

USDA announces \$500 million for expanded meat and poultry processing capacity as part of efforts to increase competition, level the playing field for family farmers and ranchers, and build a better food system

On Friday USDA announced it intends to make significant investments to expand processing capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing to make agricultural markets more accessible, fair, competitive, and resilient for American farmers and ranchers. This is one of several key steps that USDA will take to increase competition in agricultural markets, pursuant to President Biden's Executive Order on promoting competition and as part of USDA efforts to build a more resilient supply chain and better food system.

Specifically, USDA announced its intent to invest \$500 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand meat and poultry processing capacity so that farmers, ranchers, and consumers have more choices in the marketplace. USDA also announced more than \$150 million for existing small and very small processing facilities to help them weather COVID, compete in the marketplace and get the support they need to reach more customers. USDA is also holding meatpackers accountable by revitalizing the Packers and Stockyards Act, issuing new rules on "Product of USA" labels, and developing plans to expand farmers' access to new markets.

"The COVID-19 pandemic led to massive disruption for growers, food workers, and consumers alike. It exposed a food system that was rigid, consolidated, and fragile. Meanwhile, those growing, processing and preparing our food are earning less each year in a system that rewards size over all else," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "To shift the balance of power back

to the people, USDA will invest in building more, better, and fairer markets for producers and consumers alike. The investments USDA will make in expanding meat and poultry capacity, along with restoration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, will begin to level the playing field for farmers and ranchers. This is a once in a generation opportunity to transform the food system so it is more resilient to shocks, delivers greater value to growers and workers, and offers consumers an affordable selection of healthy food produced and sourced locally and regionally by farmers and processors from diverse backgrounds. I am confident USDA's investments in expanded capacity will spur millions more in leveraged funding from the private sector and state and local partners as our efforts gain traction across the country."

Market Concentration in Agriculture

As key agricultural markets have become more concentrated and less competitive, farmers and ranchers are getting squeezed from both sides. Markets for farm inputs—like seeds and fertilizer—are now dominated by just a few companies. Meanwhile, farmers and ranchers have fewer and fewer options for selling their products. The result is that often family farmers and ranchers are getting less, consumers are paying more, and those in the middle are taking the difference.

Dominant companies can use their power to engage in abusive practices and make it harder for farmers, ranchers, and consumers to get a fair price. Farmers' share of every dollar spent on food has declined consistently

from 35 cents in the 1970s to around just 14 cents in recent years.

Concentration in food processing has contributed to bottlenecks in America's food supply chain, too. Just a few meatpackers, with a few large processing facilities, process most of the livestock that farmers and ranchers raise into the meat that we buy. For example, just four large meat-packing companies control over 80 percent of the beef market alone. One of the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic is that this system is too rigid and too fragile. When COVID slowed or shuttered meat processing, many farmers had no place to go. Farmers were forced to depopulate their animals, while grocery store shelves went bare and demand for food assistance spiked. These vulnerabilities are not new. And, given current concerns about climate and cybersecurity, these risks are likely to grow even more sharply in the future.

USDA is announcing the following initiatives to increase competition in agricultural markets, and build more resilience supply chains:

Investing More Than \$500 million to Increase Competition and Capacity in the Meat and Poultry Processing Markets

USDA will commit \$500 million of USDA's Build Back Better Initiative funds through the American Rescue Plan to support new competitive entrants in meat and poultry processing. USDA will provide grants, loans, and technical assistance to address concentration within the meat and poultry sectors and relieve supply chain bottlenecks by supporting new meat and poultry processing facilities. These facilities will create competitive opportunities for produc-

ers in local and regional food systems so that farmers and ranchers have access to better choices and fairer prices. USDA has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit public input into its strategy to improve meat and poultry processing infrastructure and will hold targeted stakeholder meetings and other public engagement to better understand the needs, gaps, and barriers to fair and competitive meat processing markets.

Providing more than \$150 million to Strengthen Existing Small and Very Small Processing Facilities and Help Them Weather COVID, Stay in the Marketplace, and Expand Capacity

USDA will invest more than \$55 million in strengthening existing small and very small meat processing capacity, benefitting smaller producers and processing plants. USDA has made \$55.2 million available for Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grants to support expanded meat and poultry slaughter and processing capacity and efficiency while maintaining strong inspection and food safety standards.

USDA will dedicate \$100 million to help small and very small processing plants weather the volatility and unexpected costs that COVID imposed. With American Rescue Plan funds, USDA will provide \$100 million to reduce the financial burden of overtime inspection fees for small and very small poultry, meat and egg processing plants, which provide farmers with local alternatives and greater capacity to process livestock.

Leveling the Playing Field for Independent Family Farmers and Ranchers

USDA will revitalize the Packers and Stockyards Act to fight unfair practices and rebuild a

competitive marketplace. The Packers and Stockyards Act was designed to ensure a fair and competitive marketplace and protect farmers against abuse at the hands of large businesses in the livestock and poultry industry. To facilitate effective enforcement of the Act, USDA will be conducting three rulemakings. First, the rulemakings will clarify the conduct that USDA considers a violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act, including conduct that is unfair, deceptive, or unjustly discriminatory against farmers and growers. Second, they will address oppressive practices in chicken processing. Third, the rulemakings will reinforce the longstanding USDA position that it is not necessary to demonstrate harm or likely harm to competition in order to establish a violation of the Act.

USDA will develop a plan to increase farmers' and ranchers' access to new markets, and promote their ability to receive a fair return. As per the President's Executive Order on promoting competition, USDA will develop a plan to increase opportunities for farmers to access markets, including by supporting value-added markets and local and regional food distribution systems. USDA will also analyze and recommend policies to address the impacts of concentration in seeds and in the retail sector on family farmers, and propose strategies to enhance transparency and accountability in key markets. Together, these initiatives will give farmers more choices on how they buy and sell so that they aren't at the mercy of a handful of dominant processors and distributors.

