

# National Grazing Lands Conference agenda takes shape

The National Grazing Lands Coalition has announced some speakers for its eighth National Grazing Lands Conference (8NGLC) at the Embassy Suites Kingston Resorts in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Dec. 6-9, 2021.

Opening the conference on Dec. 7 will be Rep. Glenn Thompson (invited) of Pennsylvania, ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, to discuss the latest issues facing the agriculture industry. He will be followed by Meredith Ellis of G Bar C Ranch, Rosston, Texas. She believes ranching plays an important part in the climate solution and in ranching's ability to provide nutritious food to a growing population while

leaving habitat and natural ecosystems intact.

On Dec. 8, the day will begin with a panel discussion on mental health in agriculture. Three agricultural producers will explain how to recognize the signs of distress in ourselves, the ones we care about, and how to get help. The three panelists are Ryan Sexton, rancher from Nenzel, Nebraska; Jessica Peters, dairy farmer from Meadville, Pennsylvania; and Terri Hawbaker, dairy farmer from Pewamo, Michigan.

Conference participants can also register for a one-day training provided by Dr. Allen Williams, farmer from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and founding partner of Grass Fed Insights, LLC,

Understanding Ag, LLC, and the Soil Health Academy. Williams will teach participants regenerative grazing protocols and forage finishing techniques to create "value add" and prepare landowners for multiple revenue stream opportunities that stack enterprises and acres.

Conference registration costs are \$395 until October 15th, 2021. To register for the conference, visit <https://event.me/4B-Mkbg>. Registration fees, minus a 10% processing fee, can be refunded until October 29, 2021.

NatGLC is also making two scholarships available for this year's conference, the Lynn Myers and Hezekiah Gibson Memorial Scholarships. Each scholarship will provide

\$500 to cover the costs associated with attending the conference. The scholarships are supported by proceeds from the silent auction. If interested in donating items for the auction, contact Kim Stine at [kim@grazinglands.org](mailto:kim@grazinglands.org).

The National Grazing Lands Coalition was founded in 1991 to ensure high-quality technical assistance is available to private grazing land managers on a voluntary basis and to increase the awareness of the importance of grazing land resources. The work is carried out through coalitions of individuals and organizations functioning at the local, state, regional and national levels. Coalitions include livestock producer organizations, scientific

and professional grazing resource organizations, conservation and environmental groups, state and federal natural resource agencies, and other agri-

cultural interests. More information can be found at [www.grazinglands.org/grazing-conference/](http://www.grazinglands.org/grazing-conference/).



Josi Schrader, Wells, exhibited the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female at the 2021 Charolais Junior National in Perry, Georgia. Schrader's Ms Fergi 002H, sired by RBM TR Rhinestone Z38, first won Division III Champion. Bob May, Mineral Point Wisconsin evaluated the Bull, Steer, Percentage, and Bred and Owned Heifer Shows.



TR Ms Fame 8712 F and Schrader's Ms Foxy 104J were named 5th Overall Female at the 2021 Charolais Junior National. Josi Schrader, Wells, owns the pair. She first won Reserve Division VIII Champion. David Johnson, Beaver, Okla. evaluated the Owned Female Show in Perry, Georgia.

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Manhattan	7 blk	655@159.00
Leavenworth	15 blk	658@158.00
Centralia	7 blk	633@158.00
Holton	6 blk	678@158.00
Pomona	7 blk	597@158.00
Council Grove	9 blk	690@153.50
Centralia	8 Cross	733@153.00
Council Grove	13 blk	701@152.25
St. George	3 blk	573@151.00
Alma	5 blk	608@146.00
Leavenworth	9 blk	771@145.50
Council Grove	4 blk	807@144.00
Alma	4 blk	658@143.00
Verryton	9 blk	831@142.25
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Leavenworth	3 blk	878@138.50

