

Resources available for recovery from widespread storms and wildfires

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Agriculture are available to answer questions about the disposal of animal

carcasses and other agricultural needs. KDHE can also assist with questions concerning building debris and recovery from the widespread storms and wildfires that impacted

Kansas on December 15.

KDHE district office personnel or County Emergency Managers can provide appropriate forms and assist with their completion. KDHE will issue

approvals as quickly as possible upon receipt of completed forms.

If a federal disaster is declared, government agencies and persons who seek FEMA reimbursement for costs incurred for disaster response may need to demonstrate prior authorization was obtained for disposal or

open burning. The use of these forms will provide that demonstration.

To request forms or assistance completing forms, you may contact the county KDHE district office, county Emergency Manager or the KDHE Bureau of Waste Management at (785) 296-1600.

Links to some common

forms used to dispose of disaster debris can be found on the KDHE website.

Information about recovery resources, including mental health resources, for farmers and ranchers, can be found on the Kansas Department of Agriculture website.

KLF, Cargill partner to help producers rebuild

Cargill has donated \$100,000 to the Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF), the charitable arm of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), to help with relief efforts underway for producers impacted by the weather events of December 15. These and other funds will be used to purchase fencing supplies, feed and other priority needs identified by local KLA leadership in counties affected by severe weather and wildfires that burned nearly 400,000 acres. Livestock producers in the hardest hit areas lost fence, livestock and feed resources. Homes and outbuildings also were among the losses.

"Like everyone, we're saddened by the impacts

recent severe weather had on farming and ranching operations across Kansas," said Hans Kabat, president of Cargill's North American protein business. "Cargill has long been a trusted partner for farmers and ranchers and we're proud to stand with KLA and the Kansas Livestock Foundation to offer our support in helping families begin to rebuild."

Donations to KLF for relief efforts are welcome and encouraged. To donate, go to www.kla.org and click on the KLF wildfire relief link. Checks can be sent to KLF, 6031 SW 37th Street, Topeka, KS 66614.

"We appreciate Cargill's substantial contribution in support of Kansas livestock producers

impacted by the fires and other severe weather," said KLA Chief Executive Officer Matt Teagarden. "With the help of Cargill and other generous donors, those affected will be better equipped to recover and rebuild."

KLF has a proven process to equitably distribute funds collected, with every dollar donated going to those Kansas producers impacted by the recent weather event. Applicants do not have to be KLA members. Those interested in applying to receive funds can call the KLA office at (785) 273-5115 to be placed on a list to receive the application when it is finalized. Once completed, the application also will be accessible at www.kla.org/resources/wildfire-relief-resources.

KLF was established in 1983 to operate solely and exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes that advance the interests of the Kansas livestock industry. For more information about KLF, contact Ryan Higbie by calling the KLA office or emailing ryan@kla.org.

Transportation and Agriculture departments urge end to reduced and poor service for U.S.-grown agricultural commodities

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack urged the world's leading ocean carriers to help mitigate disruptions to agricultural shippers of U.S. exports and relieve supply chain disruptions created by the COVID-19 pandemic by restoring reciprocal treatment of imports and exports and improving service. Ocean carriers have made fewer containers available for U.S. agricultural commodities, repeatedly changed return dates and charged unfair fees as the ocean carriers short-circuited the usual pathways and rushed containers back to be exported empty. The poor service and refusal to serve customers is exemplified by many ocean carriers suspending service to the Port of Oakland. DOT and USDA are calling on the carriers to more fully utilize available terminal capacity on the West Coast. The Port of Oakland, Port of Portland, and other West Coast ports have excess capacity to alleviate supply chain congestion. However, the suspension of service by ocean carriers at the Port of Oakland earlier this year has required agricultural exporters to truck their harvests to the already heavily congested Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Restoration of service would not only ease the congestion at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in Southern California but would allow the prompt export of American goods overseas and ease the strain on the supply of long-haul truckers necessary to transport goods from Northern California to Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The letter was sent to Ed Aldridge, President, CMA CGM America LLC; Tenny Hsieh, President, Wan Hai Lines America; Feng Bo, President, COSCO North America; Kee Hoon Park, CEO, SM Line; Benjamin Tsai, President, Evergreen Shipping Agency; Uffe Ostergaard, President, Hapag-Lloyd AG North America; Jeremy Nixon, President, Ocean Network Express; George Goldman, President, Zim American Integrated Shipping Services; Paul Devine, President, OOCL (USA) Inc.; Doug Morgante, Vice President, Maersk Inc.; Fabio Santucci, President and CEO, MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company USA; Cheng-Mount Cheng, Chairman and CEO, Yang Ming Marine Transport Company.

