

## Governor Kelly celebrates \$750,000 grant award to improve water quality in Kansas

Governor Laura Kelly visited the farm of Henry and Tracy Hill near Holton recently to celebrate the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarding \$750,000 to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as part of its Farmer to Farmer grant program.

KDHE is one of 11 organizations sharing nearly \$11 million total in Farmer to Farmer grant funding, which will be used to support soil health, habitat, resilience, and peer-to-peer information exchange among farmers to improve water quality and protect Kansans' health.

"We owe it to our kids, grandkids, and all future generations of Kansans to leave our state better than we found it," Kelly said. "This grant will allow Kansas farmers to balance the need to increase agricultural productivity with the need to take care of our planet. I want to thank the EPA for its partnership and KDHE for working with our communities to distribute these funds that will improve water quality in Kansas and protect our environment."



Governor Laura Kelly visited the farm of Henry and Tracy Hill near Holton to celebrate a \$750,000 award from the EPA that will be used to support soil health, habitat, resilience, and peer-to-peer information exchange among farmers to improve water quality.

Courtesy photo

While farmers are working in watersheds to produce food, fuel, and fiber, they are also managing challenges across the landscape to minimize pollution occurring from a variety of locations known as "non-point sources," specifically the excess nitrogen and phosphorous that can enter water bodies through runoff or soil erosion. Farmers are often

the first line of action in reducing non-point source pollution and have developed innovative practices and models to share their knowledge with others.

"The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is excited to be part of the Farmer to Farmer Program and the opportunities this initiative will bring to our state's environment," Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE secretary, said. "By providing our farmers with the coaching to facilitate regenerative agriculture adoption across the Kansas landscape, we can increase water holding capacity of our fields and protect the watersheds that we all live in."

"Kansas farmers and ranchers have a strong tradition of conservation that stretches back to the 1930s to fight the Dust Bowl," Kansas Department of Agriculture secretary Mike Beam said. "Locally led

conservation efforts are just as important today as they were then. Innovation, ingenuity, and partnership are crucial to protecting our natural resources while increasing the productivity of our agricultural systems."

"EPA is proud to support the leadership of farmers and their innovative approaches to improve water quality while working to fuel and feed the world," EPA administrator Michael S. Regan said. "EPA is committed to meaningful partnerships with farmers to advance sustainable agriculture practices while creating healthy, clean, and safe environments for all."

"It is critically important that we work with states, nonprofits, the private sector, and farmers to reduce agriculture-related nutrients in our waters," Acting EPA Region 7 administrator Edward H. Chu said. "The Farmer

to Farmer program generates ideas and action by targeting funds on local solutions where we can make the greatest difference. I'm pleased that this funding will go to educate

and empower farmers to implement best practices in their operations to reduce nutrient loads and improve water quality in local watersheds."

## Investing in genetic testing

By Lisa Moser

The saying 'knowledge is power' often rings true in making decisions, and in the case of beef cattle genetic tests, this information can be a powerful tool provided producers know how to interpret the information for the herd, according to a Kansas State University beef cattle geneticist and animal sciences professor.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, Jennifer Bormann said that record keeping is the first step in building and genetic evaluation for the herd.

"Genetic testing is not a substitute for good record-keeping. The best way to make progress in the performance of the herd is to record data to include birth weights, weaning weights and fertility," Bormann said. "Working with a genetic evaluation service provider, such as a breed association, will allow EPDs (Expected Progeny Difference) to be calculated."

In recent years, genetic testing – or genomics – has been developed to the point that samples are taken from the animal and analyzed in a lab for a fee, allowing producers to know the most precise information about the tested animal, Bormann said.

"On its own, a genomic test has limited value, but when it is combined with good record keeping and put into a system that allows you to make genetic predictions, then it is very valuable," Bormann said.

All tests have limitations, she added, so it is important to remember that there are genetic correlations between traits when making herd decisions.

"If we select for one trait, we may be inadvertently changing another trait, which is why data collection is key," Bormann said. "If we have the data, we can select around a negative relationship between the traits."

For producers sorting traits by economic value, Bormann directs them to look to the selection index.

"Selection index uses the actual economic calculations for a trait to help identify which animals will be the most profitable," she said. "The caveat is that each producer must be judicious in selecting the right index to match the goals for their operation."

For example, if a producer sells the calves at weaning time, there is no need to use an index that emphasizes carcass traits, Bormann said.

"By selecting the index that matches your goals, you'll be able to find the best cattle to work in your operation," Bormann said.

To hear the full discussion with Bormann and the Beef Cattle Institute experts, listen in to the Cattle Chat podcast online.

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# Kansas Hay Market Report

For the week ending June 26 hay market prices were steady across the board. Demand remains good for alfalfa, and folks are relieved that lots of hay is getting baled up, although most is going to the grinder hay market. Most producers report they have finished first cutting with good yield but have concerns for second cutting. The past week has seen relief from the blistering 100 plus degree temperatures we had two weeks ago, which expanded the abnormally dry conditions in Kansas. The cooler temps and the receipt of some much-needed precipitation will certainly help the prairie grass. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for the week of June 22nd, abnormal dryness (D0) increased to near 20%, and no moderate drought (D1) or severe drought (D2) was reported. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports that pasture and range conditions rated 1% very poor, 7% poor, 31% fair, 54% good, and 7% excellent. Join agriculture leaders from across the state for the Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth August 25th and 26th. Starting July 1st, we will begin our online breakout sessions using Zoom. More information about the Summit, including a link to the registration site, can be found at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit). If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay

Exchange: [www.hayexchange.com/ks.php](http://www.hayexchange.com/ks.php).

\*\* Prices below reflect the average price. There could be prices higher and lower than those published.

### Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground and delivered, grinding alfalfa steady; movement moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 260.00-280.00. Dairy 1.05-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-250.00.00, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Stock or Dry Cow 175.00-185.00. Grinding alfalfa 180.00-190.00 with instances at 200.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 205.00-215.00 with instances at 230.00-240.00; Grass Hay: large 4x4 squares 95.00-105.00; Sudan: none reported. Wheat straw, none reported. The week of 6/20-6/26, 13,962T of grinding alfalfa and 743T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

### South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady to 5.00 higher; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy 1.05-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-250.00.00, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Good, Stock cow, 185.00-195.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 160.00-175.00 delivered. New Crop 160.00-175.00 at the edge. Ground and delivered 185.00-195.00 with an instance at 200.00-210.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 215.00-225.00, 17 pct protein 220.00-230.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 305.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, 3x3 square 100.00-110.00, 3x4 and 4x4 squares none reported, large rounds 70.00-75.00. Brome: none reported. Sudan: none reported. Corn stalks: none reported. Wheat straw: none reported. The week of 6/19-6/26, 6,994T of grinding alfalfa and 250T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

### Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa, grass hay steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 155.00-165.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 140.00-160.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 115.00-125.00, good 3x3 squares 100.00-120.00, good, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 90.00-115.00, large

rounds 60.00-70.00. Brome, good, small squares none reported, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 90.00-115.00, large rounds none reported. Wheat Straw: 3x4 and 4x4 squares 60.00-80.00. The week of 6/20-6/26, 2,903T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

### Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 220.00-230.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.05-1.10/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 165.00-175.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 135.00-145.00 with an instance at 150.00. Ground and delivered, not a large enough sample to report. Sudan, large rounds 60.00-70.00. Wheat straw, large squares none reported.