**STEERS — 575-925 LBS.**

Holton	10 Angus	610@182.00
Winchester	7 blk	637@178.00
Pomona	6 Cross	595@175.50
Leavenworth	13 blk	611@174.00
Council Grove	10 blk	654@173.00
Manhattan	3 blk	640@172.00
leavenworth	15 blk	662@169.75
Council Grove	15 blk	676@169.75
Holton	9 blk	675@168.50
Pomona	7 blk	678@168.50
Cassoday	5 blk	674@168.00
Council Grove	7 blk	776@167.50
Leavenworth	13 blk	755@165.50
Council Grove	4 bwf	572@165.00
Centralia	8 blk	728@162.50
Centralia	4 blk	720@162.50
Council Grove	15 blk	775@160.25
Manhattan	7 blk	762@159.50
Manhattan	5 blk	697@159.50
Cassoday	11 blk	763@159.25
St. George	12 blk	702@152.00
Centralia	7 blk	882@148.50
Centralia	4 blk	842@146.00
Council Grove	6 bwf	899@142.00
Alma	6 Cross	726@141.00
Auburn	4 Cross	920@60.00
Auburn	4 Cross	915@54.00

**COWS & HEIFERETTES — 975-1,800 LBS.**

Riley	1 blk	1020@116.00
Manhattan	1 bwf	1055@114.00
St. George	1 blk	1700@92.50
Onaga	1 blk	1795@79.50
Onaga	1 blk	1595@77.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	1570@73.50
Onaga	1 blk	1460@69.50
Manhattan	1 blk	1375@68.00
Riley	1 blk	1245@66.00
Onaga	1 blk	1505@64.50
Leavenworth	1 Angus	1260@62.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	1355@61.00
Alta Vista	1 bwf	1400@59.00
Enterprise	1 blk	1605@59.00
Alta Vista	1 blk	1090@58.00

**BULLS — 1,175-2,350 LBS.**

Oskaloosa	1 blk	2025@94.50
Wheaton	1 blk	2055@94.00
Wheaton	1 blk	2140@93.50
Wheaton	1 Simm	2330@92.00
Blue Rapids	1 blk	2200@91.50

**BREY CALVES**

KS	1 blk	@450.00
KS	1 bwf	@260.00

**BRED COWS**

**AGE BRED**

Wheaton	3 blk	SS 6-7 @1400.00
Wheaton	4 blk	BM 6-8 @1060.00

**Congratulations Brent & Nola Miller, this year's calender photo contest winners!**

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 27**

- 40 choice blk & bwf feeder hfrs, 800-850 lbs.
- 40 Choice reputation Angus strs & repl. quality hfrs, 2 rds shots, long weaned, 700-950 lbs.
- 33 gentle blk hfrs, 2 rds shots, weaned, poured, off grass, 750-800 lbs.
- 7 blk & rwf strs & hfrs, 2 rds shots, weaned 60 days, 350-450 lbs.
- 10 blk hfrs, bunk broke, 2 rds shots, long weaned, 600-650
- 100 mostly Char X strs & replacement hfrs, Fink genetics, weaned 90 days, no implants, 2 rds shots, 625-800 lbs.
- 70 blk & bwf hfrs, weaned 90 days, 725-750 lbs.
- 70 Char cross hfrs, weaned 90 days, 2 rds shots, 725-750 lbs.
- 60 blk & Red strs, off grass, 875-925 lbs.
- 40 blk & Red Angus hfrs, 825-925 lbs.
- 20 blk strs weaned 30 days, 2 rd shots, 700-800 lbs.
- 15 Angus hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 700-800 lbs.
- 3 butcher beef, 1000-1350 lbs.

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS - SEPT. 3**

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- 100 mostly blk, blk Baldy Fall bred cows, 3-5 yrs, bred blkSim & Angus bulls, start calving mid September.
- 50 blk Northern origin cows, 3-5 yrs, AI bred to GAR Starbuck, cleaned up registered Angus bull to start calving Oct. 1.
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# Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay market prices remained mostly steady for the week of August 14 for both alfalfa and grass hay. Demand is fair to good, however trades remain slow for grinder hay and ground and delivered. Most producers report hot and dry conditions continuing with many dryland crops, including alfalfa, drying up and turning brown. Much of the state received rain on Friday the 13th, but for many it just wasn't enough to change things. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for the week of August 10th, small, scattered areas of heavy rain induced localized improvement, but most areas received little rainfall at best, leading to increasing moisture deficits and thus expansion and intensification of dryness and drought. For Kansas abnormal dryness (D0) decreased to 28%, while moderate drought (D1) increased to nearly 10% and severe drought (D2) remained at 1% and isolated to Cheyenne and Rawlins counties. As the drought continues to worsen for our northern and western neighbors the Kansas Department of Agriculture has created a web page highlighting multi-state hay exchange web links

and can be found at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/HayForDrought](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/HayForDrought). Join agriculture leaders from across the state for the Virtual Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth August 26th. More information about the Summit and registration can be found at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit).

### Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered steady; movement slow to 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 170.00-185.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 200.00-210.00; Grass Hay: Brome, large rounds 80.00-90.00; Sudan: none reported. Wheat straw, large rounds 60.00-70.00. The week of 8/8-8/14, 7,495T of grinding alfalfa and 0T 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, 170.00-180.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 160.00-170.00 delivered. Ground and delivered 190.00-200.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 220.00-235.00, 17 pct protein 240.00-250.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 310.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, none reported. Brome: large round 65.00-75.00. Oat hay, good 3x4 squares 110.00-120.00. Sudan: none reported. Corn stalks: none reported; Wheat straw: none reported. The week of 8/8-8/14, 5,157T of grinding alfalfa and 195T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

### Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, grass hay steady, movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 240.00-250.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 155.00-165.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 150.00-160.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 125.00-135.00, good 3x3 squares 110.00-120.00, good, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 90.00-110.00, large rounds 65.00-75.00. Brome, good, small squares 125.00-135.00, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 110.00-120.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00. Wheat Straw: 3x4 and 4x4 squares 60.00-80.00. The week of 8/8-8/14, 1,565T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

### Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered 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

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, grass hay, ground/delivered steady movement slow. 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 155.00-165.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 5.00-6.00/bale, 3x4 to 4x4 squares, old crop 90.00-100.00, large rounds 60.00-75.00. Brome, small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 115.00-125.00, large rounds 85.00-100.00; Wheat Straw: Small squares 5.00-6.00/bale, Large 3x4 to 4x4 squares 85.00-100.00. The week of 8/8-8/14, 921T of grinding alfalfa and 200T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

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

\*\*\*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. \*CWF Certified Weed Free

\*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

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## Potash pays off

Potash prices have risen about 75% in the past year, according to USDA Agricultural Marketing Service data. This has prompted many producers to cut back on applications. But that could be a mistake. Potash is essential to healthy fields and pastures, says University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialist Pat Miller.

It is important to apply potash to replenish depleted nutrients. "Potash-deficient fields are not going to yield their full potential," Miller says.

Potash deficiency shows as yellowing along the leaf edges, a symptom that is sometimes confused with soybean cyst nematode.

Different crops deplete soils of potash at different rates, but all crops remove potash. Corn yielding 120 bushels per acre removes 35 pounds of potash per acre, while 45-bushel-per-acre soybean removes 65 pounds of potash.

If you apply potash only before corn in a corn-soybean rotation, you would have to apply 100 pounds of potash just to replace what was removed, says Miller. "If the soil needed potash to be built up or yields were higher, even more would be needed," she says.

Pastures and hayfields also need potash. Harvesting three tons of fescue hay removes 100 pounds of potash. "So it is not surprising to find old hayfields that are nearly depleted of available potash," Miller says.

Know your soil fertility needs. Take a soil test and follow recommendations. Contact the Extension agronomist in your area for more information.

## Watch for Kid's Corner through August!

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# Grazing irrigated grasses discussed at Satanta Field Day

Deseret Ranches' "Kuhn Ranch" hosted about 50 farmers and ranchers for the August 17 KLA/Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Day. Located near Satanta, the ranch consists of both a commercial cow-calf herd and a stocker operation.

Over the past four years, Deseret has transitioned numerous irrigated acres from corn and

alfalfa production to triticale and Bermuda grass for grazing, as one major goal of the ranch is to prepare cattle for finishing at Deseret Cattle Feeders. According to General Manager Armando Caballero, eventually they will convert half the existing pivots to Bermuda grass and the other half to a cool-season perennial grass mix, thereby eliminating the triticale. He

said this will allow for additional year-round grazing and help reduce farming costs. To help maintain low-stress cattle handling practices, a set of pens containing a water tank and chute are centralized between the irrigation circles, which allows staff to easily monitor and treat cattle, if needed, as they pass through to drink. Caballero said this grazing and pen setup has helped

improve the health and performance of cattle entering the feedyard.