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- 75 choice reputation blk bwf str & replacement quality hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 600-800 lbs.
- 55 blk, few Char cross str, 825-875 lbs.
- 55 blk, few Char cross hfrs, 775-825 lbs.

- 36 Hinkson genetics blk str (30) and hfrs (6). Spring & Fall shots, weaned Oct. 15, 500-700 lbs.
- 65 choice blk & Red Ang cross str & hfrs, weaned Oct., 2 rds shots, green, 500-600 lbs.
- 80 Angus str & hfrs, green, 2 rds shots, long weaned, 500-650 lbs.
- 55 rwf, bwf, few blk str, weaned Oct. 21, 2 rds shots, 550-600 lbs.



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- 8 big Char 1st calf hfrs bred Red Ang for Feb.-March calving.
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- 10 Fancy Herf (7) & bwf (3) 1st calf hfrs w/ Red Ang sired Nov. calves by side. Cows & calves worked.

REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

- 8 choice bwf OCV replacement hfrs, pelvic measured, all shots, 700-750 lbs.

COW/CALF PAIRS

- 10 blk cows, 3-5 yrs, w/ Angus sired calves by side, cows & calves all worked.
- 60 blk, blk Baldy, Char (5), Red Baldy (4) cows, 6 yrs w/ mid July-Nov. crossbred calves by side. Ang & SimAng bulls turned in Dec. 1. Calves all worked.
- 8 blk cows, 3-8 yrs w/ late Fall calves by side.

BRED COWS

- 80 blk & bwf cows, 3-5 yrs, bred Ang for Feb. & March calving. Cows worked & poured.
- 20 blk cows, 6-10 yrs, bred for March-April calving.

- **COMPLETE DISPERSAL CONSISTING OF:** 48 blk, few Red cows, 3-SS, bred Angus to start calving Feb. 7.

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JAN. 14

- 240 blk str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, bunk broke, weaned 75 days, 500-700 lbs.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

****DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO REPORT NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 28TH. THE NEXT REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED JANURAY 4TH.****

Hay market prices remained steady for alfalfa and grass hay, with movement slow. Most producers were busy cleaning up from the storms that marched across Kansas on Wednesday, December 15th. Damage ranged from minor, a few shingles off the roof or small tree branches down to devastating when wildfires erupted in 11 counties. In all just under 400,000 acres were burned, of which roughly 365,850 acres were scorched in the 4-County Fire that stretched across Ellis, Russell, Osborne and Rooks counties. Relief efforts are underway and information to help can be found at the Kansas Department of Agriculture website, www.agriculture.ks.gov. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for the week of December 14th, abnormally dry conditions (D0) increased to 31.5%, moderate drought (D1) decreased to 12%, severe drought (D2) increased to 7% and extreme drought (D3) bumped up slightly to near .70%.

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

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, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Stock or Dry Cow 185.00-195.00. Grinding alfalfa 180.00-185.00. 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. Corn stalks: large round 75.00 delivered. The week of 12/12-12/18, 7,377T of grinding alfalfa and 175T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets, ground and delivered steady, grinding alfalfa 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, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Good, Stock cow, 170.00-180.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 155.00-165.00 delivered. Ground and delivered 185.00-195.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 230.00-240.00, 17 pct protein 240.00-250.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 310.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large rounds 80.00-90.00, large squares 100.00-110.00. Brome: large round 95.00-100.00, 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 85.00-95.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 70.00-75.00 delivered. The week of 12/12-12/18, 7,625T of grinding alfalfa and 1,163T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 260.00-270.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Good, stock cow 180.00-190.00, with an instance of premium stock cow 220.00-240.00. 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 100.00-110.00, 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 12/12-12/18, 1,099T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

K-State beef cattle experts discuss how nutrition and stress in utero impact animals for a lifetime

By Lisa Moser

During pregnancy, regular checkups are key for mother and baby to maintain good health. The same is true for beef cattle, according to the experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute.

"In the case of replacement heifers, research has shown that if their diet was restricted when they were in utero, there can be some long-term negative implications for them as

they become cows," said Phillip Lancaster, beef cattle nutritionist on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

Lancaster's comment came during a discussion about fetal programming.

"Fetal programming relates to how we feed and manage the cow during pregnancy and its impact on the calf's performance at birth and throughout its lifetime," said Brad White, veterinarian.

In extreme caloric re-

strictions that are the result of drought or mismanagement, veterinarian Bob Larson said there is likely a negative impact on the pregnancy.

"It is conceivable that a cow that appears to be malnourished will have a calf that is negatively impacted," Larson said.