### North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grass hay mostly steady, movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares, 9.00-10.00/bale. Dairy 1.05-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-250.00.00, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Stock Cow, 160.00-170.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa large rounds 100.00-120.00, 3x4's 120.00-145.00, Ground and delivered 160.00-170.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 90.00-100.00, large rounds 60.00-70.00. Brome, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 105.00-115.00, large rounds 90.00-95.00; Sudan, large rounds, 70.00-85.00. Wheat Straw: none reported. The week of 6/20-6/26, 1,838T of grinding alfalfa and 350T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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They have been on sale online since June 1 for the rodeo, which takes place August 5-7 at the rodeo grounds north of town.

Family night at the rodeo is Thursday, August 5, with kids ages ten and under free, with the purchase of an adult ticket. General admission tickets for adults on Thursday, August 5 is \$15; for kids ages 11-2, it is \$12.

For Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7,

general admission tickets are \$17 for adults and \$13 for children.

Reserved tickets for all performances are \$19 for adults and \$15 for children.

Children ages two and under are free. Handling fees and credit/debit card fees apply.

The rodeo's 92nd edition kicks off nightly at 8 p.m. and will feature rodeo's best personnel and the best fans in the country!

For more information, visit the website ([KansasBiggestRodeo.com](http://KansasBiggestRodeo.com)) or call Heritage Insurance at 785-543-2448.

## 2021 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest and Youth Roundup is online

Calling all cowboys and cowgirls, or aspiring cowboy poets! The 2021 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest is being conducted online, and poets are invited to enter the contest and post videos of them presenting their self-written cowboy poems. Contestants from any state are welcome. Original western-themed poems may be entered in the humorous or serious category. Winners in each category will receive the coveted Governor's Trophy Buckle and award certificates signed by the Governor of Kansas.

Entries are due online by July 23, 2021. For more information, go to [www.cowboypoetrycontest.com](http://www.cowboypoetrycontest.com).

In addition, a Youth Roundup competition is also being offered online. This contest is for Kansas youth ages 18 or younger only. There is no charge to enter the Youth Roundup. Contestants will be asked to write an original western-themed poem and post a video of their presentation of it online. The top three winners will receive educational scholarships of \$500, \$300, and \$200, in addition to gift cards to leading western wear stores and award certificates signed by the Governor.

Youth roundup entries are due online by August 6, 2021. For more information, go to [www.cowboypoetryyouthroundup.com](http://www.cowboypoetryyouthroundup.com).

"We are mighty appreciative of the sponsors who make these awards possible," said contest chair Ron Wilson of rural Manhattan. "Many thanks to the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation, the Kansas Farm Bureau, and the Kansas and Western Wordsmiths Chapters of the International Western Music Association," Wilson said.

Other members of the contest committee are Jeff Davidson of Eureka, Martha Farrell of Towanda, Orin Friesen of Benton, and Brad Hamilton of Hoyt.

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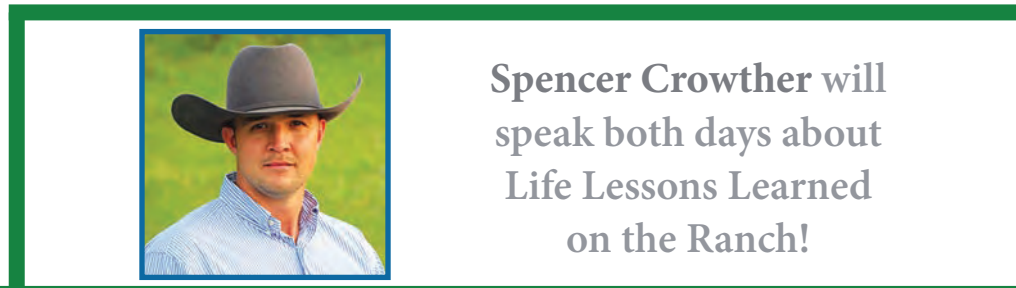
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# Abilene rodeo scrapbooks, collages to be sold in honor of 75th anniversary

A part of rodeo history will be for sale in Abilene.

When the annual buckle auction takes place for the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo on August 2, four scrapbooks commemorating the rodeo from 2005 through 2021 will be up for grabs.

They're the work of Abilene resident Beverly Willcoxon, who has included plenty of information in the books: programs from each year of the rodeo, newspaper clippings, photographs of the rodeo stars, and more.

The books are album-style three-ring note books with protective plastic sleeves that the paper memorabilia has been inserted in, so it can be removed to be viewed.



Scrapbooks commemorating the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo from 2005-2021 will be auctioned off during the annual buckle auction on August 2. They were created by Beverly Willcoxon of Abilene.

Each book has four years of history in it, except for the first book, which has three years (2005-2007).

The books are a continuation of a project Willcoxon completed in 2000, which included the scrapbook-style books,

commemorating the rodeo's history through 2000. Those books were sold at auction then.

She also has two pic-

tures that will be for sale at the buckle auction. The framed pictures are collages of the people featured on the third and fourth buckle series for the rodeo. The people's pictures are included, with the buckle with their likeness next to their picture. One collage consists of the people on the buckle from 2003-2009; the second collage has the people on the buckle from 2010-2016.

Willcoxon's love of the Abilene rodeo started when she was living in town in the 1970s. As a single parent with four young children, two of her sons, John and Randy McDonald, would sneak into the rodeo to watch. John made friends with many of the rodeo performers and contestants. "He's always been a personable person," she said. "He would get acquainted with all the entertainers and the top rodeo people. They all knew him as that little red-headed kid who asked a lot of questions."

John rode bulls in high school; Randy rode

beyond his high school days. John's son, Ethan McDonald, worked as a pro rodeo bullfighter for several years before retiring in 2018. Ethan was one of the bullfighters for the Abilene rodeo from 2014-2017. John was featured on the buckle in 2002.

Willcoxon has made different memorabilia items throughout the years, all donated to the auction, with proceeds going to benefit the rodeo. Her other two children are Tony McDonald and Natalie McDonald Lyons.

The buckle auction, which will also include other items for sale, takes place Monday, August 2 at the Shockey and Landes building in Abilene.

Social hour begins at 7 p.m., with the auction to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The 75th anniversary of the rodeo takes place August 4-7. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each night.

For more information, visit the website at Wild-BillHickokRodeo.com or call 785-263-4570.

# Central Kansas Small Ruminant Tour scheduled for end of July

On Tuesday, July 27, the Central Kansas Extension District and the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition will be teaming up to host the Central Kansas Small Ruminant Tour. This event will feature three progressive sheep and goat operations in Ottawa and Saline counties.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., participants will visit Max Trahan at his ranch located southeast of Delphos. Trahan will highlight his commercial goat operation with emphasis on marketing, health, rotational grazing, and facilities. Then, at approx. 10:00 a.m., the next stop will be a couple miles down the road where folks will see multi-species grazing of goats and cattle in a pasture owned by Levi and Jessica Ebert. The Eberts will discuss fencing, economics, water and brush control. From there, the group will gather just north of Tescott, which is home to the Ebert and Ahlquist families. This stop will focus on facilities and general herd management.

A noon lunch is planned at the Lions Community Building in Tescott. At 1:30 p.m., attendees will meet northwest of Bavaria at the headquarters of Weston Dent. Dent has used a variety of forages including native grass, cool season grass, residues, cover crops, and teff to run his flock of sheep and cow herd. He will explain his experimentation with feed resources and other cost-cutting strategies.

Cost of the tour is \$10 per person. Interested participants should register by Tuesday, July 20 at <https://tinyurl.com/CKDTour>.