USDA will issue new rules on labeling so that domestic farmers and ranchers don't have to

compete with foreign companies that mislead consumers. On July 1st, USDA announced intent to conduct a top-to-bottom review of the "Product of USA" meat labeling term.

Yield implications of corn root lodging

Corn root lodging can present numerous yield and harvest efficiency concerns. Any factor that inhibits root development, such as wet conditions at planting, compacted soils or nitrogen deficiency, raises the risk of root lodging. Drier-than-normal soil conditions immediately followed by storms can also slow brace root development.

Other factors that can result in root lodging include northern corn rootworm, wind and certain hybrid characteristics, such as plant height.

"In terms of yield implications, the number-one factor is timing," said Nate LeVan, Pioneer Field Agronomist in North Central Iowa. "The closer the lodging is to interfering with pollination and silk set, the more yield loss you could potentially have. If root lodging happens in the presence of rootworm, yield loss may be higher."

Often, corn root lodging occurs in pockets throughout a field. While the entire field may not be affected, an area making up 20-25% of the field can have a large impact on yield. Growers should monitor root-lodged fields closely and consider timely harvesting at higher moistures if stalk rot development is an issue. Depending on the severity of the root lodging, corn plants can typically recover by "goose-necking" back upright; however, negative impacts can still occur throughout the remainder of the growing season.



Wibholms Phyllis G60 won grand champion owned female at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, May 31 in Effingham. Baylee Wulfkuhle, Berrinton, owns the October 2019 daughter of Silveiras Style 9303. She first claimed senior champion. Lane Robinson, Russell, Iowa, evaluated the 35 entries.

Photos by Anne Lampe



Lafkins Pharaoh 0606 won grand champion bred-and-owned bull at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show. Ellie Lafkin, Olsburg, owns the September 2020 son of Poss Achievement. He first won senior calf champion.



CJT Believer 002H won grand champion steer at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, May 31 in Effingham. Cameron Thompson, Russellville, owns the February 2020 son of H P C A Early Bird 65.

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Preparing sheep and goats for breeding season

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

Although it is still summer, fall will be here before we know it and with fall comes breeding season for sheep and goats. Now is the time to start making plans for breeding season and to evaluate your does and ewes to make sure they are in good condition before breeding, especially if you plan to breed them in August. Does and ewes that have good body condition are more likely to breed and successfully have lambs or kids in the spring.

The body condition score of does and ewes should be evaluated before breeding season. Body condition refers to the fleshiness of an animal. To know the body condition score of a doe or ewe, owners should feel

over the ribs and on either side of the spine by pressing down with their fingers to determine the amount of fat cover a goat or sheep has. After feeling the amount of fat cover a body condition score can be given. For sheep and goats body condition scores are given on a scale of 1-5, one being emaciated and five being obese. Does and ewes should have a body condition score of 2.5 to 3.5 at the beginning of breeding season. If does and ewes become too thin, failure to reproduce, low twinning rates and low weaning weights can result. If they are over-conditioned it can result in does and ewes developing pregnancy toxemia or having difficulty giving birth.

If does and ewes have a body condition score lower than 2.5 they need to be placed on good quality pasture and/or sup-

plemented with grain to increase their body condition. Grain that has a crude protein level of 10-12% should be supplemented at a rate of half a pound to one pound of grain per head per day for at least two to four weeks before the start of breeding season. Increasing the amount of grain fed before breeding season is also referred to as flushing and can increase the number of lambs/kids born and decrease the number of open does and ewes.

While it can be easy to focus on the does and ewes, it is important to remember the bucks and rams as well. Bucks and rams should also be examined prior to breeding season. Their body condition should be determined the same way it is for does and ewes. Prior to breeding bucks and rams should have a body con-

dition score of 3 to 3.5. If bucks and rams are too thin during breeding season they will have decreased stamina. However, if rams and bucks are over conditioned they may lack the vigor needed to breed large numbers of does and ewes. If rams and bucks are over or under conditioned it can result in fewer females being bred and settling during the first heat cycle, which can lead to a longer lambing/kidding season in the spring. If rams and bucks are too thin they should be given supplemental feed starting roughly a month before breeding season to increase their body condition and ensure they are in good physical shape.

In addition to evaluating the body condition of males and females before breeding season, it is also important to check them for internal parasites and

check their hooves. When determining the body condition of the animal, it is also a good time to check their FAMACHA score and/or take a fecal sample to do a fecal egg count to determine if the animal needs to be dewormed. Males and females that have a FAMACHA score higher than three and/or have a high fecal egg count should be dewormed prior to breeding. If you plan on flushing your does or ewes, they should be dewormed prior to flushing. Does and ewes that are wormy will not increase in body condition from flushing and due to this their ovulation rate may not increase. This can increase the likelihood of does and ewes that are wormy to not breed at all or conceive and then later abort.

Before breeding, sheep and goats' hooves should be examined as well. When

examining the hooves, you should look for sores, overgrown hooves, or strange odors that can indicate infection or foot rot. Hoof trimming and any treatments needed for foot rot should be done a couple weeks before breeding season to ensure that goats and sheep will be ready for breeding season. Does and ewes that are lame may not let bucks breed them. Bucks and rams will be the most active during this time of year and it is important that their hooves are in good condition, a buck or ram that is lame may not cover does consistently or might give up altogether.

Having goats and sheep in good condition prior to the start of breeding season will lead to a more successful breeding season this fall and a successful lambing/kidding season next spring.

Juniors compete in the national Limousin showmanship contest

With COVID restrictions easing and summer grilling in its prime, the American Lamb Board (ALB) has expanded its American Lamb Outdoor Cooking Adventures con-

test to include a grand prize outdoor adventure from Outdoorsy.

The contest gives fans of American Lamb an opportunity to share videos or photos showcasing out-

door cooking such as grilling, smoking, and cooking over an open flame.

"We love seeing people get so excited about cooking outside with American Lamb, and we are thrilled

to offer a new grand prize as part of this campaign," said Gwen Kitzan, ALB chairman. "With summer in full swing there's never been a better time to get outside and cook, and we

are eager to reward people for showing us what they love about adventuring outside with American Lamb!"

