that puts growers in the driver's seat, empowering them with comprehensive supports - educational, financial, operational, technological - as they grow and evolve their operation for years to come."

By leveraging Indigo Ag's technological and scientific capabilities, Carbon provides stakeholders across the full carbon farming ecosystem with digital solutions and market insights to ensure the ag industry's knowledge base keeps pace with the rapidly developing carbon market.

To facilitate this understanding and mark the identity refresh, Carbon by Indigo has built on its programmatic experience with the launch of several new components available to all growers for free, regardless of their

enrollment status. The cornerstone of these educational efforts is "Carbon Farming Connection," a virtual community learning session held Wednesday, June 23. Featuring conversations with industry-leading experts from companies such as Brands for Good, the Climate Action Reserve, and Maple Leaf Foods, the event addressed the questions on many farmers' minds today: why, when, and how should I farm carbon? In response to significant demand for the event - nearly 1200 individuals across 44 states were registered to attend - the company has slated another session this December and will continue to amplify focus on convening peer communities.

Laying a path for continued learning for those considering adopting new beneficial farming practices, the company also recently launched Carbon College, a free online series designed to deepen understanding of the agronomic foundations of regenerative farming practices and reduce barriers to practice change adoption. Accredited by the Certified Crop Advisor Program, the self-guided course delivers applicable on-farm insights and data-backed recommendations for adopting soil health techniques and generating carbon credits in agriculture. Carbon College expands on the company's suite of educational content, including recurring soil health and profitability strategy webinars geared to those considering the near and long-term benefits of enrolling in a carbon program.

To learn more about these resources, visit their website or register for Carbon Farming Connection.

ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021 - 9:00 AM

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2005 Yamaha Road Star motorcycle; 2013 Ford F350 4-door 4-wheel drive gas pickup, automatic, 375,000 miles good; 1995 Ford E350 Super Duty van, V8, automatic, 493,359 miles; 2000 Pace 6'x12' Cargo Sport enclosed cargo trailer; 5'x12' 2-wheel shielded front custom built trailer; 6'x16' tandem axle trailer; (2) 6'x16' tandem axle trailer.

WAGONS, BUGGIES, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Robert Colson McCormick Deering miniature baler w/green engine.

4 wooden high wheel grain wagons; 2 seated surrey; 2 seated fancy buggy; spring wagon; iron wheel railroad cart; hard tire cast iron freight wagon; custom built mini wagons; custom built miniature steam engine no power; sleigh; 4-wheel trailer w/box; Mine

ore carts large & small; wooden row boat; large amount of iron wheels rake, implements & wagons; wheel teeth; steel wheels; rake teeth; 50+ buggy frames; wooden wagon wheels; many iron wheels for rakes, wagons, implements; wooden dog sled; scale box; windmill wheel; large assortment of windmill parts; well pumps & parts; iron grates; oil barrels w/pumps; pedal grinders; wash tubs; 3-8' pine store tables; 4-drawer cabinet; Howe scale shipping box; leather sewing machine; bread company boxes; wooden 15 gal. keg; wooden folding chairs; large assortment of wooden boxes inc: Field Cut coffee box; movie film; carved wooden Marshall & Indian; tin Knight; Vidrickson catering boxes; sewing machine base; stop light; egg baskets; dynamite detonator; park bench; metal lawn chairs; aluminum mermaids; disc blades; wagon axles; unmarked road signs; metal bin roof panels; chicken feeders; porch posts; windows; wood ladders; round metal ends for fire pits or cookers; cast iron bath tub; pine doors; tin seats; aluminum merry go round horse; 4 gal Red Wing crock; crocks & jugs; school desk; large assortment pop crates (Pepsi, Coke, 7UP, RC); ridge row; stock tanks; juice squeezer; mini lanterns; milk bottles; car tags; wood keg; board w/brands; wire jar holders; screen door; Coors beer trays; platform scale; sprinkling cans; store scales; platform scales; new cast iron seats; assortment used lumber 2"x4", 2"x6"; 3 aluminum racks; assortment shovels, rakes hoes; cages; Oregon chain saw; 2 wheel pickup bed trailer; acc torch set w/bottles; Clarke 1/2" drill press; large assortment of other items.