Former Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks biologist Mark Sexson provided tips on how to successfully establish native grass in the sandy soils of southwest Kansas. He said the best planting time is May 1 through June 15, when soil tem-

perature at seed depth is at least 65 to 70 degrees. Sexson also emphasized the importance of spraying for grubs within two days of planting. He said this might be the "true silver bullet" in successfully establishing native grass, not only in sandy soil, but in general.

CattleFax market analyst Tanner Aherin round-

ed out the program with a market outlook. He said demand for protein has increased in the U.S. and around the world, with beef ranking at the top. In fact, since 1998, beef's market share has increased from 40% to 48%, growing 2% just last year.

The Farm Credit Associations of Kansas sponsored the field day.

## AgriSafe launches new website to support safety for farmers and ranchers

AgriSafe Network has been well positioned the past twenty years to provide health and safety information to agricultural communities and their families. Recently, AgriSafe, launched a new website which integrates its learning management system that includes fact sheets, webinars, and safety information for health professionals with health topics for farmers and ranchers. An important new feature of the website is specifically targeted to agricultural producers, "Health Topics." Farmers and ranchers are constantly navigating a variety of occupational risks, and this new topic page is their home base for trusted and reliable information on health and safety issues. Sarah Dauterive, Web Technologies Librarian for AgriSafe states that, "Finding trusted health information can be difficult, especially when you need information specifically for the occupational hazards associated with farming. This new space serves as a hub for the people working in agriculture to find specific information to their needs, both from AgriSafe and our trusted partners."

Additionally, the website includes a "Learning Opportunities" section which features content produced by AgriSafe for health and safety professionals, and rural health-care providers. This work is largely credited to the Network of the National Library of Medicine's Region 3 Medical Library, which funded their investment and integration of agriculture and safety resources. This is important because farmers are at very high risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries. Recent statistics state that every day about 100 agricultural workers suffer a lost-work-time injury. Approximately two million

full-time workers were employed in production agriculture in the US in 2018.

"If you're looking for health and safety information for farmers and ranchers or the health professionals who care for them, AgriSafe's new website is the place to visit online. Our resources and training calendar are up to date, if you can't find something, we can also assist you," said Dauterive. Additional features will launch in early fall; AgriSafe is exploring options to offer an enhanced membership

platform for their paid members, which will include membership forums and access to special content.

AgriSafe is proud of its history to "Protect the People Who Feed the World," through programming targeted towards rural health professionals, ag producers, and health and safety professionals. To visit our website, go to <https://www.agrisafe.org/> and be sure to check out our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn at AgriSafe Network.



Schrader's National Treasure 092H was named Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull at the 2021 Charolais Junior National. Weston Schrader, Wells, owns the February 2020 son of LT Rushmore 8060 PLD.

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	Weight	Price Range	Class	Head	Weight	Price		
Heiferettes:	955-1050	\$96.00-106.00	Steers	64	803	\$158.00		
Cows:	1255-1990	\$57.00-78.00	Steers	60	860	\$155.85		
Bulls:	1690-2030	\$91.00-93.00	Steers	56	849	\$155.10		
— STEER WEIGHT CLASSES —			Steers	60	862	\$151.35		
Hd Weight	Avg. WT	WDT AVG \$	Change	Steers	25	848	\$151.25	
401	800-899	860	\$151.91	-\$0.69	Steers	60	898	\$148.75
— HEIFER WEIGHT CLASSES —			Steers	18	890	\$145.25		
Hd Weight	Avg. WT	WDT AVG \$	Change	Steers	58	890	\$144.25	
12	600-699	666	\$124.33		Heifers	108	797	\$148.35
139	700-799	785	\$146.75	\$23.08	Heifers	13	758	\$141.75

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# 2021 RILEY COUNTY FAIR

## LIVESTOCK GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS



The Supreme Champion Heifer was shown by Kaden Camerlinck.