The entries will be judged on creativity, storytelling and overall quality. One grand prize winner will win a \$2,000 credit to Outdoorsy to plan a perfect adventure. In addition, one second place winner will win a \$500 Cabela's gift card, and a third place winner will receive an American Lamb grilling kit valued at \$250. Anyone who enters will receive grilling gear, including an American Lamb apron and a Thermoworks DASH thermometer.

ALB is partnering with chefs and pitmasters to serve as judges, including Stephen Barber of Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch, Robert Sonderman of Federalist Pig, Tom Micklethwait of Micklethwait Craft Meats,

Elliot Moss of Buxton Hall Barbecue, Tiffani Faizon of Sweet Cheeks Q, Jason Ganahl of GQue BBQ, Derek Wolf of Over the Fire Cooking, Danielle Bennett of DivaQ BBQ, and James Brown of Grillnation.

To expand the reach of the campaign even further, ALB is hosting weekly giveaways of grilling tools and other prizes on its Instagram page through July 31. Additional American Lamb cooking how-to guides and recipe ideas are posted at american-lamb.com.

The American Lamb Board is funded by the American Lamb Checkoff and is charged with building awareness and expanding demand for American Lamb and strengthening its position in the marketplace, thereby increasing the potential long-range economic growth of all industry sectors.

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Warehouse: 60' x 80' concrete floor with 4' concrete sidewalls, 2-450 bushel bulk seed bins with conveyor and weigh hopper.

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T Bar T Seedstock 104H won reserve grand champion steer at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, May 31 in Effingham. Christan Kucan, Holton, owns the February 2020 son of T Bar T Seedstock 226E. Lane Robinson, Russell, Iowa, evaluated the 35 entries.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market prices for the week ending July 3 were steady for alfalfa and mostly steady for grass hay while demand remains good. A stalled frontal boundary brought widespread rain to the region with the largest totals, two to eight-plus inches, falling over eastern Kansas and eastern Nebraska, decreasing drought category percentages. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for the week of June 29th, abnormal dryness (D0) decreased to near 10%, and no moderate drought (D1) or severe drought (D2) was reported. Join agriculture leaders from across the state for the Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth August 25th and 26th. Starting July 1st, we began with 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. 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.

**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: Brome, large

rounds 115.00-125.00; Sudan: none reported. Wheat straw, none reported. The week of 6/27-7/3, 7,101T of grinding alfalfa and 743T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; 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. Ground and delivered 185.00-195.00 with an instance at 200.00. 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 6/27-7/3, 5,830T of grinding alfalfa and 250T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa, grass hay steady to 5.00 higher, 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 120.00-130.00, good 3x3 squares 100.00-120.00, good, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 90.00-115.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Brome, good, small squares 120.00-130.00, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 110.00-120.00, large rounds none reported. Wheat Straw: 3x4 and 4x4 squares 60.00-80.00. The week of 6/27-7/3, 2,844T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grinding alfal-

fa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 245.00-255.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.05-1.10/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 165.00-175.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 140.00-150.00 with an instance at 155.00-160.00. 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

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***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

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*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

**TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture-Manhattan, Kansas, Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709.

USDA to review Product Of USA label

USDA announced it will conduct a top-to-bottom review of the "Product of the USA" (POTUSA) label, which will inform a forthcoming rule-making on the topic. This is a priority for NCBA, who recently filed a petition with USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service to eliminate the use of the label and other broad U.S. origin labeling claims for beef products due to industry concerns surrounding their misleading nature.

"The 'Product of the USA' label is not subject to source-verification, is not tied to any kind of food safety standard and is applied by packers and retailers in a manner that does not deliver value back to the cattle producer. This label not only misleads consumers, it is yet another barrier to producers gaining leverage and distinguishing their product in the marketplace," said NCBA President Jerry Bohn.

This was a loophole in the labeling protocol that was brought to light by a NCBA working group. Policy was passed by members to address the issue, which resulted in the petition. NCBA and KLA have long advocated for voluntary labels that meet consumer demand and allow producers to distinguish their products in the marketplace and will continue to do so.

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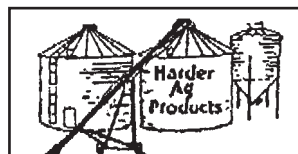
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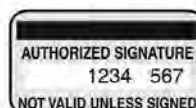
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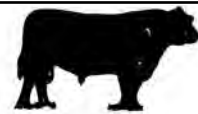
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To say farmers and rancher are particular would be the understatement of a lifetime. Most embody the theory of "This is how I've always done it" and "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." My grandfather is no different than any other farmer or rancher and could quite possibly be the epitome of particular. He likes his things a certain way, and when he dislikes something he loathes it entirely. Either way, there is always a good FarmPa rule associated with both.

One of the greatest blessings of agriculture is it mostly takes place far from cities and population. The portal to this life is found down dirt and gravel roads that weave across the country. There is nothing more iconically rural than a dirt road. We all have a story that starts with a dirt road and ends with smile or a lesson. This dirt road story has both and much more.

When I was in high school I was at the farm helping my grandfather move cows from the home place to another pasture. One of the blessings of my grandparents' operation always has been that it is all connected except for one piece of grass, and on that day that was the place the cows needed to go, so hauling them down the road was our only option. The county road that takes you to their place has always been a topic of infiriation for my grandfather. Now, for a high-schooler,

a dirt road is just a dirt road. I never really noticed a difference, and as I saw it there was always plenty of rock and when it rained you never got stuck - so what more could you want and what could be so wrong with it? I am here to tell you I have been educated many times on the subject and there is a "BIG" difference in dirt roads, what can be wrong with one, and what more a person could want out of one.

