Kansas youth receive \$30,000 in scholarships at KLA convention

Twenty-nine scholarship winners for the 2021-22 school year were recognized during the annual Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Convention December 1 in Wichita A total of \$30,000 was presented by the Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF) and its partners.

Brooke Falk of Harveyville and Michaela Musselman from Clifton each received a \$1,500 Cartridges for Cash (CFC) Scholarship from Merck Animal Health and KLF. Falk is the daughter of Brian Falk. She is a junior in the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Musselman is the daughter of Michael and Melanie Musselman. She is a second-year student in the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Five Kansas students each have been awarded, through KLF, \$1,000 CFC Scholarships. Mallory Beltz is the daughter of Daren and Shawna Beltz of Sterling. She is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry with a prevet option. Jerilyn Nelson of Soldier is the daughter of Jerry and Jo Ann Nelson. She is a second-year student at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry with a pre-vet option. Colby Nichols of Minneapolis is the son of Rick and Deb Nichols. He is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry. From Esbon, Katherine Reinert is the daughter of Betsy and Bryan Reinert. Rein-



KLA scholarship winners, pictured front row from left are Michaela Musselman; Molly McClure; Rebecca Donaldson; and Kara Riffel. Middle row: Rachel Yenni; Fave Smith; Taylor Zamrzla; Emily Albright; Riley Buss; Katherine Reinert; and Colby Nichols. Back row: Kreed Curran; Chance Kopsa; Sydnee Shive; Katie Lybarger; Caleb Hildebrand; Olivia Crist and Dalton Carey.

ert is a sophomore at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry. Taylor Zamrzla of Holvrood is the daughter of Jim and Stephanie Zamrzla. She is a senior at Kansas State University studying animal sciences and industry and production management.

Two students each received a \$1,500 Douglas A. Laue Memorial Scholarship. Emily Albright of Delia is the daughter of Scott and Barb Albright. She is a junior majoring in animal sciences and industry at Kansas State University. Kreed Curran is the son of Joe and Kim Curran of Farlington. He is a junior majoring in agricultural communications and journalism at Kansas State University. This scholarship is awarded to students entering their junior or senior year at K-State or Fort Hays State University and pursuing degrees in agriculture.

Riley Buss of Grantville has been awarded the \$1,000 Cattlemen's Scholarship from GoBob Pipe & Steel and KLF. She is the daughter of Steve and Robin Buss. Buss is a sophomore majoring in agricultural economics at Kansas State University. This scholarship is awarded to a student entering or returning to a Kansas community or senior college and pursuing a degree in agriculture or a related field.

Two \$1,000 Hampel Oil/ Mobil Delvac Scholarships have been presented to K-State students. Kade McGinn of Sedgwick is the son of Mike and Susannah McGinn. He is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. Halle Schindler of Paola is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. She is the daughter of Eric and Debbie Schindler. This scholarship is awarded to students entering their junior or senior year at K-State or Fort Hays State University and pursuing degrees in agronomy, agribusiness or agricultural economics. Preference is given to applicants with a career goal of being actively engaged in a farming or feedyard enterprise.

Three K-State students from across the state have received \$1,000 "Youth in Agriculture" scholarships from KLF. Clay Pelton is the son of Chris and Susan Pelton of Paradise. He is a freshman majoring in animal sciences and industry. Dalton Carey of Newton is the son of Rhonda Unruh and Greg Carey. He is a freshman majoring in agribusiness at Hutchinson Community College. Hailey Gillespie, daughter of Jeff and Karen Gillespie of Colony, is a freshman majoring in general agriculture at Fort Scott Community College. Funded by the KLF Club Calf Sale held during the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, these scholarships recognize students entering or returning to a Kansas junior or senior college and pursuing degrees in agriculture or a related field.

KLF awarded five Kansas CattleWomen (KCW) \$1,000 scholarships to K-State students. Molly McClure is the daughter of Ben and Lalane McClure of Hugoton. She is a freshman majoring in agricultural education. Kara Riffel of Westmoreland, the daughter of Beth Gaines and James Riffel, is a freshman majoring in animal sciences and industry. Sydnee Shive of Mount Hope is the daughter of Dawn and Allen Shive. She is a senior majoring in agricultural communications and iournalism. Olivia Crist is the daughter of Steve and Jill Lang of Abilene. She is also majoring in animal sciences and industry. Alyssa Kern, Washington, is the daughter of John and Lisa Kern. She is a freshman majoring in nutrition and health. This scholarship, funded by the KCW silent auction, is awarded to students entering or returning to a Kansas community or senior college and pursuing degrees in dietetics, food safety, agriculture or a related field.

The \$1,000 Glenn and Clyde Lindstrom Scholarship has been awarded through KLF to Rachel Yenni, the daughter of David and Kim Yenni of Lindsborg. She is a sophomore at Hutchinson Community College majoring in agricultural business. This scholarship is awarded to a student of sophomore level or above attending a Kansas junior or senior college and pursuing a degree in agriculture. Preference is given to students residing within the boundaries of Unified School District 400 in northern McPherson and

southern Saline counties. Joseph Stout was awarded the \$500 Fred H. Woodbury Memorial Scholarship through KLF. Stout is the son of the late Brady and Jeri Stout of Cottonwood Falls. He is a senior majoring in agricultural economics at Kansas State University. This scholarship is presented to a student attending a Kansas junior or senior college and pursuing a degree in agriculture. Preference is given to students residing within Chase, Franklin, Lyon, Osage or Wabaunsee counties.

The \$1,000 Scott Johnson and Family Scholarship has been awarded to Faye Smith of Walton. Smith is the daughter of Troy and Sommer Smith. She is a junior majoring in agricultural communications and journalism at Kansas State University. This scholarship is awarded to any student attending Kansas State University and pursuing a degree in animal sciences and industry, agricultural communications and journalism, agribusiness or agricultural economics.

Rebecca Donaldson of Berryton was awarded the \$500 Farmers Feed • Cont. on page 10

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KDA participates in beef genetics trade mission to Mexico

State Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Department of Agriculture participated in a trade mission to Mexico in November 2021. During the trade mission. Kansas cattlemen Daniel Mushrush of Mushrush Red Angus, Strong City, and Craig Guffey of Swearngin Ranches and CG Cattle, Lawrence, along with Dr. Sara McReynolds and Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, KDA, worked to build relationships and expand international marketing opportunities for purebred beef cattle genetics in Mexico.

During the trade mission, the team traveled to Tepatitlán where they visited Posta el Cuatro's Rancho el Bosque, Rancho Buenavista, Mezquite Genética, and hosted a networking event with local cattlemen and entrepreneurs. In Aguascalientes. the team visited Rancho Puerto de Nieto and Rancho El Picacho and participated in a networking lunch with area cattlemen to discuss potential market development opportunities and areas for collaboration. During their visit to Aguascalientes, fellow cattleman and Governor of Aguascalientes Martín Orozco hosted the trade team at the ACREA Cattle Show and National Charro



Representatives of Kansas and Idaho agriculture visit Rancho Buenavista in Mexico as part of a trade mission to expand international marketing opportunities. Pictured (from left): Dr. Sara McReynolds, Kansas Department of Agriculture; Robin Lufkin, Lufkin Cattle Co., Idaho; Laura Johnson, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Tanner Wagner, IDA; Daniel Mushrush, Mushrush Red Angus, Kansas; Steve Herbst, Nelson Angus Ranch, Idaho; Carolina González Villaseñor, Julio Cesar González, Adriana Villaseñor and Carlos Ernesto González, Rancho Buenavista, Tepatitlán, Mexico; Rafel Ramírez González, Posta el Cuatro, Mezcala, Mexico; Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, KDA; Craig Guffey, Swearngin Ranches and CG Cattle, Kansas; Carl Lufkin, Lufkin Cattle Co., Idaho.