A promotional flyer for the tour which includes addresses of the stops can be found at [www.central-kansas.k-state.edu](http://www.central-kansas.k-state.edu) and [www.kglc.org](http://www.kglc.org) under "Upcoming Events." For questions or accommodations, please contact the Central Kansas Extension District at (785) 309-5850.

# Kansas CattleWomen scholarships awarded

Five students have received Kansas CattleWomen (KCW) \$1,000 scholarships through the Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF). All will be attending Kansas State University this fall.

Olivia Crist of Abilene is the daughter of Steve and Jill Lang. She will

be a freshman. Alyssa Kern, the daughter of John and Lisa Kern from Washington, also will be a freshman. Molly McClure of Hugoton will be a freshman this fall. She is the daughter of Ben and Lalane McClure. Kara Riffel is the daughter of Beth Gaines and James

Riffel. She is from Westmoreland and will be a freshman. Sydnee Shive from Mount Hope will be a senior in the fall. She is the daughter of Dawn and Allen Shive.

These scholarships are made possible through proceeds from the KCW Silent Auction held

during the annual KLA Convention. To be eligible, applicants must be graduates of Kansas high schools attending in-state colleges and pursuing degrees in dietetics, food safety, agriculture or a related field.

# U.S. dairy exports to Southeast Asia can expand, if processors add versatility

U.S. milk production continues to increase faster than domestic demand, raising the need for export market growth. And Southeast Asia, with an expanding population and rising middle class, remains the biggest growth opportunity for U.S. dairy exporters. However, matching ample U.S. milk supplies with increasing demand in Southeast Asia will require U.S. processors to invest in manufacturing technology to meet the product needs of an ethnically and economically diverse consumer base.

According to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange, rapid urbanization across Southeast Asia has raised per capita incomes and will lead to increased protein consumption as consumers seek healthier foods and beverages, including an array of dairy products and ingredients.

"The cultural and eco-

nomics diversity throughout Southeast Asia means U.S. processors must offer a diverse product mix to compete," said Tanner Ehmke, lead dairy economist with CoBank. "In the skim milk powder (SMP) market that accounts for the bulk of dairy imports into Southeast Asia, processors need to offer low-heat SMP at a lower price point for the millions of lower income consumers. At the same time, processors need to offer medium- and high-heat SMP for higher income consumers who want products with greater digestibility and solubility."

When products exported to the region also need to meet diverse consumer needs with varying price points. They permeate powder is mostly used as a feed additive to fortify pig rations, with demand building as the region's hog herd recovers from African Swine Fever. But

as wealthier consumers increasingly desire protein sports drinks and products for babies and toddlers, demand for whey protein concentrate will continue to rise.

With much of Southeast Asia lacking a refrigerated supply chain and consumable products frequently sold via outdoor vending machines, products containing dairy must be heat-stable. Powdered ingredients must also be completely soluble so solids don't settle in the container over time. U.S. processors will need to ensure they are versatile enough to meet these needs to fully capitalize on opportunities in the Southeast Asia market.

While Southeast Asia promises greater export opportunities in the future, the U.S. dairy sector

needs trade liberalization in order to take full advantage of the growth. U.S. dairy prices are frequently lower than other exporters into Southeast Asia, partially to overcome tariff barriers with some countries. Other major dairy exporters like Oceania and Europe, though, face production headwinds, potentially enabling the U.S. to capture market share.

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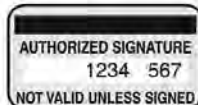
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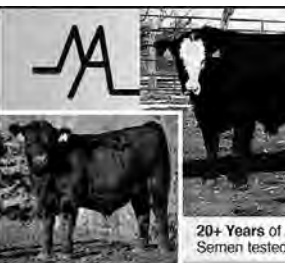
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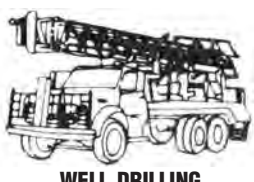
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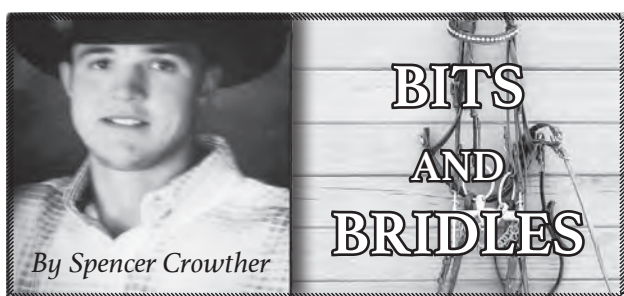
**Tyson sets net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goal by 2050**

Tyson Foods Inc. is aiming to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across its global operations and supply chain over the next 29 years. The announcement comes in conjunction with the company's release of its 2020 Sustainability Progress Report. The newly announced goal for 2050 is an expansion of the company's current target of achieving a 30% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Tyson says it will focus on updating the baseline for emissions to align with limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of 2023, which is consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement of 2016. The company plans to establish a pathway to using 50% renewable energy across its domestic operations by 2030. The company also intends to engage 2 million feed acres as part of a land stewardship initiative aiming to increase to 100% of all feed purchased by 2030, among other direct efforts planned for the next few decades.

**Four external parasites cattlemen should be aware of**

Summer brings warm weather, sunshine and an excuse to enjoy ice cream more frequently. Although for livestock producers, this time of year also brings an abundance of flies.

While the buzzing pests can easily be swatted down by your family, livestock don't have the same luxury. Sonja Swiger, Texas A&M University associate professor and veterinary and medical entomologist Extension specialist, described flies as external parasites that affect all livestock.



# BITS AND BRIDLES

By Spencer Crowther

## Counting Sheep

I have always seemed to have a way with words, whether that be in my professional or personal life. Mostly, it has been a benefit, but everyone once in a blue moon it has gotten me in trouble. Even as a child I had a unique gift of gab, which I frequently used on my younger siblings to influence the situation in my favor. My mother called it manipulation, but I call it good negotiation skills. As a child I also had a very healthy entrepreneurial spirit, always looking for new ways to make a dollar, whether that be a lawn mowing service, a lemonade stand, or even trying to sell drawings. Seeing as how we lived in an unpopulated area, on a dirt road, and with no close neighbors none of these businesses really took off. However, when I was ten or eleven I had a great plan to start a business; this not only lead to a great story but another classic "FarmPa" rule.

Growing up we had a neighbor who was a sheep farmer, and day after day I would stare out the school bus window and think to myself that it might be a good idea. I had raised bucket calves, so how hard could a sheep be? I got my mother's approval and bought one young ram. He was the absolute best case scenario for a little kid to get into the sheep world. Dodge, as we called him, would just walk around the yard, never ran off and didn't cause a lick of trouble. He was more of a mascot and a pet than a financial investment. When the day came for Dodge to be sold, I made a whopping \$30.

You'd think a kid my age would be over the moon with \$30, but I quickly realized that was pretty slow money and if I was going to strike it rich in the sheep game I would need more sheep. To get more sheep I would need more money, and that meant I needed investors. I didn't think anyone older in my family would be very supportive of my lofty goals, not because they didn't want me to succeed, but because they were not equally as interested in building a mutton empire. Luckily for me this was summertime and my siblings were flush with Christmas and birthday cash. It didn't take much convincing and they were sold on the dream. Unlike my last foray into sheep, I thought it best to not ask permission this time but rather for forgiveness. Armed with every last penny my investors had, I pedaled my bike furiously to invest in our up-and-coming lamb operation. Shortly thereafter a truck

and trailer arrived with our investment of four newly weaned lambs. With the lambs unloaded into our secure barn, I headed inside to ask for my forgiveness, and forgiveness is all I kept begging for as I watched four white woolly blurs run by our kitchen window. After a furious foot chase we were able to wrangle one back into the barn. Standing in the barn, I figured I must have left one of the doors open and that's how the great escape happened. Not long after we captured the slowest of the jailbirds, he showed me the weakness in my maximum security prison's armor, trying to leap through the open window four feet off the ground, missing this time. With a few hog panels we had Alcatraz secure again, but now how to catch the rest of the runaways? This would take months, ingenuity, and a lot of luck.