In early gestation, malnourishment can impact the development of the gastrointestinal track and liver. Later in the pregnancy, it can impact muscle, ribeye size and marbling, Lancaster said.

"Nutrition has been the focus of the research, but the fetus can also be impacted if the cow experiences a stressful event while pregnant," he said.

To keep the cows in good nutrition, Lancaster said protein supplementation is important as well as adding energy to the diet and providing vitamins and minerals.

"If the cows are out on pastures with low quality forage, make sure you are providing them with a protein supplement," Lancaster said.

White added: "If the cows maintain a good body condition throughout the pregnancy, it is likely that the calf will be born healthy, but for some extra assurance you may want to consult with a nutritionist to make sure the cows are getting what they need through supplements."

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

Managing goats in late gestation

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

As a child during the month of December, I would anxiously await Christmas, excited to see what presents I would find under the tree Christmas morning. Now, I get just as excited for kidding season and I would guess that many producers feel the same way. While anxiously waiting the first set of 2022 kids to hit the ground in the coming months, now is the time to make sure the nutrient requirements of does are being met to help ensure strong, healthy kids and does in the spring.

While preparing for kidding season, ensure there is adequate shelter for does and kids and that you are stocked up on the supplies you need. It is also important to ensure that does receive the nutrients they need during the last four to six weeks of gestation, also referred to as late gestation, when about 70 percent of fetal growth occurs. While the energy and protein requirements of the doe increase during late gestation, her rumen capacity decreases. This decreased rumen capacity means the doe cannot meet the higher nutrient requirements by consuming more feed. Instead, the doe must consume higher quality, more nutritious feed. Supplemental nutrition is usually required, especially for does that are carrying multiple fetuses (twins, triplets, quads). Ensuring the doe has access to good quality forage, supplementing with grain if needed, will help ensure does are consuming adequate nutrients to support fetal growth, help prevent pregnancy toxemia (ketosis) and milk fever, and help ensure the arrival of strong, healthy kids.

Nutrient requirements will vary by age, weight, body condition, number of kids, and weather. Generally, does require 12 percent protein and 60 percent total digestible nutrients (TDN) during late gestation. To determine the protein and TDN in your hay, you can send in a hay sample for testing through your local Extension office. Not meeting the nutrient requirements of does can result in pregnancy toxemia (ketosis), low birth weights, weak kids, and poor milk production. Pregnancy toxemia (ketosis) is caused by decreased blood glucose levels (blood sugar) and a rapid breakdown of fat to maintain blood glucose levels and meet energy requirements. Calcium is an important part of the diet for pregnant does for bone development in kids and milk production. Does need around 4 percent calcium in their diet. If does do not receive enough calcium or have too much calcium during late gestation, it can result in milk fever. The ratio of calcium to phosphorus should range from 2:1 to 1:1 for pregnant and lactating does. Milk fever (hypocalcemia) is a blood calcium deficiency due to the body's system not being able to activate and mobilize calcium, which most commonly occurs in dairy does right before or after kidding.

While it is important to ensure the nutritional requirements of does are met, it is also important to avoid over-feeding with grain. Overfeeding can result in overweight does that have an increased risk of difficult births due to larger kids and pregnancy toxemia. Meeting the nutritional requirements for does includes managing the way they are fed as well as what they are fed:

- Weigh any supplemental grain to ensure they are fed the correct amount.
- Do not feed on the ground. Make sure the feeders are clean and

Northwest Kansas

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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, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Stock Cow, 160.00-170.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa 140.00-150.00; Ground and delivered 165.00-175.00. 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 none reported, large rounds 90.00-105.00; Wheat Straw: Small squares 5.00-6.00/bale, Large 3x4 to 4x4 squares 85.00-100.00. Certified weed free grass mulch large rounds, 80.00-90.00. The week of 12/12-12/18, 746T of grinding alfalfa and, 227T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

** Prices above reflect the average price.

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

*CWF Certified Weed Free

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

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

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



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Brome roundtable to be held in January

The Frontier Extension District will be partnering with Marais Des Cygnes Extension District to host a series of meetings dealing with stand loss of smooth brome this past fall. The meetings will be held on the following dates and times: January 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Overbrook Livestock Commission, January 20th, 9:30 a.m. at the Marais Des Cygnes Extension office, and January 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Anderson County Community Building. The meetings will be in roundtable fashion and everyone is encouraged to discuss their thoughts and ideas.

Extension agents and KSU forage specialist, Bruno Pedreira, will be on hand to discuss your brome concerns, have suggestions for forage crop alternatives, and present ideas for you to start considering. We will also be looking at fertilizer expenses, seed costs, etc.