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"The pandemic really impacted our ability to get our genetics in front of a global audience," said Mushrush. "It was a very rewarding and valuable experience to finally be

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able to get in front of progressive cattle producers who are interested in incorporating Kansas genetics in their herds." In 2020, Kansas agri-

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USDA FAS Livestock and Products 2021 annual report, the beef herd and cattle feeding sector is expected to grow in 2022.

"Mexico has approximately 131 million people to feed and are very dependent on our agricultural exports to sustain their population," said Guffey. "The ranches we visited

Daniel Mushrush of Mushrush Red Angus in Strong City visits a cattle ranch in Mexico as part of a trade mission with the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

were making strides to build higher quality cattle. Much of the genetics we saw being used were imported, which helps them build higher quality cattle in a shorter period of time."

The trade mission to Mexico was possible through KDA's membership in U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc., with funding from the USDA support all facets of agriculture, including lending support to those who wish to market and sell beef genetics domestically and internationally. For more information, including upcoming trade mission opportunities, contact KDA international trade director Suzanne Ryan-Numrich at Suzanne.Numrich@ ks.gov or 785-564-6704

is the mission of KDA to

Market Access Program. It Record keeping priorities: K-State beef cattle experts offer up the most important records to keep on the herd

By Lisa Moser

Deciding what to keep or get rid of can be a challenge when sorting out clothes in a closet or clearing out relics from childhood because often there is an emotional factor influencing the decision.

Emotional decision-making can also influence the beef cattle herd where oftentimes there is that one favorite cow that a producer may find hard to sell. In such cases, the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute agree that analyzing farm records can help inform herd decisions.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, the experts discussed key records to help in the keepversus-cull decision.

"The differences in marketing strategies and the genetic investment will dictate how the level the keep or cull decision," said Brad White, veteri-

Four key records include feed cost, body condition score, the number of pounds per calf weaned per exposed female and the pregnancy status of the

Feed cost: "Feed is typically the largest expense in any operation, and it can have a significant impact on profit," said Dustin Pendell, agricultural econ-

Body condition score: "It is important to write down the body condition scores of the whole herd and then adjust accordingly if there are some in the herd that are too thin." said Bob Larson, veteri-

Pounds of calf weaned per exposed female: "The number of pounds of calf weaned per female exposed encompasses nutri-

duction, which can make it a hard record to evaluate because it isn't one factor," said Phillip Lancaster, nutritionist. Veterinarian Brian Lubbers agreed and added: "Measuring the weaning weight can tell you a lot about the

Pregnancy status: "Knowing her pregnancy status will help with the keep or cull decision. There is a cost to bring new animals into the herd and the longer a cow stays in the herd, the investment is extended over a greater number of years," White

Counter to White's

son's belief that all cows that don't wean a calf should be culled regardless of genetics or other

"If she is open, she has to go," Larson said.

One point that the experts were in complete agreement on was the value in having whole herd records.

"Keeping and evaluating records over time helps producers make decisions that will not only benefit their bottom line, but the success of the herd overall," White said.

To hear more of this discussion, listen to the Cattle Chat podcast online.

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by the Kansas Livestock Foundation. Donaldson is the daughter of Bruce and Stephanie Donaldson and is a sophomore dual majoring in agricultural communications and journalism and animal sciences and industry at Kansas State University. This scholarship is awarded to any student attending a Kansas community or senior college in the fall of 2021 and pursuing a degree in agriculture or a related field. Preference is given to students majoring in animal sciences and industry or agricultural communications and journalism.

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Scholarship, administered IGR Scholarships. Chelsey Sue Krehbiel. Katie Lybarger of Garnett, daughter of Dave and Myra Lybarger, is a graduate student at Kansas State University completing her master's degree in meat science. This scholarship is awarded to any student entering their junior or senior year, graduate or vet school at Kansas State University or Fort Hays State University and pursuing a degree in agriculture. Preference will be given to students majoring in animal sciences and industry with a career goal of being actively engaged in livestock production or veterinary services.



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Unfortunately, Kansas state law did not permit incorporation of a new city after the first two months of the year. Newton would have to wait until January, 1872, for the state to recognize the settlement as an official city, therefore city government could not be legally established.

With no municipal oversight all sense of social order evaporated. Texans fresh off the trail reveled from saloon to dance house to gambling hall. One Texan cowboy was shot and killed in the street June 16, 1871.

Despite Newton's unofficial recognition by the state of Kansas, Newton's founder, Judge R. W. P. Muse, presided over a meeting August 25, 1871. Nominations were presented for mayor, councilmen, and police judge. Tom Carson and Carlos King were accepted as policemen. King was a veteran of the Sixteenth Michigan Infantry. Carson had been Hickok's deputy in

Bear in mind that the

the citizens of Newton received no recognition from the State of Kansas. It simply existed through the influence of its citizens.

The new police force, with the support of Newton's "law-abiding citizens," proved to be surprisingly successful. Drovers still carried on until all hours of the night. Occasional disagreements boiled to the surface but a relative peace held for the next month as Newton's lawmen enforced the town's "No Gun Law." Open carrying of firearms was prohibited, even though a gun could be obtained at a moment's notice.

In early November a rainstorm had set in, followed by a cold wind which froze the water. A group of Texans gathered in front of the American House hotel filled with too much Newton whiskey. Announcing their supremacy over all creation, six-shooters were fired in all directions.

When an unnamed policeman attempted to disarm the Texans the officer was shot "through the hips," and shot again by another desperado as he fell to the ground. "That night a mob of an estimated thirty 'thieves and roughs of Newton' armed themselves and paraded the streets in defiance of civil authorities." The killers were tracked to Kansas City and arrested, but no one was willing to testify against such desperate

1871 had been a hard vear to sell cattle. Unable to sell out their herds cattlemen held large numbers of cattle on the open range hoping to sell early in the spring. Out on the range the cold wind turned into a furious gale. Blowing for three days and nights, the frozen rainfall covered the grass in ice two to three inches deep. Men, horses, and cattle froze to death.

Mrs. Amanda Burks was with her drover husband when just before the first

city government formed by Frontier Extension District to host Risk Management Skills for Kansas Women in Agriculture programs

The Frontier Extension District will be hosting a variety of programs for Risk Management Skills for Kansas Women in Agriculture. A \$50 registration fee will cover all meals and program materials if registered before December 31st (\$75 late fee registration). An optional fifth session can be attended for an extra \$10.

People can register for the series by following the link below or by calling their local Extension Office. All sessions will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Annex Commission Chambers, 1416 S. Main in Ottawa

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storm they moved the cattle to new grazing grounds on the Smoky Hill River. She wrote, "Nine horses were lost in this snowstorm. Many of the young cattle lost their horns from the cold. Blocks of ice had to be chopped out of the streams in order that the cattle could drink. The first taste of early winter in Kansas decided Mr. Burks to sell his cattle and leave for Sunny Texas as soon as possible, and he met with no discouragement of his plans from me, for never had I endured such cold."

The decision to sell proved fortunate, for winter set in with a fury all across the great plains. Newton's days as a cattle town were numbered. The deadly winter storms were not the only death knell for Newton. In December, 1871, the Santa Fe Railroad offered the lands south and west of Newton for sale. Those lands had earlier been reserved to allow cattlemen unobstructed access to Newton's stock yards. Tracks would be built to Wichita and a new set of stockyards that would soon be crammed with cattle.