Like most manhunts, the first place you should check is home. Wild horses and criminals are the two things that always return home, and the sheep I bought were no different than a mustang or Bonnie and Clyde. With the first one caught, his constant calling helped keep the others close to home, but not so close that they could be seen. I had the idea to tie a rope around the previously captured one, just long enough it could walk in and out of the open barn door. Sure enough, with a little patience and a whole lot of luck the herd made its way towards their imprisoned counterpart. Watching this, I slowly made my way to a good hiding spot where I could see the action clearly and make a break for the door once they all were in the barn. It was working just as I planned in my head, the secured one walked in, then, almost like destiny, the others started walking single file right to the doorway. I didn't want to miss my opportunity, so as soon the first one hit the doorway I made my move towards them. I thought I was like a Bengal tiger stealthily moving through the tall grass on my way to the stalk of the century. Problem is I was not as quiet as my mind made me believe I was. After my hog-tied lamb chop led one in, I broke so many twigs getting to the door, not only did I not catch the other two but I'm pretty sure they had PTSD from all the loud crashing, thrashing, and war cries. Even though my stalk and pounce was only one-third successful I was still only in the hole two sheep at this point, and believe me after seeing them run by the window that day I

would have never believed I would have been at that point.

Weeks had now passed since the first capture attempt and no sign of the dynamic duo. I decided to take a bike ride to see if I could spot anything, and lo and behold Bonnie and Clyde were grazing in the bottom of the cropfield behind the barn. So now, how to catch them? I figured I'd go back to the old sheep-on-a-rope trick, because if it isn't broke, don't try to fix it. I would need an extra rope this time and a different strategy, because after the traumatic tiger attack last time there was no way they would come anywhere near the front of the barn. Armed with an extra rope I decided I would tie both of the captured sheep inside of the pen made of hog panels attached to the side of the barn and leave that door open. Problem for me was there was no good place to hide at a distance and assure the capture would be successful. So, I slipped on my best covert clothes, covered myself in mud/forage, and sat directly behind the gate to the pen. Quiet as a church mouse, I waited for what felt like an eternity, until I heard small footsteps off in the distance, and then saw a very frightened and dirty Q-tip walking towards me. I will tell you I've hunted quite a bit in my life, and I have never been as quiet and still as I was in that moment. Just like a suspicious deer, Bonnie slowly stepped into the danger zone, totally unsure but the thought of more friends was ultimately her downfall. As she crossed parallel to me I let the gate fly. Long story short - gate hit the sheep's rear end, and the sheep ran into barn. I felt on top of the world being three-quarters of the way there, but the "black sheep" of the family still eluded me.

Clyde was by far the toughest and smartest of the group. He was living behind our house in the creek by himself. This is not the untamed wilderness of Alaska, but Kansas is not a totally safe place void of predators, either. At this point Clyde had been braving the dangerous wilderness of central Kansas for 30 days on his own and doing it pretty stealthily, I might add. No

one in that time frame had seen hide nor wool of him, until the day he made the mistake of coming out to feed on a neighbor's hay meadow. That day I was at my grandparents helping pick small squares of hay off the field - not the ideal day or situation to get that phone call. Grandpa was not a fan of the sheep idea to start with, but being hot, sweaty, and itchy didn't improve his view on my little sheep venture. All I heard was, "Load up boy, this ends today." Bouncing down the road towards the neighbors field, all I could think about was if my grandpa had a plan and if that plan involved shooting poor Clyde. That's how they dealt with Clyde Barrow when he made the authorities look foolish, so why not "Clyde Mutton"? My grandpas disposition and look also had a striking resemblance to the Highwaymen.

Once we were close enough to see Clyde, my grandpa let me in on the plan. It was simple; get on the bed of the truck and drive up next to him, jump on him, and hold him down till he got there. The thought was simple but the application would be much harder. I did what I was told, but with reservations. I climbed on the flatbed, we were off to the races and the chase was on. Clyde would not go gentle into the night, running evasive patterns all over the field, but grandpa would not be outdone by a stinking sheep. We finally did wear Clyde down enough for him to run in a straight line, and at that precise moment, with the encouragement of my grandfather, I launched all 90 pounds of myself at Clyde like a sheep-seeking missile. The truck blew past us and all I could hear was, "Don't you dare let go." I, like my grandpa, wouldn't be outdone by a stinking sheep. So, Clyde and I grappled for dominance like two grizzlies fighting over a salmon. Clyde got in some good shots, but I ended the skirmish victorious, well worth the bloody lip and a few hoof-shaped bruises. Grandpa made his way back over to us and helped me hog-tie him. Clyde was finally in custody. I rode all the way back to the barn sitting atop Clyde like a conquering hero. After we

securely got him into his jail cell my grandpa bestowed upon me another "FarmPa" rule before he left - "Boy, real cattlemen don't mess with sheep."

Sad to say, but the Bonnie and Clyde gang didn't last long at Casa Crowther. The next day the neighbor came, loaded them up, and we didn't make any money

for all our trouble. I still think I could have made it big in the sheep biz with a little more time and better luck.

Moral of this story is, go ahead and go for your dreams, even if they are a little misguided. Best case scenario you succeed, and even if you don't you'll have a good story to tell.

## KLA awards youth in agriculture scholarships

Three students have been awarded Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF) Youth in Agriculture \$1,000 scholarships. Dalton Carey from Newton will be a freshman at Hutchinson Community College majoring in agribusiness. He is the son of Rhonda Unruh. Hailey Gillespie of Colony is the daughter of Jeff and Karen Gillespie. She will be a freshman at Fort Scott Community College studying agriculture. Clay Pelton of Paradise will be a freshman at Kansas State University studying animal science. He is the son of Chris and Susan Pelton.

Youth in Agriculture Scholarships are funded by the KLF Club Calf Sale held each year in conjunction with the Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Hutchinson. This year's sale will be October 2.

## Soy growers frustrated following SCOTUS decision, call on Biden administration for help

Different day, same small refinery exemption (SRE) woes. Soy growers are frustrated following a Supreme Court decision that overturns a 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that found the Environmental Protection Agency had overstepped its authority in granting certain Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) blending requirement exceptions to small refineries.

Now, those frustrated farmers are asking the Biden administration to step up and help.

Kevin Scott, soybean farmer from Valley Springs, South Dakota, and ASA president said, "This just means that the Biden administration needs to administer the RFS in a stable and predictable manner that achieves the biofuel-blending, greenhouse gas-reducing benefits that Congress intended when it passed the RFS."

"SREs should be issued to small refiners only when the economic viability of a refiner is threatened solely because of the RFS, and any gallons exempted can be spread out among others to ensure that biofuel blending targets truly are met," he adds.

Increased use of biodiesel and other renewable diesels reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 74% compared to petroleum diesel, providing a proven and immediately available method to take meaningful steps to address climate change. ASA urges the Biden administration to significantly increase renewable fuel obligations for 2021, 2022, and beyond.