The Reserve Supreme Heifer was exhibited by Kaden Camerlinck. Wyatt Durst judged the competition.



Exhibiting the Grand Champion Steer was Cannon Huncovsky.



Kaden Camerlinck showed the Reserve Champion Steer.



Isabel Wright's Champion Duroc earned Supreme Champion Gilt.



Sarah Wendland's Champion Crossbred went on to win Reserve Supreme Gilt.



The Grand Champion Market Hog was shown by Tegan Kennedy. Brian Zimmerman judged the event.



Korah Wendland drove the Reserve Champion Market Hog.



Round Robin Showmanship winners were from left: Junior Reserve Champion – Cannon Huncovsky, Junior Grand Champion – Korah Wendland. Senior Reserve Champion – Taryn Shepard, Senior Grand Champion – Hailey Sharp. Intermediate Reserve Champion – Katherine Bormann; Intermediate Grand Champion – Reese Grady.

Riley County Fair Champions continue on pages 20 & 21.

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## LIVESTOCK GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS



Nissa Olsen led the Supreme Champion Ewe.



The Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe was shown by Hailey Sharp. Ed Hewlett judged the show.



Judge Ed Hewlett selected Jacob Wendland's entry as the Grand Champion Market Lamb.

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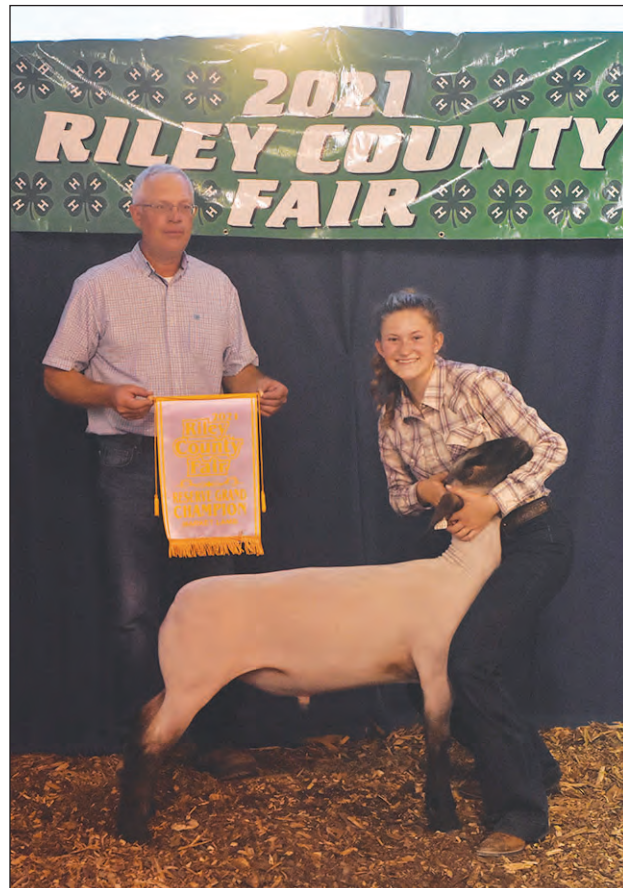
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## Study shows soybean meal increases weight gain in pigs

Within the last 20 years, soybean meal (SBM) inclusion levels in pig diets have become heavily dependent on pricing. This is at the detriment of overlooking the value of SBM beyond its primary attributes as a source of amino acids. Shifting diets to higher inclusion levels of crystalline amino acids and distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) — a 35% increase between 2000 and 2017 — hinders soy's beneficial components, such as isoflavones, saponins and phenolic antioxidants. These vital compounds improve immune responses, provide anti-inflammatory benefits and enhance growth performance of pigs exposed to viral disease challenges.

Presented at the International Conference on Swine Nutrition on Aug. 11, results from a soy checkoff-funded study, *Evaluation of the Potential Benefit of Soybean Meal on Gain and Feed Efficiency of Growing Pigs*, among several other independently evaluated, unbiased studies confirmed an economic return and direct and positive relationship between SBM and improved total weight gain and feed use efficiency in developing pigs. The publicly available capstone study also revealed that soy's health benefits are more pronounced when swine experience respiratory health challenges, which could be of greater importance during summer months when the average daily gain is important to achieve market weights.