Unlike the Burks, a good many cattlemen resolved to "winter over" their herds with intentions of selling early on the spring market. The unforeseen brutality of winter devastated those plans.

Starving cattle laid waste farmer's meager hay stacks. The stacks, stockpiled for domestic stock proved a failure as wild Texas cows devoured anything they could wade into. The meager hay supplies only delayed the inevitable. Several hundred cow ponies and an estimated quarter of a million head of cattle died before spring, marking the end of cattlemen's dreams, and the end of the cattle business at the new town of Newton on The Way West.

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



I wear so many hats most of which overlap somehow - but sometimes it leaves my head spinning and the hats go flying off in all directions!

Right now, I am working on press releases for the Santa Fe Trail Association's Timeline Exhibit. Oh my goodness, this is an incredible portable exhibit that is in southwestern Kansas for the next couple of months. Right now, it's in Elkhart, then it goes to Lakin, then Garden City, then Sublette, then to Hugoton and on to Ulysses. Check out SantaFeTrail. org for a schedule. The display is 20 feet long, eight feet high, and features 150 significant people, places and events with illustrations and commentary. It is just a beautiful and interesting display!

As the Santa Fe Trail 200 commemoration runs through 2025, the exhibit will travel many miles offering as many people as possible the opportunity to visit sites along the Trail and gain a broader perspective of the Trail's story. There is also a really unique exhibit at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. It opened a couple of weeks ago and will be there into May. Take a little trip and visit our neighbors to the south!

We just had Christmas events at Fort Wallace and now we are planning for 2022 when our theme will be "Communication on the Smoky Hill Trail." Our annual symposium and Capt. Keogh's Emerald Banquet will be held at the museum on March 12 and our September encampment will be the second weekend of that month. I am beyond excited about this theme. Of course we can talk about mail and telegraph but we can focus on newspapers and magazines and illustrators as well! Our archives are growing in the newly constructed Ruth Jackson Reading Room of the Capt. Myles W. Keogh Research Library as we work toward our goal of becoming a premier western history research center. Follow us on Facebook to keep up.

I am trying to arrange my schedule to allow for visiting the Territorial Capital Museum in Lecompton over the holiday. Their exhibit of Christmas trees and ornaments is just overwhelming. The volunteers there do such a beautiful job caring for and interpreting their history. Plan on spending most of your day in one of the most welcoming of Kansas towns where you can revel in the many layers of history, have a sip of wine, enjoy lunch, antiquing, and gorgeous views of the Kansas River. Say "hey" to Paul Bahnmaier from me!

Meanwhile, back home in Oakley, I continue to meet traveling friends at the Western Kansas Wildlife Travel Center, Mittens, for lunch, or breakfast, or coffee. Not a week goes by without a friend messaging to say they are passing through and asking if we can get together. It is convenient for them to fuel up, have a meal, and enjoy my company (Not to mention there is now an Urgent Care if you should need it on the road).

I simply cannot say enough about what this business means to our community. We are a small town, but our location on the interstate gives us lots of opportunities and Mit-

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> My friends often joke about how often I check in online at Mittens but like all the folks I have mentioned, they help support Around Kansas. The sponsorship means more to me than just paying for advertising; it is truly a relationship. I, and everyone at Around Kansas, do our best to make sure our friends get their money's worth. I try every month to personally bring as much business to Mittens as they spend with me. It does my heart good when other friends mention that they stopped in on their travels. Just like it warmed my heart when I received a message from a viewer who had seen the show and asked if I could do a presentation on Fort Wallace for their civic club or the folks who have attended so many Santa Fe Trail events this year because they learned of them on Around Kansas. And visitors to Lecompton often let me know they are simply blown away by the friendly folks and the Christmas spirit this time of year.

It reminds me, too, of how grateful I am to be working with the great folks at Grass and Grain who have the same attitude. We're all in this together, doing our best for families and communities, and we can help each other along the way. Yes, it can be difficult to balance all these hats, but it encourages me to work with so many good people and to welcome each of you into our world.

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

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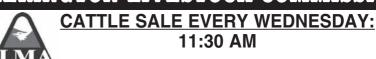
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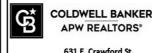
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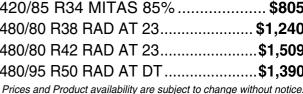


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By Spencer Crowther

Christmas Spirit

With Christmas rapidly approaching my sons have been putting together their wish lists for Santa. They sat at the dining room table the other night and jotted down on a piece of paper all the gifts they want this Christmas. They always make me promise I will mail them to Santa, sometimes they even want to physically see me do it - I don't know why they don't trust me. Of course I make sure the letters make their way to the North Pole. Every year the boys do this, and I love that this has become a holiday tradition of ours. This got me thinking of what a farmer or rancher's letter to Santa would look like.

Dear Santa,

As you know I have been a very good boy this year. I've worked very hard to get off the naughty list,

and honesty I'm pretty sick of getting coal. I only yelled 15 times, broke two sorting sticks, and had one person quit while working cattle this year. That is a new record for me. Now, I know while fixing equipment my performance is down some, but I hope to eliminate that with this year's gifts. Also, if wrenches weren't meant to be thrown, tell the elves to not make them so aerodvnamic.

1.) Lower expenses in general, but we can start with diesel and anhydrous.

2.) Higher crop and cattle prices. Until I'm ready to buy, then we can bring them down a bit.

gauge my neighbor has, because he always has a halfinch more than me. 4.) 50 degree winter

3.) I want the same rain

with no snow or wind.

5.) 100% calf crop.

6.) Spring rains, but no

mud. 7.) Do they have equipment yet you don't have to work on? If so, I want that. If not I'll just take a new

one of everything. 8.) Brand-new politicians. The last set you sent us was defective.

9.) Hired help that enjoys being corrected at a high vocal level.

10.) Peace on earth. Now, my wife wants to

leave you milk and cookies, but I figure you need something a little more substantial. Nothing will keep you going all night like a homegrown ribeve and a cold glass of milk. I will have alfalfa and water for the reindeer on the roof. The hay is dairy quality alfalfa, third cutting, put up right, and always been under a roof. I'll have to bill you for it, It'll be \$4.25/loaded mile and \$160/ton. There will be some pour-on also on the roof, make sure to use it or Rudolph will get lousey this winter. If some of my wish list items make it to my place this year, next year we can talk price on the hay.

Merry Christmas

Contribute to the future of Kansas wheat farming this season

Whether Dasher gives a dollar. Blitzen gifts a bushel or Rudolph donates an acre, all contributions are welcomed this holiday season by the Kansas Wheat Commission Research (KWCRF). Foundation These tax-deductible donations are used to fund ongoing wheat research programs, support students and technicians working in research fields and maintain the technology and facilities necessary to ensure Kansas wheat farmers have a very merry harvest now and into the future.

"Contributing to the KWCRF is investing in the future of Kansas wheat farming," said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. "Through KWCRF, donations from farmers, cooperatives and corporations build on the proud history of wheat research in Kansas and play a major role in ensuring that tradition continues to provide a bright future for the next generation of

Kansas wheat producers." The KWCRF was established in 2011 as the official research fundraising organization for the Kansas Wheat Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, gifts to the foundation are tax-deductible and used solely for funding wheat research. These donations are used for wheat research that improves the profitability of farmers while improving the quality of wheat for end-users. Additionally, these funds help keep a full pipeline of research talent and provide long-term support of the technology and facilities needed for this work.