## 2021 MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR



JULY 15-20  
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### Schedule Highlights:

- Thursday, July 15**
  - 6:00pm - 10:00pm — Carnival, Wristband Night
  - 6:00pm - 10:00pm — Carnival, Wristband Night
  - 8:00pm - Red Dirt Rendezvous Band
  - 6:00pm - 10:00pm — Carnival, Wristband Night
  - 7:00pm — Figure 8 Race/Demo Derby (arena)
  - 9:00pm — Rewind Band
- Friday, July 16**
  - 6:00pm - 10:00pm — Carnival, Wristband Night
  - 8:00pm — Farm Bureau and KanEquip Pedal Tractor Pull & Watermelon Feed
- Saturday, July 17**
  - 6:00pm - 10:00pm — Carnival, Wristband Night
  - 7:00pm — Figure 8 Race/Demo Derby (arena)
  - 9:00pm — Rewind Band
- Sunday, July 18**
  - 4:00pm — Christian Music Concert on the Square "House of the Rising Son"
  - 6:00pm — Petting Zoo/Pony Rides
  - 6:00pm — Parade
  - 6:00pm - 10:00pm — Carnival, Ticket Night
  - 8:00pm — Farm Bureau and KanEquip Pedal Tractor Pull & Watermelon Feed
  - 8:00pm — "Savanna Chestnut"
- Tuesday, July 20**
  - 5:00pm — 4-H Fashion Revue, Cake Auction, & Outstanding Volunteer Recognition
  - 6:00pm — Fair Supper catered by Ricky's Cafe
  - 7:00pm — Livestock Auction

Visit [www.mscountyfair.com](http://www.mscountyfair.com) for more info!

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Herington, KS ~ July 9-11, 2021  
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### Tri-County Free Fair Guide:

Friday, July 9th	Saturday, July 10th
8:00 a.m. Buildings & Barns open for entering exhibits	8:00 a.m. Sheep and Dog Check-In
8:30 a.m. JUDGING: Foods, Arts and Crafts, Misc., Banners	9:00 a.m. Dog Show
10:00 a.m. Foods Sale	9:00 a.m. Sheep Show
10:00 a.m. Pickle Power (ends at Noon)	9:30 a.m. Meat Goat Check-In
11:30 a.m. Deadline to Register Static Events	10:30 a.m. Meat Goat Show
11:30 a.m. Rabbit and Poultry Check-In	11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Community Bldg Open to Public
12:00 p.m. JUDGING: Rabbit, Poultry	1-3 p.m. Ag Olympics
12:00 p.m. JUDGING: Horticulture, Banners, Floriculture, Crops, Clothing, Home Environment, Fiber Arts, Photography, Woodworking, Electrical, Entomology, Geology, STEM	3-9 p.m. Herington Museum Opens
3-9 p.m. Community Bldg Opens to Public	4:00 p.m. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats Check-In
3-9 p.m. Herington Museum Opens	5:00 p.m. Dairy Show (Cattle then Goats)
5-9 p.m. Community Carnival	4-8 p.m. Bouncy Houses (Fair Grounds)
5:45 p.m. Fair Parade (Line up at 5 p.m.)	6:00 p.m. Car Smashing (Demo area)
6:30-8 p.m. Smoked Ham Meal following parade at the Community Bldg	7:00 p.m. Demolition Derby (Pay up Suckers)
7:00 p.m. Kids Pedal Power Pull following parade, in front of Herington Museum, free.	7:00 p.m. 4H Static Exhibits Released from Community Bldg
7:30 p.m. American Freedom Riders (Rodeo)	<b>Sunday, July 11th</b>
7:30 p.m. Kraft Rodeo	7:30 a.m. Horse Show Check-In
	8:00 a.m. Horse Show (4H, FFA and Open Class)
	8:00 a.m. Swine Check-In
	9:00 a.m. Swine Show
	10:00 a.m. Beef Check-In
	11:00 a.m. Beef Show then Bucket Calf Show
	1:00 p.m. Round Robin Fitting and Showing Championship following Beef Show

## AUCTION REMINDER

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 \* SATURDAY, JULY 10**  
\*\* Starting at 10:00 AM EACH DAY \*\*  
Both days held at 2844 SE Kentucky, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
NOTE: We went ahead with the June 30 auction despite the rain. We sold over 600 items but were unable to sell the furniture and it will be sold on July 7. There were many other items which were not sold due to the rain. Therefore we will have VERY LARGE AUCTIONS on Wednesday, July 7 & Saturday, July 10. We will run 2 rings at least a part of each day. The best is yet to come!  
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**SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021 — 9:00 AM**  
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(2 blocks West of the Court House on North side)

**House Sells @ 1:00 PM**  
A nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath 2-story home on corner lot w/detached 2-car garage, nice shady yard. Home has been kept very neat, well-maintained and is ready to move right in. Close to school & downtown area, new roof 2019. See website for more information and terms, or call Darwin W. Kurtz, broker & auctioneer representing the seller 785-448-4152

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION BEGINNING @ 9:00 AM**  
**LARGE SALE!! (Partial listing).** Lots of tools of all kinds and garage items: Snapper 30" 12 hp riding mower; rear tine tiller 5 hp; gas snow blower; chain saws; other lawn & garden. **Large amount of ANTIQUES:** unusual tall Oak secretary; Lawyer's stack bookcase; old Lane cedar chest; Original round butcher block out of old Fall River, KS store; very old mantle clock bought in Winfield, KS; Primitives; Western stoneware jars #5, 6, 10 & 15; Diamond #5 stone jar; crock bowls, stone Jugs; Gypsy cast iron small stove #201 (needs rep); Wagner & Griswold cast iron; Lg old meat cleaver, unusual; Blacksmith vise; electrified kerosene lamps w/beautiful pheasant pattern shades; Pyrex mxg bowls; other dishes, old vases, figurines, glassware; old records & Lots of other old stuff; **OLD BOOKS** 1850s-1900 (specifically listed on website). **HOUSEHOLD:** Side by side ref/frzr; gas range; Maytag washer/dryer; 2 good older chest frzrs; nice kitchenware; good clean household furniture for all rooms, misc. housewares, #500 A Singer sewing machine; good lg old enamel electric meat slicer; handmade & painted wooden decorations made by the Atkinson's. **COINS:** Large amount of old & collectible coins (list on website). **CAR sells at Noon:** 03 Buick LaSabre, 1 owner, 111K miles, always garaged, well maintained (slight body damage).

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# 4-H camp expanding and diversifying in 2022

Over the last 75 years, thousands of Kansas 4-H'ers have enjoyed the traditional three-day, four-night Rock Springs Ranch experience of a county-wide camp that included activities such as horseback riding, archery, swimming, crafts, campfires, talent shows and leadership experiences.

diversify camp program options are coming next year, according to Kansas 4-H Foundation president Jake Worcester.

Beginning in 2022, parents and their youth will be able to select from an expanded calendar of camp experiences.

"In the past, families were given one set of dates that their youth could attend camp,"

Worcester said. "Looking ahead, there will be options for a traditional experience as well as longer experiences and additional leadership development opportunities

Through these experiences, Worcester said, he hopes youth from age seven through their college years will stay connected to 4-H activities and development opportunities.

Although always fitted with two tanks, the 2208 can be ordered with single product metering for reduced cost or with dual product metering bringing the benefits of the Gen II

tunities Rock Springs Ranch.