Now this is starting to sound like my grandfather had a personal vendetta with his dirt road. Almost like him and the dirt road itself we're going to war and attacking one another, but what he actually had an issue with was the county and the man who maintained it with the grader. This issue I have been well educated on, and I know for certain the county has had a few lessons over the telephone as well. The lesson goes as follows - his portion of the road is neglected but the neighbor's maintained, too much rock on the road, not enough rock on the road, the wrong kind of rock is on the road, or the grader man doesn't know what the hell he's doing. He always acted like the county woke up that morning and said, "You know how we can get him? Let's blade it a 1/4 inch deeper, that'll show him." The lack of perfect road maintenance in his eyes was an act of war, almost on the level of when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Even if the county

didn't want a war, they got one, and on this day the poor grader man was a Japanese soldier.

After loading the first set of cows into the trailer with minimal cursing my grandfather told me to drive. Off we went down the dirt road of rage, and little did I know that shortly into that drive, around the next curve, Hiroshima was about to happen in central Kansas. Just my luck that the county would be grading that section of road at that exact moment. As we approached the bright yellow grader I could see my grandfather loading the mental bombs in his brain, preparing for his long-awaited battle. He looked over and said, "When you get beside him stop, I'm gonna talk to him." Trying to be the voice of reason, I reminded him we still had cows locked up at home and we couldn't waste the time. When that didn't work I protested how silly it would be and even refused to stop. With the steely glare of General MacArthur he told me, "Boy, stop the truck," and obviously not wanting to be thrown in the brig, I did what any good soldier would do and stopped the truck. From my driver seat foxhole I watched the battle unfold. General MacArthur stormed the Japanese grader, and proceeded to finger-wag and lecture him to death on the proper way to grade a road. The Japanese soldier never said a word, and I'm sure he was surprised by the brilliant military tactics of MacArthur's surprise attack. As the general returned to the truck victorious, a smile and a relaxation fell over his face.

Driving past the defeated foe and feeling totally embarrassed I asked, "Do you feel better now?" His response was a classic FarmPa rule. He said, "I do feel better, and if he didn't want to get chewed out he would do the job the right way."

Since the battle the road has been maintained perfectly. I know the general would like to take all the credit for that and maybe it was his doing. I think it's most likely because a week later the old grader man quit, and the new one told me this crazy story about an old farmer who will chew you out "if you don't pay attention to what you are doing." He always makes sure to be very careful down all the dirt roads in that area.

"In war there is no substitute for victory."

"Have a good plan, execute it violently, and do it today." --General Douglas MacArthur

Kansas grain stocks down double digits across the board

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Sen. Marshall's bipartisan Growing Climate Solutions Act passes Senate

U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D. issued the following statement after the Senate passed the bipartisan Growing Climate Solutions Act, which he helped author and that breaks down barriers for farmers interested in participating in carbon markets so they can be rewarded for climate-smart practices.

"Everyone in agriculture understands we have been and will continue to be the solution, not the problem when it comes to ensuring a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment," said Senator Marshall. "The bipartisan Growing Climate Solutions Act is completely voluntary and gives farmers the majority seat at the table - after all, they are the original environmentalist. I'm pleased to see this big win for Kansas farmers pass the Senate, and want to thank Chairwoman Stabenow, Ranking Member Boozman, and Senator Braun for their work on this and for working with us to improve this legislation."

Senator Marshall expanded on this issue in his op-ed for the *Washington Times*, "Agriculture Should Be in the Driver's Seat on Carbon Policy," saying in part, "Farmers and ranchers are the original conservationist and generational farming is on the forefront of every producer's mind. For nearly every year over the past 50 years, farmers have steadily produced more

food and fiber on fewer acres with less water and less nutrient inputs... Agriculture is one of, if not, the only industry that can naturally sequester carbon. And we convert it into high quality food and protein. I see too many companies and regulators trying a top-down approach. They want to make carbon markets that work for businesses at the end of the value chain rather than asking producers what is best for the land they touch every day... We have limited resources to feed, clothe, fuel, and house people. Anything that is proposed must, first and foremost, continue to encourage the efficient and abundant production of such. We must also ensure we can adequately and honestly measure all the good work farmers are currently doing..."

Background:
The Growing Climate Solutions Act creates a certification program at USDA to help solve technical entry barriers that prevent farmer and forest landowner participation in carbon credit markets. These issues - including access to reliable information about markets and access to qualified technical assistance providers and credit protocol verifiers - have limited both landowner participation and the adoption of practices that help reduce the costs of developing carbon credits.

This, bill establishes

a Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistance Provider and Third-Party Verifier Certification Program through which is a completely voluntary program where USDA will be able to provide transparency, legitimacy, and informal endorsement of third-party verifiers and technical service providers that help private landowners generate carbon credits through a variety of agriculture and forestry related practices. The USDA certification program will put guardrails on carbon credit markets and will ensure that these assistance providers have agriculture and forestry expertise, which is lacking in the current marketplace. As part of the pro-

gram, USDA will administer a new website, which will serve as a "one-stop shop" of information and resources for producers and foresters who are interested in participating in carbon markets.

Through the program, USDA will help connect landowners to private sector actors who can assist the landowners in implementing the protocols and monetizing the climate value of their sustainable practices. Third-party entities, certified under the program, will be able to claim the status of a "USDA Certified" technical assistance provider or verifier. The USDA certification lowers barriers to entry in the credit markets by reducing confusion and

improving information for farmers looking to implement practices that capture carbon, reduce emissions, improve soil health, and make operations more sustainable.

Today, many third-party groups are developing protocols and testing methods to calculate emissions reduction and sequestration in agriculture and forestry. The landscape is evolving rapidly. The Growing Climate Solutions Act recognizes this fact and provides the Secretary with a robust advisory council composed of a majority of farmers and forest landowners in addition to other agriculture experts, scientists, producers, and others. The advisory council shall advise the

Secretary and ensure that the certification program remains relevant, credible, and responsive to the needs of farmers, forest landowners, and carbon market participants alike.

Finally, the bill instructs USDA to produce a report to Congress to advise about the further development of this policy area including: barriers to market entry, challenges raised by farmers and forest landowners, market performance, and suggestions on where USDA can make a positive contribution to the further adoption of voluntary carbon sequestration practices in agriculture and forestry. It also has a sunset of 2026 to allow congress to address any shortfalls.