Even better than a full glass of milk and a plate of cookies, any gift made to the KWCRF by June 30, 2022, qualifies to be matched dollar-by-dollar by a gift from the Kansas Wheat Commission, up to a total of \$1 million.

In addition to cash donations, the KWCRF can also accept many assets as charitable contributions, including land. grain, stocks, real estate, retirement plan disbursements and life insurance policies. KWCRF will work with donors and their professional advisors to create giving strategies that meet the goals of the donor and their families.

"For more than a half-century, Kansas wheat farmers have contributed millions of their hard-earned dollars toward wheat research through the wheat checkoff," Harries said. "As costs of research continue

to increase while government funding decreases. the KWCRF established a way for all segments of the wheat industry to help support research funding above and beyond the resources of the checkoff."

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Foundation.



For the week ending December 4 hay market prices remained mostly steady for alfalfa and steady for grass hay. The south-central region seems to have an undertone of softness to the market. Although there were no price adjustments, folks report that there seems to be plenty of hay for now and that there have been quite a few folks wanting to sell hay. All other regions pricing remains firm for now, with concerns of higher operating cost next year and worsening drought. There were a few large sales of hay recently but in general trades remained slow. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for the week of November 30th, little to no precipitation fell across the High Plains region, with above-average temperatures that broke several high temperature records. Abnormally dry conditions (D0) increased to 27%, moderate drought (D1) increased to 13%, severe drought (D2) remained near 5.5% and extreme drought (D3) remained at .60%. For more information, please visit their website: https://ksfgc.org/upcoming-events/Kansas and look for Forage and Grassland Council Winter Forage Conference.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, ground and delivered steady, movement slow. 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 180.00-190.00. Grinding alfalfa 175.00-190.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 195.00-205.00; Grass Hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00/bale, 3x4's and 4x4's 85.00-95.00, large rounds 75.00/bale; Brome, none reported; Sudan: none reported; Wheat: large straw rounds 60.00-75.00. The week of 11/28-12/04, 12,106T of grinding alfalfa and 275T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets, grinding alfalfa steady, ground/delivered steady to 5.00 lower, 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 185.00-195.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 225.00-235.00, 17 pct protein 240.00-250.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 310.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large rounds 85.00-95.00, large squares 100.00-110.00. Brome: large round 100.00-105.00, large squares 110.00-120.00. Oat hay, good large rounds 120.00-125.00, good 3x4 squares 130.00-135.00. Sudan: large rounds 90.00-100.00. The week of 11/28-12/04, 8,000T of grinding alfalfa and 557T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 250.00-260.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 160.00-170.00. Fair/ Good grinding alfalfa, none reported. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 120.00-130.00, good 3x3 squares 115.00-125.00, good, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 100.00-120.00, large rounds 70.00-85.00. Brome, good, small squares none reported, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 115.00-125.00, large rounds 85.00-95.00. Wheat Straw: 3x4 and 4x4 squares 60.00-80.00. The week of 11/28-12/04, 894T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, grinding alfalfa steady to 5.00 higher, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse

Grass & Grain, December 14, 2021 Page 15 or goat, small squares 300.00-400.00 delivered. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.05-1.10/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 175.00-185.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 170.00-180.00. Oat hay, 3x3 square 135.00-145.00; Sudan, none reported. Wheat straw, large squares 75.00-85.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay steady, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady to 5.00 higher, 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 135.00-145.00; Ground and delivered 160.00-170.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 6.50-7.00/bale, large 3x4 to 4x4 squares, 130.00-140.00 delivered, good, large rounds 90.00-100.00, Brome, small squares 7.25-8.00/bale, 3x4 to 4x4 squares 125.00-135.00, large rounds 90.00.00-105.00; Wheat Straw: Small squares 5.00-6.00/bale, Large 3x4 to 4x4 squares 85.00-100.000. Certified weed free grass mulch large rounds, 80.00-90.00. The week of 11/28-12/04, 485T of grinding alfalfa and, 175T 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.

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

K-State unveils plan to increase jobs, investments in Kansas

You can plan on it: Kansas State University is launching a new strategic initiative to help people and businesses in Kansas.

The university's Economic Prosperity Plan will add thousands of jobs and billions of dollars into the Kansas economy by leveraging K-State's strengths in four key areas: food and agriculture systems innovation: digital agriculture and advanced analytics; biosecurity and biodefense: and Extension and outreach.

"Our Economic Prosperity Plan will allow K-State to create 3,000 new jobs and \$3 billion

in additional investments into the state of Kansas in the next ten years," said David Rosowsky, vice president for research. "This new initiative will allow K-State to truly demonstrate the value that universities provide to local, state and national economies through job growth and job creation, as well as retaining and attracting talent in the state."

The plan is a response to a request from the Kansas Board of Regents to demonstrate how Kansas institutions of higher education will add to economic prosperity in the state.

"As the country's first

operational land-grant institution. K-State has always focused on excellent teaching, research and service that advance the well-being and economic prosperity of our state," said Richard Myers, university president. "This new initiative has the potential for significant economic growth for the region and state but will require many dedicated partnerships and support from the state to be successful. The university will continue to work vigorously to build those partnerships to make this plan a reality.'

Two focus areas in the

plan center around food and agriculture. The food and agriculture systems innovation area will ensure Kansas retains greater value-added opportunites throughout the food system value chain. The plan also will leverage K-State's deep strengths across crops, livestock and natural resources research and innovation to attract outside investment and help Kansas become the global leader in digital agriculture and advanced analytics.

"The resulting competitive advantages for Kansas within five to ten years include economic growth and job creation: profitable, regenerative and sustainable food and agriculture systems: new technologies and innovation; and better health for Kansas citizens through nutritional security," said Ernie Minton, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension.

K-State's plan also will focus on using university strengths in biosecurity and biodefence to attract new companies and partnerships to the state.

A biotechnology development module within the university's Biosecurity Research Institute will allow corporate partners to develop diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive countermeasures for a broad range of emerging zoonotic diseases while addressing scalable production. This secure space also will enable emergency rapid manufacturing to protect the nation's animal and food supply during a

The College of Veterinary Medicine will also focus significant efforts on keeping graduates in Kan-

"In addition to making it easier for companies to partner with K-State researchers, we are increas-

ing our efforts to keep our graduates in the state," said Bonnie Rush, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Kansas veterinarians contribute about a half a billion dollars to the economic development of the state, so the more veterinarians we can keep in the state, the stronger the economic prosperity of producers.'

A final area of focus in the plan is an initiative called K-State 105: Every Town to Gown, which leverages K-State's statewide extension presence to assist businesses and communities in all of the state's 105 counties to access K-State innovation, talent and training through local liaisons and coordinated resources.

"Our plan is bold, it is audacious, but it is achievable," Rosowsky said, "I am excited to get to work and start demonstrating real results."

Government grants reprieve on Potash sanctions, providing win for farmers

The U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Controls has agreed to provide a reprieve through April of next year on sanctions on potash fertilizers imported to the U.S. from Belarus.

This is a win for the American farmer," said Iowa farmer and National Corn Growers Association president Chris Edgington. Farmers are naving a very hard time securing fertilizers, so a positive development like this couldn't come at a better time."

NCGA and other groups initiated dialogue in November with the Treasury Department expressing concern that sanctions on potash were resulting in fertilizer shortages across the country.

As farmers have struggled to secure and pay for fertilizers and other inputs, NCGA has been sounding the alarm saying that tariffs and sanctions on imports only make a bad situation worse.

"The American farmer

should not have to suffer for the trade practices of foreign governments or for disagreement between multi-national corporations," Edgington said.