"This checkoff-supported study points out that formulating for least cost doesn't always add up to maximum profit, especially in the volatile commodity markets that face the swine sector right now," said Dean Boyd, Ph.D., a consulting animal nutritionist, adjunct professor of animal nutrition at North Carolina State

University and Iowa State University, and a principal investigator for the study. "With pricing as the dominant factor driving ingredient decisions, little consideration is given to the intrinsic value of soybean meal, which offers an essential source of health-promoting compounds and amino acids."

In a recent article in *National Hog Farmer*, Eric van Heugten, Ph.D., at North Carolina State University, who's a collaborator on the project, reported that grower pigs starting at about 85 pounds fed a reduced SBM diet had a 2.46-pound lower body weight at the end of the study compared to pigs fed the higher SBM diet, even after balancing for amino acids. And replacing SBM with lysine-HCl (plus other crystalline amino acids) reduced final body weight by 5.71 pounds.

"This research indicates that there are limits to how much soybean meal can cost-effectively be eliminated from pig diets," explained Rochelle Krusemark, a soybean farmer who manages a custom hog feeding operation in Sherburn, Minnesota, and Meal Target Area coordinator at the United Soybean Board (USB). "It is very difficult to replicate the naturally balanced value bundle of soy that animal nutritionists recognize as a staple ingredient in swine and other animal diets."

Given this direct negative effect when switching pig diets over for a short period of time and reducing SBM inclusion, some nutritionists indicate there may be a SBM level below which growth and feed conversion are compromised that could be impacted by growth phase and health status. Resulting considerations for SBM use contribute to high-quality diets, reduce swine stress levels and enhance animal performance, biology and gut health.



Reese Grady showed the Supreme Champion Meat Goat Doe.



Korah Wendland exhibited the Reserve Supreme Meat Goat Doe.



Jacob Wendland led the Grand Champion Market Goat. Judging the show was Karl Dawn Stover.



The Reserve Champion Market Goat was shown by Reese Grady.

## NCBA commits to climate neutrality by year 2040

NCBA recently solidified U.S. cattle ranchers' commitment to environmental, economic and social sustainability with the release of U.S. cattle industry sustainability goals. The setting of these goals will further enhance the sustainability of the U.S. system and set targets that demonstrate to the world that cattle producers are committed to continued improvement. The goals for the U.S. cattle industry include:

Demonstrate climate neutrality of U.S. cattle production by 2040.

Create and enhance opportunities that result in a quantifiable increase in producer profitability and economic sustainability by 2025.

## Study: grazing cattle can reduce agriculture's carbon footprint

Ruminant animals like cattle contribute to the maintenance of healthy soils and grasslands, and proper grazing management can reduce the industry's carbon emissions and overall footprint, according to Richard Teague, Ph.D., professor emeritus in the Department Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management and senior scientist of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture and the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon. Teague's research showed appropriate grazing management practices in cattle production are among the solutions available to address concerns related to agriculture's impact on the environment. Teague said ruminant livestock are an important tool for achiev-

ing sustainable agriculture with appropriate grazing management. "A key element is that grazing cattle on permanent perennial grasslands with appropriate management helps develop soil biology to improve soil carbon, rainfall infiltration and soil fertility. Thus, much more carbon dioxide equivalents are sequestered into the soil than are emitted by cattle in that management unit," Teague said.

Continuously improve our industry's workforce safety and well-being.

The Sustainability Goals Task Force was formed in 2021 to evaluate the current state of U.S. beef cattle sustainability, determine which improvements are most critical and help share the story of progress. NCBA and state affiliate members from across the U.S. led the process and made all decisions, including setting the sustainability goals.



Exhibiting the Best Doe of Show was Bryce Beckman. **More Riley County Fair pictures may be printed in the future as they are received at Grass & Grain.**

## CattleFax reports beef demand hits 30-year record high

During the 2021 NCBA Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville, CattleFax reported beef prices are near record high, while consumer and wholesale beef demand are both at 30-year highs. CattleFax says while drought remains a significant concern right now in the Northern Plains and the West, strong demand combined with higher cattle prices are signaling an optimistic future for the beef industry.

