

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 pre-vet 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; Faye 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 Holyrood 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. 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 Deb-

bie 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 agri-

culture 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 journalism. 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 Com-

munity 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 or agricultural economics.

Rebecca Donaldson of Berryton was awarded the \$500 Farmers Feed

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KDA participates in beef genetics trade mission to Mexico

Together with the Idaho 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.

Championship. "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 able to get in front of progressive cattle producers who are interested in incorporating Kansas genetics in their herds."

In 2020, Kansas agriculture exports to Mexico

totalled \$1.45 billion. Mexico is Kansas' number one trade partner, accounting for nearly 36% of total agricultural exports. The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which entered into force in July 2020, further strengthens the United States' agricultural relationship with Mexico. According to the

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.

we 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 Market Access Program. It

is the mission of KDA to 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.

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 keep-versus-cull decision.

"The differences in marketing strategies and the genetic investment will dictate how the level of performance plays in the keep or cull decision," said Brad White, veterinarian.

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

cows.

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

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, veterinarian.

Pounds of calf weaned per exposed female: "The number of pounds of calf weaned per female exposed encompasses nutrition, genetics and repro-

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 herd."

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 said.

Counter to White's point, however, was Lar-

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

"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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Scholarship, administered 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.

Five students were

awarded \$1,000 Altosid IGR Scholarships. Chelsey Bieberle of Bushton is the daughter of Jerry and Audria Bieberle. She is a freshman in the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Caleb Hildebrand of Stafford, son of Jason and Carrie Hildebrand, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry. Chance Kopsa is the son of Kyle and Cassie Kopsa of Beloit. He is a junior at Kansas State University also majoring in animal sciences and industry. From Inman, Katie Krehbiel is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry. She is

the daughter of Kevin and 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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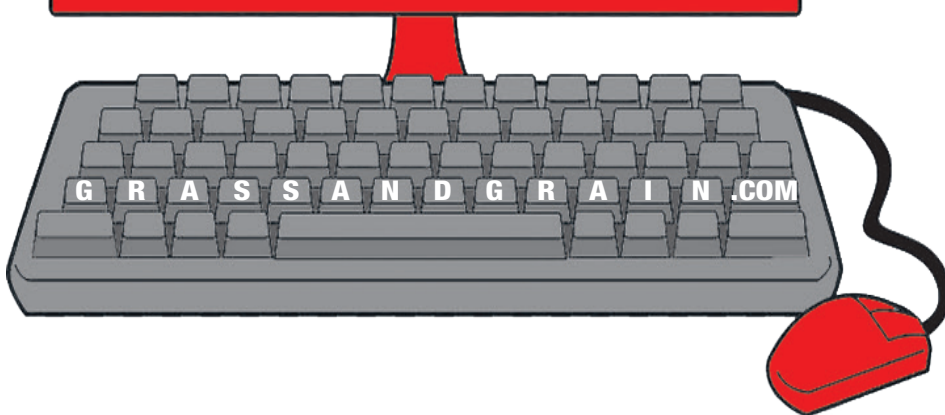
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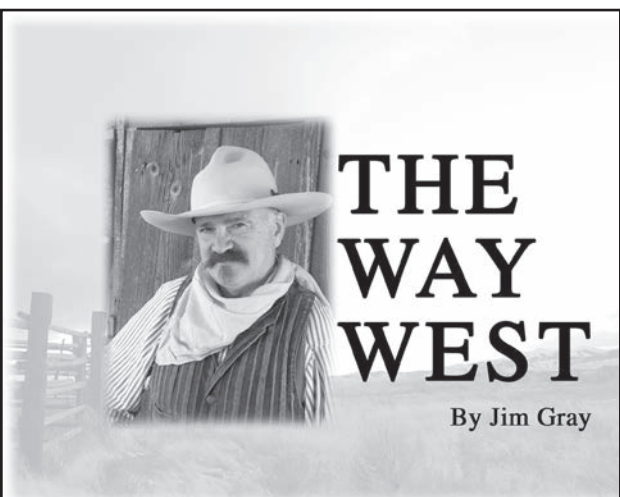
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Unforeseen Brutality

In the spring of 1871 the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad was building a railroad across the state of Kansas to rival the Kansas Pacific. Although only survey stakes marked the route, businessmen were looking at a particular location where the new railroad would eventually intersect the Chisholm Trail. The settlement began to take shape in May, boasting one hundred people by June 1st. Named for Newton, Massachusetts, all eyes were suddenly on the new town of Newton, Kansas. The rush was on. "The sound of the saw and hammer could be heard at all hours of the day and night, including Sundays." The wife of an early attorney observed that "Newton sprung up like magic, from the prairie sod to a village of 1000 or more inhabitants."

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 Abilene.

Bear in mind that the 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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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. Drivers 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 men.