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2022 Kansas Corn Schools scheduled across Kansas and online

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a corn school in their region. These winter learning sessions are designed specifically for Kansas corn farmers and will feature a variety of topics tailored to each school's location. Participants will hear the latest research and production information, get updates on corn issues and network over lunch. K-State

Research and Extension staff are working to ensure CCA and Commercial Pesticide Applicator credits are available.

"The schools will cover a number of issues facing corn producers including weed control, insect resistance, fertility management, late-planting seasons, economics and farm pol-

Kansas Corn director of grower services. "We are excited to be back in-person this year and to provide such a valuable resource to Kansas farmers and members of the agriculture industry. We have a long-standing partnership with K-State Research and Extension and are proud to host these educational events across the state."

The corn schools are free to attend and are sponsored by Pioneer, Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and local sponsors.

2022 Kansas Corn School Schedule:

Jan. 7 at Oakley Jan. 14 at Salina Jan. 18 at Parsons Feb. 24 at Hiawatha

Attendees are asked to register before the meeting online at kscorn.com/ cornschool or by calling the Kansas Corn office at 785-410-5009. More information including agendas, locations and meeting times can be found online at kscorn.com.

Bureau honors members, friends at 103rd annual meeting Kansas Farm

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) recognized members and supporters at its 103rd annual meeting, Dec. 5-6 in Manhattan.

KFB presented two Kansans with Distinguished Service awards for their exemplary contributions to agriculture in

Bob Haselwood, Shawnee County, was honored for more than four decades of service to the agriculture industry. As a farmer first, Haselwood raises sovbeans, corn and wheat on his farm in Berryton. Since he was elected to the Kansas Sovbean Commission in 2005, his focus has been on bringing value back to Kansas soybean farmers through

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investments in agronomic research, developing uses for sovbeans and building demand for soy products. Haselwood is also a former director of the United Soybean Board, where he strengthened the sovbean checkoff's work and promoted the crop in 22 countries across the world. His legacy of service has also impacted Kansas Farm Bureau where he has served on the membership committee, resolutions committee, VOTE FBF and the oilseeds committee.

Don Landoll, Marshall County, was recognized for 60 years of service through Landoll Company, LLC, transforming the former blacksmith and welding shop into a leading agri-

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cultural and industrial manufacturing company employing more than 900 people across the region. Landoll is a strong supporter of his community and is a financial contributor to the local, state and national FFA organizations. He has contributed funds to the Marysville Library and supported major renovations to the KMYZ airport. He's served on the Kansas Health Foundation and on the Transportation 2000 board, which led to getting a major overpass and airport expansion for

The organization also presented 12 Friends of Agriculture awards. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to Kansas Farm Bureau and agriculture. They are:

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Dr. Donald Coover, Neosho County, spent 40 years helping animals and producers through artificial insemination, embryo transfers and training the next generation of animal caretakers. Dr. Coover's work has been an immense help to Kansas, the nation and the agricultural indus-

Kim Curran, Crawford County, has helped cultivate the future of ag by teaching at USD 248 in Girard and always looks for opportunities to bring agriculture into the classroom. Kim has also served on the Crawford County Farm Bureau board of directors and is a 4-H youth club and project leader.

Jim and Terri Sue De-Geer, Neosho County, have community together for 35 years. Jim has served on statewide committees for Kansas Farm Bureau including the Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Committee and Beef Committee. Terri Sue has been a 4-H project leader and volunteer, in addition to 30 years guiding students as a school counselor.

Charlie Foltz, Anderson County, has made an impact on Kansas agriculture for more than a half century, serving in several roles on the Anderson County Farm Bureau board almost continuously since 1967. Foltz also spent nearly two decades on the board of directors for the Kansas Corn Growers Association.

Jarold Hayden, Cloud County, has worked tirelessly for his community. Kansas and agriculture for seven decades. Hayden has helped shape KFB policies as a longtime board member of Cloud County Farm Bureau, KFB's VOTE FBF and Resolutions Committee and helped the organization forge a stronger relationship with (retired) Sen. Pat Roberts.

Joe Leibbrandt, Butler County, has been a passionate advocate for ag education for more than 40 years, including five years at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville directing the Swine Research Farm. He's also worked for Kansas Research and Extension, has served as a 4-H representative at the Kansas State swine show and is agricultural department head at Butler Coun-

Cheri Miller, Wyandotte County, has helped Kansans protect the land they use for 15 years by analyzing environmental reviews for the Wyandotte County Unified Government for special use permits, zoning requests, and evaluation of erosion control as well as soil and water quality. She also assists small scale and specialty crop producers in registering with the USDA.

Sue Rowland, Marshall County, has supported the agricultural community for 55 years as a business teacher at Marysville High School, where she helped prepare students for a future beyond high school. She's also a founding member of the Kansas FFA Foundation and serves on the local hospital board, the Marshall County Agriculture Extension board and the Marshall County Conservation board.

Leroy Russell, Shawnee County, has served as a representative for agriculture for 43 years, educating future agriculturists in ag education and FFA at Washburn Rural. He's served on the Shawnee County Farm Bureau board in numerous positions and held leadership roles on the Kansas Extension Agents Association and the Kansas 4-H Agents Association.

Don Schroeder, Harvey County, has served in multiple roles in supporting farmers and ranchers from the local to state level. He served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2006 to 2018, and spent time on the Kansas Soybean Association board, Kansas Corn Growers Association board, and currently serves as a Harvey County Commissioner.

Dale Strickler, Allen County, has served the agriculture community for more than 30 years as an educator. He coached multiple agricultural competitive teams at Cloud County Community College, where the crops team brought home several national titles. He has also hosted farm tours that have brought more than 1,000

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Ron and Chris Wilson, Riley County, have been dedicated to supporting efforts with Kansas Farm Bureau and developing rural Kansas for 40 years. Since 1990 Ron has served as the director of the Huck Boyd Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University. He also performs cowboy poetry. Chris is an 11th generation farmer. She also serves as the president of the Food and Agriculture Network, and she previously served as deputy secretary and general counsel of the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Ray and Susan Flickner, McPherson County, received the Kansas Farm Bureau Natural Resources Award, which goes to the farm family who exemplifies good land stewardship. At the Flickner Innovation Farm, the goal is to preserve and improve the natural resources like soil, water, trees and wildlife so they can provide for the next generation. Water quality is central to the Flickners' conservation efforts. They moved away from anhydrous applications in the early 1980s and have implemented minimum and conservation tillage for the past four years. Experimentation with subsurface drip irrigation and precision mobile drip irrigation also has led to more efficient water use, which goes to the farm's motto of "Growing for the future."

Mitch Messner, Agency Manager for Farm Bureau Financial Services, received KFB's Partnership Award. This award recognizes someone from Farm **Bureau Financial Services** who has gone above and beyond for the state's largest farm organization. In his role he works closely with agents and has done a tremendous job connecting with county Farm Bureaus in his area. Agents, volunteers and members know he can be counted on when help is needed or

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USDA opens 2022 signup for Dairy Margin Coverage, expands program for supplemental production

The U.S. Department Agriculture (USDA) has opened signup for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program and expanded the program to allow dairy producers to better protect their operations by enrolling supplemental production. This signup period - which runs from Dec. 13, 2021 to Feb. 18, 2022 - enables producers to get coverage through this important safety-net program for another year as well as get additional assistance through the new Supplemental DMC.

Supplemental DMC will provide \$580 million to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that have increased production over the years but were not able to enroll the additional production. Now, they will be able to retroactively receive payments for that supplemental production. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) updated how feed costs are calculated, which will make the program more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses.