GUY E. (BIG ERNIE) HOUGH JR. ESTATE

NOTE: Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. This is a very large auction with many of everything. We are still going through the building there will be a large amount of other items.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021 — 9:30 AM

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

ART, GLASS, FURNITURE & COLLECTIBLES

Art: 1995 exhibition print Sandzen "Kansas Sunflowers"; Charles Rogers (Hour of Decision w/hand written note, The Grand Canyon); Lowell Davis signed "Dukes Mixture" John Grande signed "Oward to Mexico"; Mosier pheasant prints; DeGrazia art prints; Charlie Norton bronze Indian statue signed "The Last Flake"; Duffield "Oh Children Oh Festival"; Tarahumara Indian pottery; signed prairie gourds; Navajo woven rugs; Zapotec Indian wool rug; **Furniture:** oak secretary; buffet; curio cabinet; commode; pie safe; church pew; cedar chest; child's desk; quilt rack; mirrors; child's chairs; **Glass inc:** Orrefors, Swarovski; Waterford; Cut

MAX & JOELLYN BISHOP ESTATE

NOTE: This is a very large quality collection. The Bishop's collected for many years. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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Court ruling undermines U.S. pork industry competition

A federal district court ruling striking down pork harvest facility line speeds allowed under the USDA's New Swine Inspection System (NSIS) will lead to increased U.S. pork industry market concentration. The ruling, set to go into effect on June 29, will undermine what is currently a healthy level of industry competition.

tition as described in a paper recently prepared by two industry economists. To preserve industry competition, the National Pork Producers Council

(NPPC) is calling for a longer stay of the court order or waivers that allow the six impacted plants to continue operating at NSIS line speeds until a long-term solution acceptable to all industry stakeholders can be established.

Competition, which has fostered innovation, job growth and industry expansion, has made the United States a global leader in pork production. In their paper, found here, economists Dr. Steve Meyer of Partners for Production Agriculture and Dr. Barry Goodwin of North Carolina State University provide an overview of the current competitive dynamics of the U.S. pork industry.

Meyer describes the impact of the court ruling on pork industry competition as follows:

"The district court ruling reduces competition because the impacted plants will process fewer hogs, leaving more pigs available to other packers. Some of these hogs were purchased through negotiated trades, but others were procured through contract arrangements that may be altered or canceled in the face of lower capacity. Producers whose contracts are affected will likely have to accept lower values for their animals."

Prices received by all producers may be reduced due to decreased competition. Impacted producers

may also incur additional freight costs to move hogs to distant plants with available capacity. The situation will get significantly worse in the fourth quarter when the hog supply reaches its seasonal high."

The court ruling will result in a 2.5 percent loss in pork packing plant capacity nationwide, and more than \$80 million in reduced income for small U.S. hog farmers this year, according to an analysis by Iowa State University Economist Dr. Dermot Hayes.

The NSIS, initiated during the Clinton administration and evaluated at five pilot plants over 20 years, was approved for industry-wide adoption in 2019. NSIS modernized an inspection system that had remained unchanged for more than 50 years. At a time when the United States needs more pork harvest capacity, the court order will reduce plant capacity at six plants running at NSIS line speeds by as much as 25 percent. The five original NSIS plants have been safely operating for more than 20 years.

"Time is running out for the U.S. pork industry," said NPPC president Jen Sorenson. "We ask the administration to seek a longer stay or waivers to preserve U.S. pork industry competition – which is always good for workers and consumers – and prevent

"In the past, these sorts of proposals have been opposed by many livestock producers and Congress. In fact, the concepts embodied in these proposals have been rejected by eight federal appellate courts. They were a bad idea in 2010, they were a bad idea in 2016, and they are a bad idea in 2021. Should these proposals be implemented, they will limit producers' ability to market their livestock the way they see fit and will lead to costly, specious lawsuits," said Julie Anna Potts, president and CEO of the North American Meat Institute. "The Meat Institute will continue to oppose unnecessary and burdensome government intervention in livestock markets."

North American Meat Institute issues statement on USDA Packer and Stockyards proposals

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Are bigger than yer lawyer's fee, yer Judas ten percent.

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HEIFERS

400-500	\$136.00 - \$146.00	1 r wf	Salina	105@135.00
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500-600	\$135.00 - \$145.00	1 blk	Clay Center	1965@109.50
600-700	\$124.00 - \$134.50	1 blk	Concordia	1835@105.50
700-800	\$119.00 - \$131.75	1 blk	Canton	2175@105.00
800-900	\$119.00 - \$129.00	1 blk	Canton	1785@104.50

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	1 roan	Hillsboro	1620@79.50
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MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

STEERS

2 blk	McPherson	518@169.00	1 red	Concordia	1580@78.50
3 blk	Lincoln	512@163.00	1 blk	Salina	1570@78.50
1 blk	Salina	455@158.00	1 b wf	Salina	1470@77.50

11 red	Canton	671@151.00	1 blk	Concordia	1270@75.50
6 mix	Enterprise	749@146.50	1 blk	Clay Center	1335@75.00
2 blk	Canton	758@146.00	1 b wf	Clay Center	1275@75.00

3 blk	Assaria	670@144.00	1 red	Gypsum	1505@75.00
41 mix	Manhattan	818@143.50	2 blk	Ellsworth	1455@74.00
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