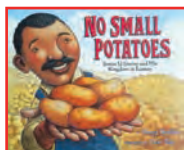
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GUNS, GUN SAFE & AMMO: Remington Target Master .22, single shot; Remington .22, Rem, spec pump, octagon barrel; Remington Target Master .22 w/scope; Browning, lever action, .22; Stevens 87A, .22, semi auto; Mossberg 42 M-C, .22; New England, SB1, 12 ga, 3" single; Stevens, 940E 20 ga, 3" single; Marlin #40, .22 w/scope; Remington 1100, 12 ga; Ithaca 51 featherlight, 12 ga; Ithaca 37, 20 ga; Ithaca 37, 12 ga; Mossberg 183D-A, 3", .410; Winchester 94, 30-30 Win; NR Davis 12 ga, dbl; Marlin 336 RC, 30-30; Ruger 10/.22; HS #21, .22LR Revolver; Dickson Sp Agent, .32 semi auto; BB gun; Gun Runner 16 gun safe; **much ammo.**

COLLECTIBLES: K98 bayonet w/scabbard-exc.-see pic; many vintage tools & primitives; Oliver wrench; IH metal corn sheller; 8G2 cast iron skillet w/lid; Winchester square; Dandy & #2 brown top churns; powder horn & flask; 75 pocket knives; Argentine Gaucho, White Tail & other hunting knives; Krams World globe; signed baseballs-Buck O'neil & others; many 50s-80s baseball cards.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 24 & 25, 2021

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LOCATION: City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S Range, COLBY, KANSAS (South of I-70 at Colby exit)

VAN: 2003 Chrysler Town & Country minivan, xxxx miles (sells Sat @1:00).

ANTIQUe FURNITURE (sells Sunday): (2) Oak drop front secretary's (one w/leaded glass); pressed back rocker & straight chairs; square oak dining table; (2) Oak China hutches w/curved glass; sm. writing desk; train station bench; old oak doctor's cabinet; Stickney side table; Oak rocker; Early American drop front secretary; vanity w/mirror; reg. size bed w/matching 4-drawer chest; Oak wash stand; 2-door bookcase; pie cupboard; 3-section oak lawyer's bookcase; 4-section oak lawyer's bookcase; 3' Oak display case; sq. parlor table; pine wash stand.

FURNITURE (sells Sunday): Drop leaf dining table; china hutch; blue hide-a-bed divan.

GLASSWARE: Large nice selection of carnival glass - purple, red, marigold, ice, green, Fenton, Imperial others (sells Sunday); pieces of Millefleur glass, (rare); custard glass; Pyrex; Pink canister jars; 100s of Boyd glass items; Jadeite pitcher; paper weight collection; Copper Luster glass; hens on the nest; salt dips; Vintage candy containers; Flow blue; Hobnail glass; Satin glass; spoons; several crystal pieces; Dagenhart glass; Purple glass; Tulip vases; Brides' bowls; water sets; Bavaria & Limoges pieces; lots of other glass.

OTHER COLLECTIBLES: Miller High Life trays; Coca Cola tray & advertising; Black Memorabilia; old tins; post card collection; Rare vintage advertising pieces; (2) In-

dian rugs (authentic); (2) frames of arrowheads & artifacts (nice); cookie jars; old kitchen utensils; old kitchen clock; sm. general store scale; tea pots, cups & saucers; (2) flat top trunks; camel back trunk; Crocks; walk behind sled; old wooden high chairs; printer's trays; (16) castor sets; several barber shop top display cabinets; vinegar cruets; school bell collection; J&J metal medical supply cabinets; Star metal thread cabinets; cash register; Sponge ware bowls; crock bowls; (2) gumball machines; Dazey glass bottom butter churn, #20; lg. glass bottom butter churn; old jars; Snuff bottle collection; Goldstone statue (very rare); button hooks; old china bowls; WWI posters in frames; Soap stone figurines; pictures; Bridle Rosettes; eye wash cup collection; cast iron pot; Vintage straight razors; wooden butter molds; jewelry & boxes; sheet music; sad irons; Oak 2-drawer spool cabinet; Vintage eye glasses; ink wells & bottle collection; Cranberry glass oil lamps (nice); oil lamps; pickle castor; Hummel figurines; Midcentury wash stand set; sm. wooden Coors keg; (3) Cast iron toy fire wagon teams; child's sad irons & salesman samples; Mustard jar collection; (2) Fenton lamps; (2) Crumbo Indian water color paintings; Venuier original painting; Lots of figurines.

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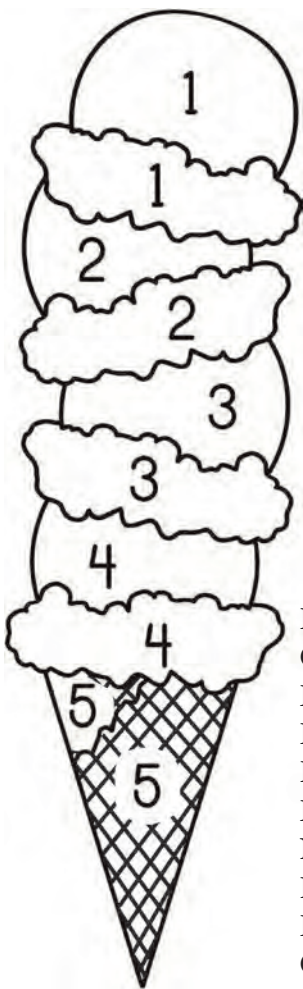
Homemade Ice Cream in a Bag!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 c. half-and-half
- 2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 3 c. ice
- 1/3 c. kosher salt
- Your favorite toppings!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1: In a small, resealable plastic bag, combine half-and-half, sugar, and vanilla. Push out excess air and seal.
- 2: Into a large resealable plastic bag, combine ice and salt. Place small bag inside the bigger bag and shake vigorously, 7-10 minutes, til ice cream has hardened.
- 3: Remove from bag & enjoy with toppings!