"Next year families will have seven to eight weeks that they can choose from for a camp experience," Worcester said. Those new dates and registration information will be posted on the Rock Springs Ranch website on Sept. 1.

Along with the scheduling changes, there will product range to smaller strip-till units for the first time. Section control is also optional, with the choice of one or two sections being offered.

All machines will be supplied with the Montag

also be program changes to ensure a high-quality camp experience, said Wade Weber, Kansas 4-H program leader.

"We've looked to our peers in the camping industry and monitored the landscape of our professional programming," he said. "There have been changes in youth development when it comes to creating a safe and sup-

portive learning environment for young people."

A task force has been working for more than two years to implement purposeful changes to enable 4-H youth to have the highest-quality camp experience possible, Weber said.

To learn more about the 4-H camp experience, visit [rockspringsranch.org](http://rockspringsranch.org) or [kansas4-h.org](http://kansas4-h.org).

## New Montag® 2208 Dry Fertilizer System for 3-Point Mounted KUHN Krause Gladiator®

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els.

ISOBUS dry rate controller and ISOBUS scales as standard. As with other Montag dry fertilizer systems for the 3-point mounted KUHN Krause Gladiator, the 2208 will need to be mounted to a Montag steerable cart (ordered separately) and towed behind the toolbar.

The Montag 2208 can apply fertilizer at rates up to 500 lbs/acre per tank (maximum total rate: 800 lbs/acre). With no metering cartridges to change out, variation of application rate is stepless throughout the range.

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The Montag 2208 is available to order from KUHN as of June 1, 2021, for use with 4-, 6- or 8-row 3-point mounted KUHN Krause Gladiators. Field install options are available for customers wishing to retrofit the 2208 to an existing 1205M or 1200M series KUHN Krause Gladiator (compatible steerable cart and hitch is required).

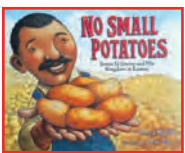
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## The County Fair

By Wade Reh, River Valley District director/community vitality agent

I hope everyone can make it out to support 4-H'ers at your local county fairs over the next five weeks.

4-H participants, county fair boards, Extension units, and many volunteers have been working hard the last several months to bring the traditional county fair back. This is a triumph after the last 18 months.

We were able to have modified fairs last year but, as everybody will attest, it just was not the same. We are excited to bring back such a wonderful community experience.

Like everyone, 4-H'ers have endured a lot through the pandemic and have met that challenge at every turn. They have pushed through virtual meetings, virtual contests, virtual camps, and mask/physical distancing mandates. Last year, most regional, state, and national 4-H events were canceled or moved to a virtual format. As recently as three weeks ago, we had 4-H camp at half of normal capacity.

Not only have our 4-H'ers worked to stay engaged, they have been very successful at what they have been asked to do.

They have pushed forward and put in the work on their projects. They are now ready for their yearly showcase.

The fairs in the River Valley Extension District are July 6-10 in Cloud County, July 20-24 in Clay County, July 20-24 in Washington County, and August 3-7 in Republic County.

Come look at the exhibits or catch a show and let our 4-H'ers know how successful they have been.



Watch for  
*Kid's Corner*  
all Summer!

### It's Summer!

Farmers are harvesting the wheat, and the corn is growing in the fields!

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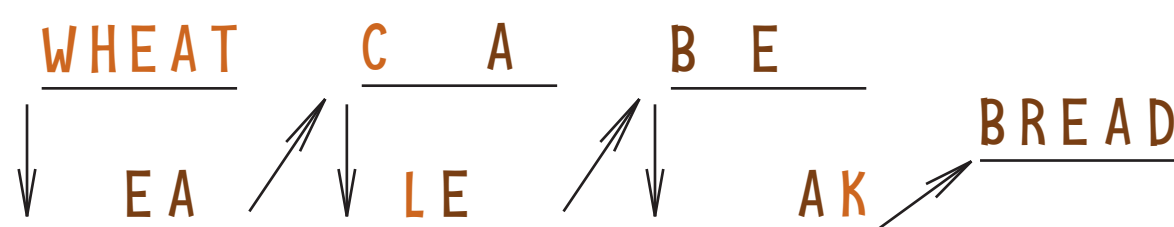
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# Abilene rodeo celebrates 75th anniversary, legendary rodeo clown on belt buckle

A man near and dear to the hearts of rodeo fans in Abilene and around the nation has been memorialized on a Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo buckle.

Lecile Harris, a Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame rodeo clown who performed at Abilene's Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo a dozen times, is the feature on the 2021 buckle.

Harris passed away unexpectedly in February of 2020, hours after working a rodeo in Jackson, Miss. the night before.

He was born in 1936 and lived in Collierville, Tenn., becoming a PRCA member in 1982. He started his rodeo career as a bullfighter, working both as bullfighter and funny man, before the roles evolved and the acts and jokes were done solely by the rodeo clown.

Harris was a session drummer and songwriter in the Memphis area during the 1950s and early 1960s and performed on television and in films, including *Hee Haw*, *Walking Tall: The Final Chapter* and *The Last Days of Frank and Jesse James*.

Harris' first year to clown at the Abilene rodeo was in 1993, with Phil Gardenhire as the announcer. Rodeo chairman Jerry Marsteller remembers hearing stories from rodeo committee members that Harris and Gardenhire

were instrumental in making fan-friendly improvements, changing from bullhorns for speakers to a real speaker system, and changing from the rodeo band, made up of locals, to popular music played over the loudspeaker.

After the first night of rodeo in 1993, Harris and Gardenhire had convinced the committee enough that they went to Salina to rent loudspeakers and sound equipment.

Harris and Gardenhire worked the Abilene rodeo every year from 1993 to 1998, until Gardenhire died in an auto crash in 1999.

After that, Harris worked the Abilene rodeo again in 2001, 2002, 2005, 2013, and was scheduled to be the clown in 2020, until his passing in February of that year.

He was well known for his professionalism and timing, said long-time friend Mike Mathis, the voice of the Abilene rodeo, who began working with Harris in the early 1980s.

"He was a stickler for his makeup and his props," Mathis said. "Everything had to be a certain way." His comedic timing was impeccable, too. "He had a way to interact and work with the crowd that is very difficult to find. Lecile worked very hard making sure everything was in order and put together. He

was a fanatic."

Marsteller said Abilene fans loved his acts: his golf act, BR-549 robot act, baseball act and piano act.

Harris was personable outside the arena, with rodeo committee people and fans, Marsteller said. He remembers hearing

Harris' jokes about his wife, who he nicknamed "Tundra" as part of his act, and then having the chance to meet her at a PRCA rodeo convention. Marsteller and his wife Deb sat down for a meal with Lecile and his wife Ethel. "We got to meet Tun-

dra," Marsteller chuckled, "and we just sat and visited and visited."

Harris' presence is still missed at rodeos across the nation, Mathis said.

"He can't be replaced. He was a supreme entertainer."

This year's buckle is

part of a series of buckles, each featuring different people or subjects, that started in 1989.

The annual buckle auction for the rodeo will be held Monday, August 2 at the historic Shockeey and Landes Building

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Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame rodeo clown Lecile Harris is featured on the 75th anniversary buckles for the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in Abilene. He worked the rodeo a dozen times.

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# Important to know livestock water and shade requirements

By Wendie Powell, livestock production agent, Wildcat Extension District

What offers refreshment on a hot summer day? Cool water? Resting in the shade? It just so happens that these also provide comfort to livestock! With the recent heat wave in southeast Kansas, livestock producers should monitor their animals for signs of heat stress and plan their chores according to the animal's comfort.