Fall army worm damage of our brome fields varied greatly throughout eastern Kansas. The majority of the hay meadows that were damaged were those fields that were harvested late, in this case mid-July and after. The army worm moths sought those late harvest fields as sites

to lay their eggs. These fields had regrowth that was just a few inches tall when the worms began feeding and within a couple of days those fields turned brown. Many producers weren't concerned about the brome browning, as we were experiencing hot days and dry weather, they assumed the brome was going dormant. Questions started arising after we got a rain in early September, and the brome wasn't greening up. And the questions haven't stopped. What do we do now?

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Registration now open for 2022-2023 SowBridge educational series

SowBridge, the distance educational series for those who work with sows, boars and piglets, and with genetic and reproductive issues, begins its next program year in February, and registration is now under way. New this year, the series will be provided online through Zoom, although participants will be able to use a call-in option instead if they prefer.

Ken Stalder, Iowa State University animal science professor and Extension swine specialist, said suggestions from

participants guide the selection of future topics and speakers, and the live interaction with session speakers will not change.

"SowBridge provides all participants with the opportunity to hear directly from experts, and to contact those experts following the individual sessions," he said.

Stalder, who also is the Iowa contact for SowBridge, said cost remains at \$200 for the first registration from an entity, and half that amount for each subsequent registration from the same entity.

Sessions are the first Wednesday of every month and run from 11:15 a.m. to about 12:15 p.m. Central time. During each session, participants can ask questions of the industry expert presenter and discuss with other participants from the comfort of their home, office or swine unit. Each registration provides access to one Zoom connection (or call-in) per session and all program materials for each registration, including recordings of the live session.

Registration is due

Jan. 18, 2022 to ensure participants receive materials for the first session on Feb. 2. A brochure with information and a registration form is available on the IPIC website. Iowa residents who want more information can call Stalder at 515-294-4683.

2021 session dates and topics are as follows:

Feb. 2. The Impact of Non-edible Trim Loss on Cull Sow Value.

March 2. Proposition 12 Implications.

April 6. Estrus Detection and Insemination Strategies for Different

Housing Systems.

May 4. Lactation Feeding Strategies.

June 1. Global African Swine Fever Overview.

July 6. What Will Happen if ASF Comes to the U.S.?

Aug. 3. How Does Mass Depopulation Work?

Sept. 7. How Does PRRS 1-4-4 Compare to Other Strains?

Oct. 5. Fan Maintenance and Ventilation Settings.

Nov. 2. Body Assessment Methods.

Dec. 7. Preweaning

Piglet Survival.

Jan. 4, 2023. PCAI: An Update on Adoption in the U.S.

For more information on the sessions or registration, contact Sherry Hoyer at Iowa Pork Industry Center at Iowa State by phone at 515-294-4496 or email shoyer@iastate.edu.

SowBridge is provided through a cooperative effort of 15 colleges and universities – including Iowa State – from the nation's major swine producing states.

Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services available to producers

There is a general sense that this had been a great year for the agricultural community. Commodity prices are up and producers are making money. However, nothing is that simple. There are still many producers that continue to struggle and have found themselves in precarious financial and legal situations. The cause of stress in agriculture has its roots in financial and legal challenges of the farm or ranch business.

The Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services (KAMS) is a state agricultural mediation program that helps farmers and ranchers explore options through mediation as well as other financial and legal concerns they might have. They are part of a national program funded by Congress beginning in 1988 to use mediation as a tool to work with producers and lenders to resolve financial difficulties short of bankruptcy or foreclosure. For example, KAMS helps with appeal options for USDA adverse decisions: farm loan delinquency, denial, or adverse decisions for USDA farm programs.

KAMS is designed to be a safe and confidential place for farmers and ranchers to call to receive assistance and be proactive in addressing their needs with legal, financial, and mediation services. The program's staff serves as an unbiased party that can align people with resources to help them make a good decision.

The KAMS staff is available to visit with callers, confidentially and at no cost, regarding any agricultural legal or financial issue, including such topics as answering questions regarding USDA denial letters, clarifying confusing paperwork, understanding appeal options available, agricultural credit situations, property rights issues, farm foreclosures, and landlord/tenant disputes.

What is Mediation?

The mediation process is designed to assist farmers, agricultural lenders, and USDA agencies to resolve disputes in a confidential and non-adversarial setting

outside the traditional legal process.