1871 had been a hard year 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

storm they moved the cattle to new grazing grounds on the Smoky Hill River. She wrote, "Nine horses were lost in this snow-storm. 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 Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Ellsworth, KS. Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st RD Geneseo, KS. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.*

NCGA accepting applications for 2022 Scholarship Programs – deadline January 31

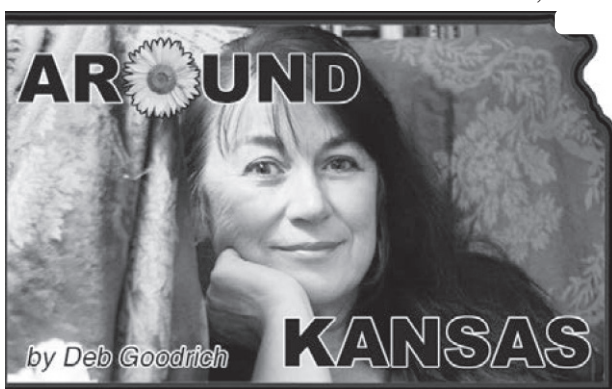
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To apply, students or a parent/guardian must be a member of the NCGA. In addition, past scholarship winners and employees and the families of employees of any division of BASF or their subsidiaries or the NCGA are not eligible for the scholarship.



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-

tens is the cornerstone. When people get off the highway and have friendly folks helping them, they are more likely to come into town and explore. For local folks, we not only take advantage of fuel and food, but the jobs provided by this operation are crucial in a small town. I simply cannot overstate how important Mittens is to us.

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.

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Grass & Grain Weather Report

Dec. 15, 2021

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																																																								
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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

prices, the prospect of 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 2021.

"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 said.

Producers remain very optimistic about farmland values over both the next 12 months and the next five years, as both the short-term 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

values higher."

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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8 blk str	383 @ 216.00	60 blk str	907 @ 160.25
14 red/blk str	428 @ 216.00	60 blk str	843 @ 160.00
5 blk str	368 @ 201.00	10 blk/red str	813 @ 159.00
2 blk str	468 @ 197.00	16 char/blk str	607 @ 158.00
2 blk str	290 @ 187.00	60 blk str	956 @ 157.60
2 blk str	420 @ 185.00	18 blk/wf str	785 @ 157.00
6 blk str	522 @ 183.00	9 red/blk str	737 @ 156.50
2 blk/red str	528 @ 180.50	11 mix str	668 @ 156.00
5 blk/wf str	394 @ 180.00	8 blk str	611 @ 154.00
3 red/blk bulls	403 @ 179.00	61 blk/red str	920 @ 153.25
3 blk str	490 @ 178.00	5 blk/bwf str	635 @ 152.00
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2 blk/char str	450 @ 176.00	8 blk str	643 @ 150.00
2 char/wf str	400 @ 171.00	3 blk str	915 @ 149.00
2 blk str	430 @ 170.00	5 blk str	627 @ 148.00
2 bwf/wf str/bulls	470 @ 169.00	26 blk/char str	912 @ 147.50
2 blk/bwf str	530 @ 166.00		

HEIFER CALVES

1 blk hfr	355 @ 178.00
4 blk/char hfr	394 @ 177.00
2 blk hfr	453 @ 175.00
14 blk hfr	346 @ 174.00
7 blk hfr	464 @ 174.00
15 red hfr	367 @ 170.00
4 blk/bwf hfr	443 @ 169.00
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4 blk/bwf hfr	510 @ 166.00
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16 blk str	568 @ 174.00
34 blk str	622 @ 173.00
21 blk str	644 @ 171.50
59 blk/bwf str	872 @ 163.85
6 red str	613 @ 163.00
23 blk str	709 @ 163.00
34 blk/bwf str	732 @ 162.25

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

76 blk/bwf hfr	741 @ 158.50
3 blk hfr	567 @ 155.00
22 red/blk hfr	651 @ 154.25
2 blk hfr	615 @ 153.50
63 blk/bwf hfr	794 @ 153.50
24 blk hfr	598 @ 153.00
8 blk hfr	679 @ 153.00
59 blk/red hfr	908 @ 152.10
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1 blk hfrt	1040 @ 70.00
1 blk cow	1305 @ 69.00

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5 red cows	@ 1100.00
6 blk cows	@ 1100.00
6 blk cows	@ 1050.00
13 red cows	@ 1035.00

BULLS

1 blk cow	@ 1025.00
1 blk cow	@ 950.00
7 red cows	@ 935.00
9 blk hfr	@ 925.00
1 red cow	@ 900.00
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CONSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 14:

- 125 blk bwf str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., vacc.
- 25 blk str & hfrs, 550-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 70 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 250 blk char red hfrs, 675-725 lbs., green
- 30 wf bwf str & 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

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