"Dairy Margin Coverage is a critical safety-net for producers, and catastrophic coverage is free. These DMC updates build on other efforts of the Biden-Harris Administration to improve DMC and other key USDA dairy programs," Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Robert Bonnie said. "We encourage dairy producers to make use of the support provided by enrolling in supplemental coverage and enroll in DMC for the 2022 program year."

Supplemental DMC Enrollment

Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds based upon a formula using 2019 actual milk marketings, will result in additional payments. Producers will be required to provide FSA with their 2019 Milk

Marketing Statement.

Supplemental coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Participating dairy operations with supplemental production may receive retroactive supplemental payments for 2021 in addition to payments based on their established production history.

Supplemental DMC will require a revision to a producer's 2021 DMC contract and must occur before enrollment in DMC for the 2022 program year. Producers will be able to revise 2021 DMC contracts and then apply for 2022 DMC by contacting their local USDA Service Cen-

DMC 2022 Enrollment

After making any revisions to 2021 DMC contracts for Supplemental DMC, producers can sign up for 2022 coverage. DMC provides eligible dairy producers with risk management coverage that pays producers when the difference between the price of milk and the cost of feed falls below a certain level. So far in 2021, DMC payments have triggered for January through October for more than \$1.0

billion. For DMC enrollment, producers must certify with FSA that the operation is commercially marketing milk, sign all required forms and pay the \$100 administrative fee. The fee is waived for farmers who are considered limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, or a military veteran. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Updates to Feed Costs

USDA is also changing the DMC feed cost formula to better reflect the actual cost dairy farmers pay for high-quality alfalfa hay. FSA will calculate payments using 100% premium alfalfa hay rather than 50%. The amended feed cost formula will

make DMC payments more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses.

Additional Dairy

Assistance

The announcement is part of a broader package to help the dairy industry respond to the pandemic and other challenges. USDA is also amending Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP) regulations to add provisions for the indemnification of cows that are likely to be not marketable for longer durations, as a result, for example, of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. FSA also worked closely with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to target assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and other conservation programs to help producers safely dispose of and address resource concerns created by affected cows. Other recent dairy announcements include \$350 million through the Pandemic Market Vol-

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atility Assistance Program and \$400 million for the Dairy Donation Program.

Additional details on these changes to DMC and DIPP can be found in a rule that will be published soon in the Federal Register. This rule also included information on the new Oriental Fruit Fly Program as well as changes to FSA conservation programs.

More Information To learn more or to participate in DMC or DIPP, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some are open to limited visitors. Producers should contact their Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment. Additionally, more information related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/ coronavirus.

Blach shares positive market outlook for 2022

An increasing demand for beef coupled with a tighter cattle supply is leading to better balance within the industry, which should result in higher prices for the cow-calf, stocker/feeder and fed cattle segments, CattleFax chief executive officer Randy Blach told those in attendance at the KLA Convention in Wichita. During his presentation in Beef Industry University, which was sponsored by the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, Blach predicted calf prices will average on top of \$200/cwt. in 2022, while feeder prices will average from \$165/cwt. to \$175/cwt. for the year, with a range of \$155/cwt. to \$185/cwt.

"For those of you in the stocker business selling cattle off the Flint Hills, by the time we get to that time of the year, I would expect live cattle feeder prices to be trading in the mid \$180s," he said. "For those of you in the cow-calf business, I know it's your time for a payday and it's coming. We see calf prices getting back up to the mid \$250s over the next two to three years in the cycle."

According to Blach, fed cattle prices will average from \$138/cwt. to \$140/cwt. in 2022, with prices approaching a high of \$150/cwt. at some point in the spring and pushing up to \$160/cwt. in the fall.

In addition to potential inflation impact and limited shackle space concerns, Blach also acknowledged frustrations with price discovery and the desire to improve market transparency, but stressed the importoday out of the market, we would lose \$1 billion just at the cattle level," he said. "Those of you in the cowcalf and stocker business, that's coming off your top line, and many of you have built genetics around that, so you have to have access to those systems if you're going to get paid."

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300-400 lb. steers, \$201-\$217; heifers, \$161-\$180; 400-500 lb. steers, \$180-\$211; heifers, \$156-\$181; 500-600 lb. steers, \$162-\$193; heifers, \$152-\$167; 600-700 lb. steers, \$150-\$177; heifers \$127-\$158.50; 700-800 lb. steers, \$143-\$160.75; heifers, \$140-\$154.75; 800-900 lb. steers, \$135-\$165; heifers, \$117-\$152.50; 900-1,000 lb. steers, \$130-\$166.50. Trend on Calves: Hfr calves mostly \$3-\$4 higher; str calves \$4-\$8 higher. **Trend on Feeder** Cattle: Fdr hfrs steady-\$2 higher; Fdr strs steady-\$6 higher. Butcher Cows: high dressing cows \$65-\$81; Avg. dressing cows \$50-\$62; low dressing cows \$35-\$49. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$41-\$78. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Steady.

Some Highlights Include:

	IEIFERS	SIEERS		
5 blk	360@180.00	3 blk	377@212.00	
6 blk	404@181.00	6 blk	427@211.00	
11 blk	519@167.00	18 blk 10 mix	473@196.00 513@187.00	
26 blk	524@165.50	28 mix	555@184.00	
22 blk	563@158.50	10 blk	594@175.00	
10 mix	619@158.50	9 blk	606@177.00	
17 mix	645@152.25	39 mix	631@170.00	
29 blk	736@154.75	75 mix	669@163.00	
64 mix	776@148.75	39 mix 104 mix	740@160.75 826@159.70	
126 mix	863@152.50	62 mix	841@165.00	
13 blk	883@150.00	61 blk	959@166.50	

Thursday, December 16, 11:00 AM SPECIAL COW SALE

- 2 registered 14 month old balancer bulls 1 Angus 3 year old bull, Son of Bismark
- 15 Red Angus 1st calf heifer pairs
- 4 black 1st calf heifer pairs • 10 1st calf heifer pairs, calves 75 days old & worked, cows ex-

HEIEEDS

- posed back to Mushrush Red Angus bulls
- 8 black running age pairs
- 35 black/bwf coming 3 year old heifers, bred to Jamison Hereford
- 25 Angus / Angus cross cows, eight are first calf, bred black Angus Dispersal - 50 black/red running age bred cows
- Dispersal 52 Angus or Main/Angus cows most with calves, running back with bulls since November 1st.

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STEERS		6 bwfwf 684@159.00	8 blk 566@153.00
3 bkbwf 430@196.00		6 bkRd 823@157.75	5 bkbwf 634@150.50
	6 Rd Ang397@193.00	6 rbf 728@155.00	6 bkbwf 654@150.00
	6 Rd Ang485@190.50	8 blk 898@153.00	6 bkbwf 560@150.00
	3 bwf 538@176.00	7 blk 1003@147.75	9 bkRd 804@146.75
	8 bkbwf 599@171.00	6 blk 1199@135.50	4 bkRd 716@145.00
	8 Rd Ang594@170.50		8 blk 973@139.00
	8 blk 664@167.00	HEIFERS	5 blk 855@134.00
	22 bkbwf 672@163.00	8 Rd Ang443@170.00	5 bkRd 1173@128.00
	6 bkbwf 758@162.00	3 Rd Ang377@160.00	7 bkbwf 1136@109.00
9 blk 688@162.00		7 Rd Ang535@156.50	
	22 bkbwf 774@160.50	3 blk 542@154.00	BULLS
	7 bkRd 821@159.50	3 bkRd 717@153.50	8 mix 751@117.00

Butcher Cows: \$32-\$77, mostly \$57-\$70; very active. Butcher Bulls: \$72-\$89, mostly \$82-\$87; very active. Preg Cows: \$700-\$1,350. Pairs: \$1,025-\$1,425.