According to CattleFax CEO Randy Blach, the cattle market is still dealing with a weighty supply of market-ready fed cattle. But the influence of that supply will lessen as three years of projected herd liquidation will reduce feedyard placements. And he

predicts that as that happens, the value of calves, feeder cattle and fed cattle will increase several hundred dollars per head over the next few years.

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### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
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High: 94 Low: 70

**THURSDAY**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 92 Low: 69

**FRIDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 94 Low: 70

**SATURDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 97 Low: 74

**SUNDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 94 Low: 69

**MONDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 96 Low: 73

**TUESDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 98 Low: 74

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 94°, humidity of 52%. South wind 7 mph. The record high temperature for today is 110° set in 2000.

#### Last Week's Almanac

Date	HI/LO	Normals	Precip
8/13	84/69	90/66	0.19"
8/14	88/64	90/66	0.00"
8/15	89/67	90/65	0.00"
8/16	93/68	90/65	0.00"
8/17	93/65	90/65	0.00"
8/18	91/67	89/65	0.00"
8/19	92/73	89/65	0.00"

Rainfall..... 0.19"  
Normal rainfall..... 1.08"  
Departure..... -0.89"  
Average temp..... 78.8°  
Average normal..... 77.5°  
Departure..... +1.3°

### Today's Local Outlook

### Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

### Weather History

Aug. 25, 1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton, Iowa reported 10.5 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood, Neb.

### Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
8/13	26	8/17	29
8/14	26	8/18	29
8/15	28	8/19	32
8/16	30		

## Kansas Pork Association hires new communications and outreach specialist

Kansas Pork Association would like to introduce new hire Madison Andrade, who will be filling the communications and outreach specialist position.

She is a recent graduate from Kansas State University where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Communications. She was also a member of the Livestock Judging Team, Block & Bridle Club, and National Agri-Marketing Association Club. Before K-State, she attended Butler Com-



munity College in El Dorado and was a member of the Livestock Judging Team, Ag Ambassadors

Club, and Collegiate Farm Bureau Club.

She is originally from San Juan Bautista, California where her family raises all species of livestock and she showed competitively in 4-H and FFA across the U.S. Additionally, she was on the American-International Junior Charolais Association National Board for four years. Last summer, she was an intern for the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program and she states that she is looking forward to this new venture!

## Angus members achieve one million genotypes

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), a subsidiary of the American Angus Association, has reached their one millionth mark in Angus genotypes. This was a monumental accomplishment for the Angus breed, says Kelli Retallick-Riley, president of AGI.

"It has taken just a little over a decade for Angus breeders to reach this impressive milestone," said Retallick-Riley. "This is a testament to the pioneer mindset Angus breeders have always hung their hats on. The early adoption of genomic technology has led Angus to this point and will lead to future tools designed specifically for users of registered Angus genetics."

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AGI began including genomics in the genetic evaluation in 2010 with the idea of using this technology to enhance accuracy, evaluate for traits at earlier ages and predict difficult-to-measure traits for Angus breeders. In addition to its large genotype database, the American Angus Association is home to the largest beef cattle breed phenotype database in the world. With that knowledge, the pace of adoption of genomic technology has increased.

In the first four years of collecting genomic samples, AGI hit their first milestone of collecting 100,000 genotypes. In 2018, AGI had another breakthrough of accumulating half a million genotypes. While it took eight years to collect the first 500,000 genotypes, it only took three years to collect the next half a million. Cur-

rently, around 3,000 genotypes enter the evaluation each week.

As for the future of genomic testing at AGI, the company has hopes it can continue to make significant advancements to further enhance the beef cattle industry economically. With this amount of data in hand, AGI is looking at ways to leverage this database to create novel solutions to real-world problems. Retallick-Riley says, Angus producers should be excited about what the future holds.

"The value of genomics is here," said Retallick-Riley. "While we continue to optimize these solutions to ensure accurate genetic tools, I have no doubt that the next ten years with genomics will only continue to drive genetic progress and profitability for our independently owned farming and ranching families."

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