The signs of heat stress

can be obvious. Across the board, nearly all farm animals will pant and breathe heavily. However, some species, like sheep and goats, are more tolerant of heat than other species, think cattle or hogs. Regardless of species, decreased appetite and increased body temperatures can lead to some very serious problems. Interestingly, sweat glands are not all that common with livestock; cattle only sweat on their nose, pigs don't pro-

duce sweat at all, but horses are efficient sweaters.

A 1200-pound cow, nursing a calf, will drink 15 to 25 gallons of water daily, and more in extreme conditions. Growing calves and yearling cattle will need five to 12 gallons a day, depending on their size. Mature sheep and goats drink two or three gallons a day. Hogs consume around a half gallon, up to about six gallons. Horses will drink five to 15 gallons a day. These amounts are import-

ant when choosing a watering system. At a minimum, the water trough should be large enough to supply half of the expected daily needs at one time. But, in an ideal situation, the trough will supply enough water for 2 or 3 days in one filling. This larger amount will provide a cushion against a disaster. Also, be sure the supply is sufficient to fill the tank in a timely manner. If lower ranked animals in the pecking order show up to an empty tank, they will leave without consuming enough, or possibly any, water. Clean water makes a huge difference in consumption and performance.

Researchers have compared natural shade to artificial, compared no shade to natural and artificial. They've looked at growth performance and conception rates. Studies have been conducted throughout the U.S. and in many other countries. Results vary, but I infer that stressed animals need shade. Livestock can become acclimated over time

to an environment. Animals will benefit from producers doing certain chores during cooler temperatures. For example, if you are planning to haul a load of calves in an enclosed trailer, those animals will arrive at their destination under less stress through early morning hours compared to the sunny high temperatures of afternoon. Or, during a weaning event, monitor forecasts for the coolest temperatures of the day, and plan to separate pairs at that time. Often newly weaned animals will be more active right after the weaning event. Provide plenty of shade and clean water for animals under stress.

How much shade is needed? Research in Kentucky looked into space requirements for cattle. For

yearling calves, allow 15 to 20 square feet per head. 800-pounders and larger feeder cattle need 20 to 25 square feet and mature cows should have 30 to 40 square feet. Ample space is needed, otherwise, livestock will crowd under the shade and air movement will be restricted.

Shades vary from simple and inexpensive to complex and pricey. Nature's permanent shades are trees, arguably the best option for air circulation. There are portable shades available commercially that can be moved around a pasture. Artificial shades can be rigged up from any about material, just some ingenuity is required.

For more information, contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ksu.edu.

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# Body condition scoring basics for sheep and goats

Knowing the amount of condition or fat cover for sheep and goats is a good practice to implement in any nutrition program. Condition is commonly measured using a body condition score (BCS). Body condition adjusts throughout the year for various reasons, including the animal's age, breeding cycle and weather impacts. Nutrition decisions impact which direction the BCS of your flock or herd goes.

"It's important to body condition score both sheep and goats because it's a direct indication of their overall health and reproduction," says Maggie Amburgey, small ruminant technical specialist with Purina Animal Nutrition. "Scoring body condition during key times like breeding helps evaluate nutritional needs of your flock or herd and gives you a guideline of where things stand."

Follow these steps to monitor and maintain body condition in your sheep and goats:

## How does scoring work?

BCS is monitored in

sheep and goats on a five-point scale that increases or decreases by half-point increments.

"The ideal score falls between a range of 2.5 to 4, depending on life stage and energy demand," says Amburgey. "During breeding season, we like to see ewes and does around 2.5 to 3 BCS. Rams and bucks can have a little higher condition, up to a 4 BCS because they will lose more condition."

Sheep and goats are considered too thin or under-conditioned when they are at or below 1.5 BCS. Common problems in under-conditioned ewes and does include missing heat cycles which leads to lower conception. Similarly, rams and bucks in lower body condition tend to wear down during a breeding season. Thin animals are also more susceptible to disease because they aren't receiving adequate nutrition for immune system support.

Sheep and goats become too fat or over-conditioned when they reach 4.5 BCS or higher. Over-conditioned ewes and does

can have reduced fertility, causing delayed lambing or kidding and reduced production for their offspring. When rams and bucks are too fat, it may reduce libido, so they won't follow or stay with females for breeding.

"If you can keep sheep and goats around 2.5 to 3 BCS, reproductive outcomes improve," says Clay Elliott, Ph.D. and small ruminant nutritionist with Purina Animal Nutrition. "Timely breed back and twinning will also increase, resulting in a higher percentage lamb or kid crop."

## What are you looking for?

Body condition appears in a few visible places on the body. Fat cover typically deposits on the top-line of both sheep and goats, running alongside the vertebrae. For goats, fat will show up around the hipbones, similar to what you might see in cattle. When sheep or goats are especially obese, fat collects in the brisket running below the neck.

"These areas are extremely prominent if sheep or goats are too

thin, or they'll stand out when they have too much fat," says Amburgey. "When visually appraising, a 2.5 BCS will have a smooth appearance over the ribs. The vertebrae and hip bones will be covered but still visible."

Purina's new BCS guides provide a visual reference tool for both sheep and goat producers. Download the sheep and goat guides at [purina-mills.com](http://purina-mills.com).

There is also a hands-on approach you can take when assessing BCS. When sheep or goats are thin, you'll feel bones easier, like the vertebrae and ribs. On the flip side, if you aren't able to feel some bones, the animals might have too much condition.

"You don't want their top-line to 'cut your hand' (be bony)," says Amburgey. "Coming right off of the back of their shoulder, you want the top-line to be smooth, but still be able to feel it and not be obese."

**Keep them in condition**  
Pasture is sometimes thought to be an adequate

source of nutrition for sheep and goats. However, forage quality and reproductive timing may require additional supplementation to meet or exceed nutritional needs and keep sheep and goats in proper condition.

"Don't ignore nutrition, particularly in the lead up to breeding when green pastures might seem sufficient," says Elliott. "Adding a supplemental fat tub helps increase energy for ewes and does that have just weaned their lambs and kids, a time when females need to gain condition to be flushed for breeding."

If sheep or goats are under-conditioned, a pelleted ration can supply more targeted supplemental nutrients, so you know they are getting energy each day.

When dealing with over-conditioned animals, you can pull back on the nutrition program slightly by feeding higher fiber rations.

"In all situations, sheep and goats should get mineral to make up for any nutritional gaps,"

says Elliott. "Then the supplemental rations can balance for protein and fat."

Keeping an eye on BCS throughout the year and making nutritional adjustments goes a long way towards optimizing flock and herd performance. Contact your local Purina nutritionist or visit [purina-mills.com](http://purina-mills.com) to learn more.

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## More than a neighbor – Jake Pannbacker serves on KBC executive committee

"There is a lot more to the Beef Checkoff than hearing Sam Elliott's voice at the dinner table," Jake Pannbacker said. From high school students to highly respected dietitians, athletes, and chefs, Kansas Beef Council (KBC) programs are in place to educate and promote the benefits of beef to our neighbors next door and across the globe.

Pannbacker is a third-generation cattleman in Washington County. "Our operation includes row crops, cow-calf pairs, stockers, and a small feedlot to finish out our calves and also some custom finishing for neighbors." Like many producers, he said they stay diversified, which brings a unique reference point to his seat on the KBC Executive Committee.