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Pasture, rangeland, forage insurance is an underutilized resource

By Brett Melton, Extension agent, livestock production, River Valley Extension District

Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) Insurance is designed to provide insurance coverage on pasture, rangeland, or forage acres. The PRF program utilizes a rainfall index to determine precipitation for coverage purposes and does not measure production or loss of products themselves. The Rainfall Index uses National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-

istration Climate Prediction Center (NOAA CPC) data, which utilizes a grid system to determine precipitation amounts within an area. Each grid is 0.25 degrees in latitude by 0.25 degrees in longitude, which translates to approximately 17 by 17 miles at the equator. Acres will be assigned to one or more grids based on the location to be insured.

When selecting your PRF insurance four main items need to be input into the program:

- Whether you are insuring grazing or haying land (you can also indicate if the haying land is irrigated).
- The coverage level that you want. Coverage is from 70-90% in 5% increments. Depending on which coverage level you select, the USDA will subsidize the premium at 51-59%.
- The productivity factor of the land relative to the county from 60-150% in 1% increments. 100% would be set at the base

value for the county.

- Which two-month intervals you want to insure. You must select at least 2 intervals throughout the year. For example, you can cover March-April at 40% and May-June at 60% (must be between 10-60%).

PRF Insurance is a risk management tool that I believe is underutilized by our cattle producers in the River Valley District. There are approximately 660,000 acres of pasture and hay in the River Valley District. In 2020, only

8,349 acres were enrolled in PRF insurance. That equates to approximately 1.3% of eligible acres enrolled in PRF insurance. If you are interested in PRF Insurance for your operation, I encourage you to use the support tool on the RMA website <https://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/prf>. This tool allows you to go back to see how PRF insurance would have paid you in the past back to 1948 (note: PRF has only been available in Kansas since 2009).

You can sign up for PRF insurance through your crop insurance agent. The deadline to sign up for PRF insurance for 2022 is November 15, 2021. The premium (minus indemnity payments) for the insurance will be due September 1, 2022. If you have more questions about PRF insurance contact Brett Melton at the Concordia office in person or by phone, 785-243-8185, or email at bmelton@ksu.edu.

NCBA commends USDA for prompt action on "Product of the USA" label concerns

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced a top-to-bottom review of the "Product of the USA" (POTUSA) label, which will inform a forthcoming rule-making on this topic. NCBA has long advocated for voluntary labels that meet consumer demand and allow producers to distinguish their products in the marketplace, and recently filed a petition with USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) to eliminate the use of POTUSA and other broad U.S. origin labeling claims for beef products. NCBA commends USDA for the prompt action to address industry concerns regarding the misleading nature of this generic label.

"The 'Product of the USA' label is not subject to source verification, is not tied to any kind of food safety standard and is applied by packers and retailers in a manner that does not deliver value back to the cattle producer. This label not only misleads consumers, it is yet another barrier to producers gaining leverage and distinguishing their product in the marketplace," said

NCBA president Jerry Bohn. "NCBA members have voiced concerns about the potentially misleading use of the label and we thank USDA for responding to those concerns and recognizing that non-source verified labels are a disservice to producers and consumers alike. We look forward to working with USDA to find labeling solutions that represent investments made by producers to continually improve their product and meet consumer demand."

USDA's announcement came after the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) held a public hearing on FTC-2020-0056, Made in USA Rulemaking, Matter No. P074204. The Commission voted 3-2 in favor of the final rule, to take effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. The new rule will strengthen FTC's authority to enforce "Made in USA" labels. NCBA submitted comments on the proposed rule in 2020. NCBA's comments reminded the FTC that USDA has primary jurisdiction over all meat food product oversight activities, including the ap-

proval and verification of geographic and origin labeling claims.

While the FTC and USDA announcements may have similarities, NCBA believes that USDA is the best-equipped agency to properly oversee beef labeling and we support USDA's continued jurisdiction over labeling of meat food products.

NCBA's grassroots policy supports a more appropriate generic label, such as "Processed in the USA." In addition, NCBA stands ready to work with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to proactively educate cattle producers, processors, and retailers about the various opportunities that exist to develop voluntary, verifiable origin marketing claims that deliver tangible benefits to cattle producers without violating rules of trade.

Caring for first-calf heifers and calves

By Lisa Moser

Each season of the year brings management considerations for the beef producer. For summer, two groups in the herd - first calf heifers and young calves - need special attention, according to experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute.

"First calf heifers need a lot of extra care because they are still growing while caring for a calf and can easily become too thin going into late summer and fall," said Phillip Lancaster, BCI nutritionist, on a recent Cattle Chat podcast. He estimates that these females are only about 80% of their mature weight when they have their first calf. Therefore, he suggests these pairs be grouped together and fed separately from the mature cows and their calves.

"Keeping the first calf heifers in good body condition is important for re-breeding," Lancaster said. He added that there are some economic benefits as well.

"Making sure the heifers and those who just had their first calf are properly taken care of nutritionally can be a cost savings versus having them drop out of the herd because they wouldn't breed on time and having to buy replacements," Lancaster said.

Along with supplementing the diets of growing animals, providing ample access to fresh water is important for all, said K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers.

"Water is the most important nutrient in the diet and one that is often given the least consideration," he said.

Along with providing access to clean water for the heifers, cows and bulls, Lancaster said it is also important for nursing calves.

"When calves nurse, there is a reflex reaction that allows the milk to bypass the rumen and go through the stomach to the small intestine," he said. "Water is important because once the calf starts adding grass and grain in the diet liquid is needed in the rumen to allow mixing of forage and feed better aiding in digestion."

Calves typically start eating grass about one month of age. Once the cow passes peak lactation 60-days post calving, grass consumption by the calves increases, according to Lancaster. At that point, some producers offer creep feed to the growing calves as well.

To hear more of the discussion on these two topics tune in to the Cattle Chat podcast online.