BUTCHE	R COWS	4 bwfrbf	1540@65.50
1 bwf	1860@77.00		
1 blk	1605@73.50	BUTCHE	R BULLS
1 blk	1370@73.00	1 blk	1900@89.00
4 blk	1566@71.50	1 blk	2160@87.50
4 bkRd	1500@70.00	1 blk	1910@87.00
5 blk	1424@69.00	1 Rd Ang	2050@86.00
3 blk	1525@67.50	1 Rd Ang	1640@85.50
2 bkbwf	1340@66.00	1 blk	1875@85.00
2 blk	1390@66.00	1 blk	1680@85.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 16

- 48 blk bwf cows, 4-9 yrs old & open, from 1 ranch. 40 blk bwf RBF strs, 700-850#, home raised, weaned &
- double vacc.
- 70 blk bwf RBF hfrs, 650-750#, home raised, weaned & double vacc.
- 55 blk bwf strs & hfrs, 500-650#, off the cow. LAST SALE OF THE YEAR!

NO SALES DEC. 23 & 30

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Tues., Dec. 21st - Regular Sale

Tues., Dec. 28th - NO SALES

Tues., Jan. 4th - Regular Sale

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NEW STARTING TIME 11:00 AM

MARKET REPORT FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7. 2021 **RECEIPTS: 2382 CATTLE**

FOR FULL RESULTS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.HOLTONLIVESTOCK.COM **STEERS** 25 blk red Oskaloosa 805@154.50 Winchester 459@228.00 12 blk HEIFERS Holton 430@221.00 Effingham 515@207.50 8 blk 38 blk bwf Oskaloosa 535@200.00 14 blk Soldier 568@186.00 16 blk

13 blk bwf Valley Falls 604@180.00 15 blk char Atchison 58@175.50 21 blk Holton 548@175.00 Centralia 651 @ 174.50 10 blk 84 blk bwf Oskaloosa 622@174.50 Centralia 735@173.25 22 blk Troy 667@171.50 Fairview 767@170.75 41 blk Oskaloosa 708@170.00 Meriden 594@169.00 15 blk Effingham 767@167.75 11 mix Everest 768@167.75 15 mix

20 blk red Oskaloosa 630@162.00

12 char Horton 723@155.00

Meriden 69@154.50

819@159.25

Leavenworth 797@152.00 Powhattan 448@185.00

9 blk red Circleville 456@185.00 Winchester 467 @ 184.00 21 blk Atchison 516@176.50 33 blk bwf Holton 474@173.00 11 blk Soldier 537@169.00 Dekalb, MO 548@166.00 10 blk 12 blk Centralia 622 @ 162.00 20 blk bwf Atchison 643@161.50 10 blk Soldier 596@158.00 25 blk bwf Troy 619@156.00 Meriden 484@153.00 10 blk Oskaloosa 631@152.00 25 blk Horton 532@150.00 9 char Sabetha 724@150.00 Ottawa 758@147.50 12 blk 10 blk bwf Whiting 772@146.00 10 blk red Oskaloosa 726@145.00

SPECIAL COW & BULL AUCTION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 * 6 PM Early Consignments Include: BRED COWS

13 blk Troy

50 blk Angus cows, 3-10 yrs. (mostly home raised), bred to Resource blk Angus bulls for late Feb.- March calves, complete dispersion **D** Abel

15 blk cows 3rd period 4-SS bred blk Angus bull N Perry 23 blk & x cows 7-aged bred blk Angus or Herf bulls for spring

calves **Amon** 12 blk cows SS-aged bred blk Angus bull to start calving

March 1 . I Taliaferro

Herd dispersal of Corriente cattle including 13 spring hfrs from 2019 & 2020, exposed to Hereford bull since October, 11 cows,

6 yrs & older, always running with Hereford bull *B Seltman*• 40 blk bwf simm/ang x cows 3-aged bred to red angus bull to start calving March 10 *L Hanzlicek*

BRED HEIFERS 45 blk bwf hfrs 950-1050 bred to GAR Method 6958 to start calving

March 10 for 47 days, very good disposition *M Tureck*65 blk bwf hfrs 950-1100 bred LBW blk Angus bulls to start calv-

ing Jan. 28, very good disposition *K&K Taylor* 12 bwf hfrs 1100 bred to GAR Ashland to start calving Feb. 7 very good disposition L Rieschick

10 blk & blk brockle face hfrs 1100-1200 bred LBW blk Angus bull to start calving Jan. 8 OCV, vacc, Scourguard, pelvic mea-

sured **J Brown** 15 Red Angus hfrs 1050-1100 OCV, Al bred to red simm Red Moon

to start calving Feb. 15, cleaned up with a son of Red Moon *D Klahr* **HEIFER PAIRS** 9 blk hfrs/60 day old calves, calves banded & vacc, hfrs exposed

to blk Angus bull since Nov. 25 *G Reinecke* COW/CALF PAIRS 5 blk cows/blk 150-200 calves 4-5 yrs not exposed **B Hanf**5 Red Angus Herf x cows, 175-275 lb. calves, 4 yrs exposed to

blk Ang bull *G Heim*

10 blk cows/60 day old calves (knife cut), 4-9 yrs, home raised, exposed *M Grollmes*

11 blk cows/60-90 day old calves 8-SS exposed back to blk simm ang bull **B Hayden**

BREEDING BULLS

2 yr blk Angus bull, fertility & trich tested 2 1/2 yr herf bull fertility & trich tested **B Seltman**

7) 18 month blk gelbvieh bulls 70-80 lb BW fertility & trich tested J Stubbs

21 month blk Angus bull, sired by MGR Treasure, dams sire Connealy Stingray 9618 fertility & trich tested *M Grollmes*See website for full details

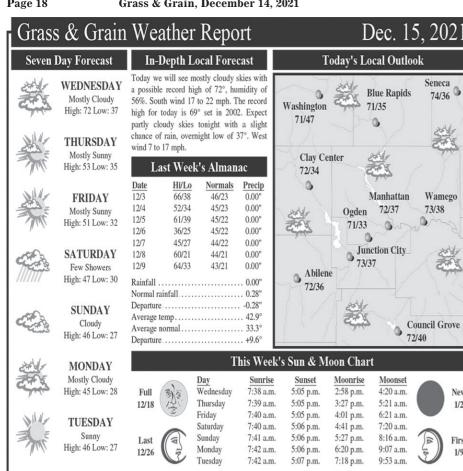
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8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure



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brought to a halt by the storm

Buffalo, N.Y. under 36.6 inches of snow, with unofficial 12/3

totals south of the city ranging up to 70 inches. Travel was 12/4

Dec. 15, 2021 Farmer sentiment weakens as production cost concerns mount

The Purdue University/ CME Group Ag Economy Barometer slipped five points in November to a reading of 116 as producers continue to be pessimistic about both the current and future outlook of the agricultural economy. The Index of Current Conditions declined seven points in November to a reading of 128, and the Index of Future Expectations fell four points to 110. November marked the lowest reading of 2021 for all three measures of producer sentiment and comparing year-over-year, the barometer is 30% lower than in November of 2020. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Nov. 15-19.