While Pannbacker does not take the opportunity to be in a room with large western Kansas cattle feeders or prominent seedstock producers at KBC Executive Committee meetings lightly, he is

reminded it takes cattlemen of all types to best decide the future of the beef industry in Kansas. "You have the cross-section of experience, and we all have our own way of doing things," Pannbacker explained. "We may not all agree, but in the end, we compromise on what is going to move the industry forward."

Moving forward is one thing everyone agrees on, and Pannbacker is optimistic about current and future KBC projects that will improve the demand for beef regionally and internationally. He remarks on the excitement of the entire room as the KBC Executive Committee discusses future developments that will impact Kansas-raised beef. While the future is exciting, KBC's current projects are driving meaningful conversations and growing demand today.

Producers are well-versed in a long list of subjects, including animal care, land management and economics, but,

for many, consumer marketing and self-promotion are not their forte. "It's a luxury for us to get off the farm to go to Kansas City or Dallas for a few days," Pannbacker said. "But if you have a chef at a restaurant who understands your product, understands what you're doing, and they enjoy working with your product, they are going to be far more effective in marketing your product." He recalled going to a steakhouse in Kansas City where the steaks were presented flawlessly, noting the thoughtful skill it takes to provide an experience that makes people want to return for beef. "They may get the glory, but it makes doing the legwork, like calving in February, easier when we have such strong advocates for our product constantly working in areas we can't be physical," said Pannbacker.

Educating chefs and dietitians on the importance of beef in consumers' diets is a KBC priority. The Nutrition Adventure Program, a partnership with

Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma Beef councils, took dietitians on a bus tour of the beef industry in Kansas, providing hands-on experience in beef production and taught them how beef fits into a healthy diet. A similar effort hosted chefs in Kansas City. Continued outreach to those areas will be vital to reaching urban audiences. "It's important that others are informed to provide that message on our behalf," Pannbacker said.

In addition to reaching culinary professionals, KBC has continued long-time programs that encourage high schools to use beef in the classroom by reimbursing beef costs for curriculums that promote healthy recipes using beef. "Abby Heidari, KBC staff dietitian, had a map of participants, and it was amazing to see the cluster of classrooms in K.C. Metro or Wichita," Pannbacker said, encouraged by the impact the program has, not only in rural Kansas, but in metropolitan areas as well.

Pannbacker laughs as he recalls the popular bumper sticker "The West wasn't won on salads." Perhaps no better modern-day example of that is the Kansas Beef Council-funded Team Beef. Team Beef has grown to include weekend warriors, like Pannbacker, to elite ultramarathoner Brandon Walker. "Talk about a great billboard," Pannbacker said. "We can't always get off the farm, but if he can

share the benefits of beef and have people notice what that does, that's the spokesperson we need."

Moving forward, whether it's KBC's strategically placed billboard in Wichita or athletes proudly wearing beef apparel at elite events, communication is the greatest challenge and the most significant opportunity. "We can agree to disagree," Pannbacker said. "But you have to open up sensible,

## Public Notice by Kansas Pork Association and the National Pork Board Selection of 2022 National Pork Board Delegates

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2022 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will be conducted electronically on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Voting can be done at the following link: [www.kspork.org/2022-delegate-election](http://www.kspork.org/2022-delegate-election). After submitting the electronic ballot, a "Thank You for Voting" message will be displayed to confirm the electronic vote was successful. Any producer, age 18 or older, who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election. One vote per eligible producer. **For more information, contact Kansas Pork Association, 2601 Farm Bureau Road, Manhattan, KS 66502, phone 785-776-0442.**

## Kansas wheat harvest going slower than usual so far

(AP) – The government's latest crop snapshot shows the Kansas winter wheat harvest is running slower than usual for this time of year.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported that about 41% of the state's wheat has been cut. That is behind both the 44% at this time last year and the 48% five-year average. The report reflects crop conditions as of Sunday, July 27 and comes amid recent rains that have kept many combines out of fields.

The agency also reported that 83% of the wheat had already matured. It rated the condition of the crop still in the ground as 12% excellent, 50% good, 25% fair and

## Kansas hog inventory down 10% in June

Kansas inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2021, was 1.98 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 10% from June 1, 2020, and down 1% from March 1, 2021.

Breeding hog inventory, at 175,000 head, was down 3% from June 1, 2020, but up 3% from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 1.81 million head, was down 10% from last year, and down 1% from last quarter.

The March-May 2021 Kansas pig crop, at 898,000 head, was down 6% from 2020. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 88,000 head, down 1% from

last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.20 for the March-May period, compared to 10.70 last year.

Kansas hog producers intend to farrow 88,000 sows during the June-August 2021 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for September-November 2021 are 89,000 sows, up 5% from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.



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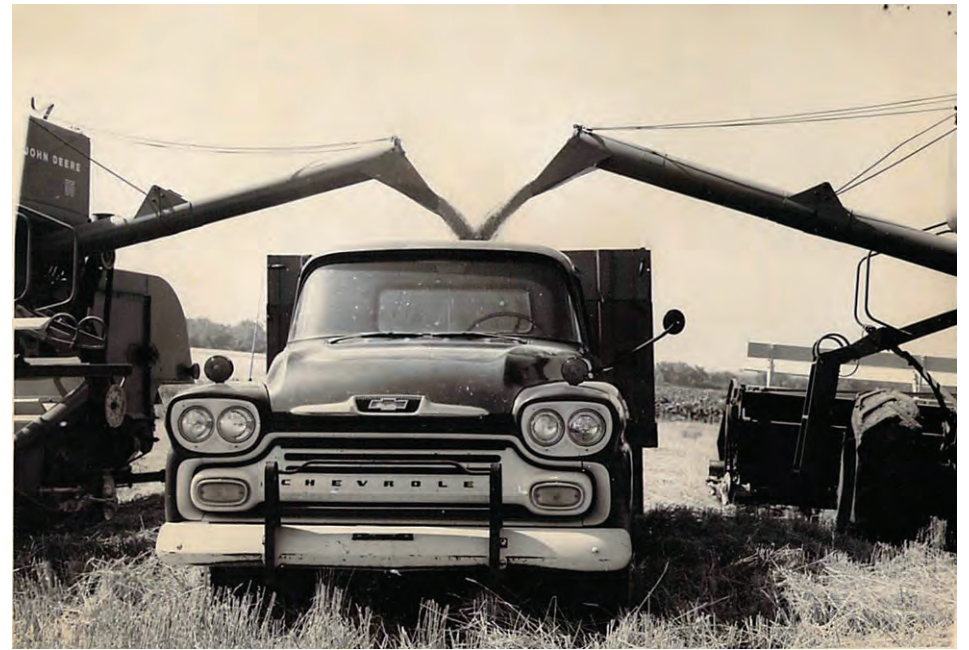
# Rising red meat prices cause shoppers to pull back

One in three adults say they are spending more on groceries than they were at the start of 2021, with red meat being the ingredient cited most often for higher prices followed by chicken, according to a Morning Consult survey of 2,200 U.S. adults conducted for Bloomberg News.

"We've got these pockets of inflation without having corresponding wage growth, and that's going to put consumers in a really tough spot," Morning Consult economist John Leer said. The survey notes that a quarter of U.S. shoppers said they have started buying fewer items overall, including less meat, to save money on grocery bills.

# The way it was

The pictures below were found in a Grass & Grain photo archive and date back at least to the 1960s. No other information about the photos is available. As the 2021 wheat harvest continues, we thought our readers might enjoy this look at equipment from yesteryear.



### Grass & Grain Weather Report July 7, 2021

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- 53 blk steers, 950-1000 lbs.
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