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- 230 blk Red & Char hfrs, 800-900#
- 210 blk Red & Char strs, 850-950#
- 30 blk strs, homeraised, off grass, all shots, 875-950#
- 55 blk & Char strs, 925-950#

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

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- 355 mostly blk strs, 850-950#

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

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Sen. Marshall: save family farmers from higher taxes

U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D. penned an op-ed for the *Goodland Star-News* laying out the devastating consequences of the administration's plans to hit farmers with extreme tax increases. The op-ed in its entirety follows.

Wheat harvest is underway in Kansas and wheat fields in every corner of the state are speckled with combines, grain carts and trucks, all doing their part in the harvest process. And inside those implements are fathers, sons, sisters, mothers and brothers, all working side-by-side to harvest the crop that will provide the financing for land payments, implement loans and next year's seed.

Agriculture is a capital-intensive industry.

Harvesting wheat requires at least four different pieces of machinery, each costing at least a quarter of a million dollars or more. It takes years for a farmer to build enough equity to purchase a new piece of equipment or land, and for many families it is only by passing down land and equipment that a family farm can remain viable.

Across this great nation, 98 percent of farms and ranches are family-owned. Those families produce more than 85 percent of the food, fuel and fiber we consume here in the U.S. These family farms, many in their fourth, fifth, or sixth generation, endure turbulent weather, inconsistent market conditions and tight labor markets.

In 2017, Republicans

passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which provided sweeping tax changes to encourage private entrepreneurship and grow our economy. Under TCJA, the exemptions for the estate tax more than doubled, keeping most family farms safe from redundant government taxation.

But now, the current administration and big-city Democrats want to task our hard-working agricultural producers with financing their \$6 trillion American Families Plan. First, they proposed not only eliminating stepped-up basis on realized property, but also on unrealized assets at the time of the owner's death. Their proposal would tax unrealized capital gains over \$1 million at

ordinary income tax rates, which would be levied at the top marginal rate of 39.6%. That means the next generation inheriting land and equipment would have to pay taxes on the increases in value, even if the property is never sold. Secondly, the administration has proposed lowering the exemption to the estate tax – or death tax – from \$11.7 million under TCJA to \$3.5 million per person and increasing the top tax rate from 40 to 45%.

According to a report published by Texas A&M's Agriculture Food and Policy Center, if the current administration's plan was enacted, 98 percent of family farms would see new higher tax burdens. In Kansas, farmers and ranchers would face

more than a half million dollars in new taxes upon the death of a loved one. That's simply unbearable. We want to encourage the next generation to return home to the family farm, not tax them in to bankruptcy.

America will see millions of acres of land and billions of dollars of equipment change hands over the next decade. While the current administration contests that only a small percentage of our farm families will be impacted by their proposed changes, all evidence indicates otherwise. Any changes to the estate tax and opportunities to pass assets from one generation to the next

could lead to further consolidation in the agriculture industry, fewer young families returning home to their rural communities, and more rural Main Street businesses closing shop.

We cannot allow this administration to saddle our hard-working farming families with the responsibilities of funding their socialist agenda. Agriculture is responsible for 40 percent of the Kansas economy. We must do all we can to ensure our farm families have every opportunity possible to continue their way of life, bring the next generation back to the farm and keep rural America alive and well.

Are your vegetables blooming... but no fruit?

For Kansas gardeners, watching vegetables bloom but not set fruit can be very frustrating.

Yet, for various reasons, that often happens this is the time of year, says Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham.

"There are several possible reasons," he said. "One condition that can affect several species is over-fertilization."

Upham said that too much nitrogen in the soil causes the plant to emphasize vegetative growth, often to the detriment of fruit production. Over-fertilization can lead to a delay in flower production and a decrease in fruit set among the flowers that do produce.

"This is especially true of tomatoes," Upham said. "Over-fertilized tomatoes will produce a large, apparently healthy plant with no flowers, or flowers that don't set fruit."

Tomatoes, a popular choice of many gardeners, also won't set fruit if the night-time temperature falls below 50 degrees F, which leads to sparse pollen production, according to Upham.

"They also won't set when night-time temperatures are above 75 degrees and daytime temperatures are above 95 degrees with hot, dry winds," he said. "Under such conditions, fertilization is not completed and no fruit develops. However, cherry tomatoes may be more forgiving of high temperatures than the larger slicers and will often set fruit in the heat."

Upham said that many other crops – including squash, cucumbers, watermelon and muskmelon – can experience other problems.

"First, the early flowers on these plants are usually all male; the production of male and female flowers becomes more balanced as time passes," he said. "You can easily tell the difference between the two because only the female flower has a tiny fruit behind the blossom."

Upham said that if gardeners see both male and female flowers, have not fertilized, but still have a problem, it could be that the garden does not have enough pollinators.

"Look for the presence of bees visiting the plants," Upham said. "If you don't see any, try hand-pollinating several flowers. Use a painter's brush to transfer pollen

from the anther of the male flower to the stigma of the female flower. If you get fruit on any of those flowers you pollinated, you need more pollinators."

Upham also cautioned against the over-use of insecticides, which can kill pollinators. He advises spraying near dusk when flowers have closed.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly *Horticulture Newsletter* with tips for maintaining home landscapes. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.



Corbin Russell, Paxico, won predominately black crossbred steer at the 2021 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, May 31 in Effingham.

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Grain markets had a very rough week. The gains following the friendly Quarterly Stocks and Acreage reports were short-lived. December corn fell to the lowest level since May 26th, the December KW traded at the lowest level since April 8th, and the November soybeans fared better than the other markets, but still gave up all of the post-report gains.

Next up for the grain markets is the July WASDE report on Monday the 12th. Expectations are for a neu-

tral to supportive report. The below average crop condition ratings open the door to the possibility of a lower yield estimate for both the corn and soybeans, but it is not common to see yield changes in the July report.

The weather is still critical going forward since the corn and bean ratings are below average. Traders seem to be thinking that the rains in the forecast will at least stabilize the crop and prevent further deterioration in the

dry areas of the northern plains. Hopefully there are some rains in the short run, because the extended forecasts look hot and dry for the northwest quadrant of the Corn Belt. The extreme temperatures in the west, eventually make their way west, right in time for pollination for a large part of the corn crop.