"Farmers are facing sharp rises in production costs coinciding with fluctuating crop and livestock changing environmental and tax policy, uncertainty over COVID-19, as well as a host of other issues, all of which are negatively impacting farmer sentiment," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Rising production costs, including those for fertilizer, farm machinery, seed and fuel, are of increasing concern to farmers. For example, in November 43% of survey respondents said they expect farm input prices to rise by more than 16% in the upcoming year. This compares with the actual average rate of farm input price inflation over the past decade of less than 2%

Supply chain problems could be responsible for a drop in the Farm Capital Investment Index. The index declined seven points to a reading of 39, the lowest reading since April of 2020. In November, 44% of producers said their farm machinery purchase plans were impacted by low farm machinery inventories. When asked what their biggest concerns are for their farming operation in the upcoming year, nearly half (47%) of survey respondents chose higher input costs.

Unlike the broader sentiment measures, the Farm Financial Performance Index rose 2 points to 106 in November, 10% above its low reading in June of

"Compared to late spring, strong crop yields for fall harvested crops and strength in wheat prices helped push 2021 crop revenue and profitability estimates up, compared to one year ago," Mintert

Producers remain very optimistic about farmland values over both the next 12 months and the next five years, as both the shortterm and long-term farmland value expectations indices remain near their peaks.

Mintert says, "Strong cash flows from crops in 2021, low interest rates and, possibly, rising concerns about inflation continue to propel farmland

Somewhat surprisingly, given the concerns about rising input costs, 52% of corn/soybean producers expect cash rental rates to rise in 2022 compared with 43% in October. This marks the highest percentage of producers reporting that they expect rental rates in 2022 to rise since the May 2021 survey.

Both interest and awareness of leasing farmland for solar energy projects is on the rise. In November, 11% all respondents reported having a discussion with a company or companies about leasing farmland for solar energy production; however, reported lease rates continue to vary widely. In November, 25% of producers who reported having discussions with a solar leasing company said they were offered less than \$500 per acre, while 34% of producers said they were offered a lease rate of \$1,000 or more per acre.

Concerns over governmental policy and regulations remain elevated among farmers. On the November 2021 survey, 82% of respondents said they expect more restrictive environmental regulations, 74% expect higher estate taxes, and 77% expect higher income taxes in the years ahead. These percentages compare to results from the October 2020 survey when just 41% of producers expected more restrictive environmental regulations and 35% expected higher estate taxes over the next five years.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report online. The site also offers additional resources such as past reports, charts and survey methodology, and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information. check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.



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STEER & BULL CALVES 957 @ 160.85 62 blk/bwf strs 12 blk strs 414 @ 228.00 26 blk/char strs 783 @ 160.50 388 @ 217.00 907 @ 160.25 5 blk strs 62 blk strs 8 blk strs 383 @ 216.00 60 blk/bwf strs 843 @ 160.00 14 red/blk strs 428 @ 216.00 813 @ 159.00 10 blk/red strs 5 blk strs 368 @ 201.00 16 char/blk strs 607 @ 158.00 2 blk strs 468 @ 197.00 956 @ 157.60 60 blk strs 290 @ 187.00 2 blk strs 18 blk/wf strs 785 @ 157.00 420 @ 185.00 737 @ 156.50 2 blk strs 9 red/blk strs 522 @ 183.00 668 @ 156.00 6 blk strs 11 mix strs 2 blk/red strs 528 @ 180.50 8 blk strs 611 @ 154.00 394 @ 180.00 5 blk/wf strs 61 blk/red strs 920 @ 153.25 3 red/blk bulls 403 @ 179.00 5 blk/bwf strs 635 @ 152.00 490 @ 178.00 978 @ 150.75 3 blk strs 52 blk/bwf strs 2 blk strs 370 @ 177.00 643 @ 150.00 8 blk strs 2 blk/char strs 450 @ 176.00 3 blk strs 915 @ 149.00 400 @ 171.00 627 @ 148.00 2 char/wf strs 5 blk strs 430 @ 170.00 2 blk strs 26 blk/char strs 912 @ 147.50 2 bwf/wf strs/bulls 470 @ 169.00

HEIFER CALVES 2 blk/bwf strs 530 @ 166.00 1 blk hfr 355 @ 178.00 STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS 4 blk/char hfrs 394 @ 177.00 553 @ 183.50 2 blk hfrs 453 @ 175.00 4 blk strs 135 blk strs 713 @ 181.50 14 blk hfrs 346 @ 174.00 741 @ 175.00 464 @ 174.00 70 blk/red strs 7 blk hfrs 16 blk strs 568 @ 174.00 15 red hfrs 367 @ 170.00 622 @ 173.00 443 @ 169.00 34 blk strs 4 blk/bwf hfrs 21 blk strs 644 @ 171.50 2 blk/bwf hfrs 375 @ 168.00 872 @ 163.85 4 blk/bwf hfrs 510 @ 166.00 59 blk/bwf strs 6 red strs 613 @ 163.00 16 blk/bwf hfrs 525 @ 165.50 23 blk strs 709 @ 163.00 8 blk hfrs 513 @ 165.00 34 blk/bwf strs 732 @ 162.25 9 blk hfrs 544 @ 164.00

438 @ 155.00 4 blk cows 2 red hfrs 420 @ 153.00 1 blk cow 2 blk/char hfrs 468 @ 153.00 22 red/blk hfrs 518 @ 152.00 3 blk/bwf hfrs 412 @ 150.00 2 red hfrs 428 @ 150.00 2 wf/char hfrs 400 @ 149.00 **STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS** 76 blk/bwf hfrs 741 @ 158.50 3 blk hfrs 567 @ 155.00 651 @ 154.25 22 red/blk hfrs 2 blk hfrs 615 @ 153.50 63 blk/bwf hfrs 794 @ 153.50

513 @ 162.00

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COWS & HEIFERETTES 1 blk hfrt 1040 @ 70.00 1 blk cow 1305 @ 69.00

1550 @ 66.50 1630 @ 66.00 1 char cow 2 red cows 1218 @ 65.50 1 blk cow 1810 @ 65.00 1275 @ 64.50 1 char cow 1 blk cow 1395 @ 64.00 1615 @ 63.50 1 bwf cow 2 blk cows 1590 @ 62.50 1 wf cow 1315 @ 62.00 1 red cow 1210 @ 61.00 1185 @ 60.00 2 red cows 1320 @ 59.00 1 blk cow 2 blk cows 1270 @ 58.50 1 blk cow 1405 @ 58.00 1 char cow 1320 @ 57.50 1 red cow 1135 @ 57.00 2 wf/blk cows 1243 @ 56.50 1 red cow 1385 @ 56.00 1 blk cow 1400 @ 55.00 1 red cow 1175 @ 53.50 1 blk cow 1195 @ 52.00 1 bwf cow 1075 @ 51.50 1 blk cow 1100 @ 50.00 1 blk cow 1115 @ 49.50 1 blk cow 1095 @ 49.00

1685 @ 68.50

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CONSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 14:

- 125 blk bwf strs & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., vacc. 25 blk strs & hfrs, 550-600 lbs., weaned, vacc. 70 blk strs & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 250 blk char red hfrs, 675-725 lbs., green
- 30 wf bwf strs & hfrs, 750-900 lbs.
- 24 blk steers, 750-775 lbs.
- 45 blk steers, 825-850 lbs.
- 97 blk steers, 750-775 lbs. 60 blk char steers. 900-925 lbs.
- 60 blk steers. 900-950 lbs.
- 60 blk steers, 925-950 lbs.
- 120 blk char steers, 875-900
- **CONSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 21:**

150 SimAngus strs, 650-675 lbs., home raised, long time weaned from Stuewe Ranch LAST SALE OF 2021

NO SALE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28!

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