On the charts, the corn looks pretty bad. The momentum is clearly with the bears. The new low for the move in the corn on Friday, coupled with the ten-

duency to decline into harvest, make the \$4.50 level look like it is a possibility for the December contract at some point. It looks like it will take something friendly in the supply and demand report, or some fear about the weather, to keep the market from sliding further.

The December KW chart looks worse than the corn, and the December Chicago chart looks worse than Kansas City. There is a large chart gap above the market that we could go back and fill, but we are going to have to see some strength soon to make that a possibility. For the moment, a move down to the March low of \$5.76 is looking like a strong possibility for the December KW.

The November soybean chart looks a bit better than the other markets. The \$13.00 area has proven to be solid support and the fact that expectations are for a cut to the new crop ending stocks estimate means that there is great fundamental support to go with the chart support. Favorable weather, however, would make the \$11.80 area a viable downside target for the November beans.

Live cattle futures had a poor week as well. Weaker cash cattle traded

helped to push the August live cattle futures about \$3 lower for the week. The December live, which made a new contract high two weeks ago, dropped about \$2. For the deferred contracts, the uptrend is still alive and well, and it seems that there is still optimism for better prices as we move forward. The problem is still that the cash cattle market cannot hold gains, which means there is little reason for the August live cattle to trend higher. Packer margins are shrinking, but they are still huge.

Weakness in the corn did help the feeder cattle at times, and the October contract made a new contract high. Had the live cattle been better, the feeders would have been explosive. There were some big gains in the Feeder Index, but they did not seem to spill over into the futures market. Chances are very good for new contract highs in the October feeders very soon.

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 22 cow/calf prs; Ford Mod 7635 diesel tractor w/Mod 2140 fr loader, cab & air, 3 pt, 1673 hrs; Hay Equipment; 2011 Chev Traverse LT; 2 Chev pickups; 1989 Coach Class A motor home; 4-wheeler; Rare WWII Jeep man car, complete; Farm Equip; Nice Shop Tools; Hustler Raptor 52" ZTR mower; Livestock Equipment & Trailer; Boat; Furniture & Household incl Appliances & more!

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We sold 1214 cattle July 6. Steer and heifer calves were in good demand at higher prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold \$3.00-5.00 higher. Cows and bull prices were steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES 3 blk str 310 @ 211.00 5 blk str 528 @ 185.00 7 blk/bwf str 476 @ 184.00 10 blk str 526 @ 177.50 1 blk str 475 @ 174.00 1 blk bull 465 @ 171.00 1 bwf str 480 @ 167.00 1 blk bull 435 @ 157.00 1 blk bull 535 @ 148.00	58 blk str 862 @ 148.60 61 blk/char str 801 @ 147.25 69 blk str 838 @ 147.25 60 blk str 904 @ 146.25 53 blk/red str 950 @ 145.75 30 char/blk str 824 @ 145.25 26 blk/char str 917 @ 144.50 6 wf str 802 @ 144.00 59 blk str 953 @ 144.00 45 blk/char str 909 @ 143.00 45 mix str 945 @ 142.50 17 blk/char str 664 @ 167.25 1 blk str 580 @ 167.00 6 blk/bwf str 579 @ 162.50 9 blk str 623 @ 161.50 20 blk str 598 @ 160.00 23 blk/bwf str 659 @ 160.00 60 blk/bwf str 871 @ 154.85	STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS 22 blk/char hfr 626 @ 156.50 10 bwf/blk hfr 568 @ 154.00 46 blk/bwf hfr 864 @ 144.25 15 blk hfr 873 @ 143.50 128 blk/red hfr 814 @ 141.00 2 blk hfr 688 @ 139.00 22 blk/char hfr 862 @ 139.00 2 blk/bwf hfr 765 @ 132.00 2 blk/red hfr 708 @ 130.00 2 char/red hfr 713 @ 126.00	COWS 1 sim cow 1870 @ 84.00 1 blk cow 1930 @ 81.50 1 limo cow 1535 @ 80.50 1 sim cow 1630 @ 80.00	1 blk cow 1510 @ 79.00 1 bwf cow 1660 @ 78.50 2 blk/ bwf cows 1353 @ 74.00 1 limo cow 1105 @ 73.50 1 bwf cow 1185 @ 71.00 1 blk cow 1250 @ 70.50 1 bwf cow 1400 @ 69.00 1 bwf cow 1365 @ 68.50 1 red cow 1370 @ 68.00 1 blk cow 1315 @ 67.00 1 blk cow 1200 @ 65.00 1 x-bred cow 1125 @ 64.00 1 blk cow 1240 @ 63.50 1 blk cow 1350 @ 63.00 1 bwf cow 1330 @ 62.00 1 blk cow 1195 @ 60.50 1 wf cow 1180 @ 60.00 1 sim cow 1180 @ 58.50 1 blk cow 1125 @ 57.50 1 blk cow 1100 @ 57.00	BULLS 1 blk bull 1330 @ 83.00 1 blk bull 1290 @ 80.00 1 blk bull 1200 @ 79.50 1 wf bull 1620 @ 97.50 1 char bull 1880 @ 96.00 1 blk bull 1320 @ 83.50
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CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 13:

- 62 blk heifers, 800-825 lbs., off grass
- 50 blk hfrs, 775-800 lbs., Northern origin
- 55 blk steers, 800-850 lbs., off brome
- 130 blk steers, 825-850 lbs., off grass
- 250 blk steers, 850-950 lbs., off grass
- 240 blk steers, 825-900 lbs., off brome
- 120 blk steers, 900-925 lbs. off grass
- 70 blk/bwf str, 875-900 lbs., Northern origin
- 130 black steers, 850-900 lbs., off grass

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 20:

- 35 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., vacc.
- 76 blk heifers, 725-750 lbs., off grass

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