Mediation is a voluntary, confidential process in which a neutral third party (the mediator) helps those in conflict identify issues, options, and possible solutions. A mediator does not make a determination nor a judgment of who is right or wrong. The mediator is there to facilitate open, frank discussion of the issues. The participants are encouraged to discuss all issues, options, and possible solutions. A successful mediation is almost always based on the voluntary cooperation and participation of all the parties.

KAMS' support services contribute to successful mediations. Parties participating in mediation who understand their legal rights and obligations, have taken the time to explore financial options, and have satisfactorily prepared often have a more positive outcome. KAMS refers producers to the KSRE Farm Analyst Program and Kansas Legal Services as part of the mediation process.

Why Participate in Mediation?

Mediation maintains confidentiality, restores communication and fosters important business relationships, allows the parties to reach their own mutually acceptable solutions, provides a time-saving, affordable alternative to appeals and litigation, provides a neutral setting in which to openly discuss sensitive issues.

KAMS specialists provide initial information and guidance at no cost through a toll-free hotline, 1-800-321-FARM (1-800-321-3276). A statewide network of cooperating agencies and programs includes a pool of trained agricultural mediators, K-State Research and Extension financial consultants, and Kansas Legal Services. To find out more about mediation and KAMS, you can go to the KAMS website at <https://www.k-state.edu/kams/> or the K-State Research and Extension Ag Manager website at <https://www.agmanager.info>.

Registration open for Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

Registration opened Dec. 13 for an event that gives Kansas kids a chance to showcase their skills and knowledge about horses.

The 2022 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama will be held Jan. 28-30 at the Rock Springs Ranch, located about five miles south of Junction City.

"This is an event for Kansas 4-H members who are enrolled in the horse project to test their knowledge, showcase their public speaking skills and network with other youth who share a common interest," said Kelsey Nordyke, a 4-H youth development specialist at the Southeast Kansas Research and Extension Center.

Youth do not have to actually own a horse to be involved, Nordyke said. More than 50 Kansas 4-H members participated in the 2021 event.

Nordyke said the event includes a horse quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking, demonstration and illustrated talks, model horse expo, logo contest and photography.

Hippology, which is the study of horses, is a unique event similar to a skillathon "where kids identify parts of the horse, feed items, minerals and feed ingredients, colors and genetics of the horse, parts of equipment we use to care for horses," and other topics, Nordyke said.

The quiz bowl and hippology contests include both team and individual awards. Youth can compete by age group in senior or intermediate divisions. Nordyke said in the senior division, the top teams in quiz bowl and hippology, as well as the top individuals the public speaking and demonstration contests are eligible to represent Kansas at the National Western Stock Show in Denver in early January.

More information and registration for this year's Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama is available online. Interested individuals can also contact their local extension office.

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Governor Laura Kelly takes action to exempt sales tax on fencing materials for Kansans affected by wildfires

Governor Laura Kelly has directed Kansas Department of Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart to work with state legislators representing the communities impacted by the wildfires to fast-track legislation extending the sales tax exemption for

fence materials and services as outlined in Notice 17-01.

"Kansas farmers and ranchers are the backbone of this state, and the devastating wildfires they experienced last week have taken an enormous toll on their liveli-

hoods," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I am directing Secretary Burghart to work with our legislators to fast-track legislation to exempt sales tax for Kansans trying to replace damaged or destroyed fences."

Tax exemptions must be passed by law through the Kansas Legislature. Currently, Notice 17-01 only applies to wildfires that took place in 2016 and 2017.

On December 9, 2021, Governor Kelly declared a State of Disaster Emergency due to the elevated

dangers of wildfires. On December 16, 2021, Governor Kelly directed the Kansas National Guard and Kansas Forest Service to deploy aerial assets to the affected areas to assist with fire suppression efforts in multiple counties with active wild-

fires.

Additional information about recovery resources, including mental health resources, for farmers and ranchers, can be found on the Kansas Department of Agriculture website.

would be a natural fit.

"Together, we have identified benefits and we look forward to working together for the future of our cooperatives, the members and our employees," Wegner said. "The synergy we can gain by combining the two organizations will allow our cooperatives to continue to achieve more success."

Progressive Ag Cooperative and MKC are currently finalizing due diligence and developing the required merger documents to be approved by both boards. A vote by Progressive Ag Cooperative members will be required to approve the merger, which is anticipated to take place early in 2022.

Noting similar visions and values, Allan Wegner, MKC Board Chairman commented the merger

Progressive Ag Cooperative and MKC announce intent to merge

The Board of Directors of both Progressive Ag Cooperative and MKC have unanimously approved a Letter of Intent to pursue an Agreement and Plan of Merger, which if supported by the members of Progressive Ag Cooperative, would result in the merger of Progressive Ag Cooperative with MKC.

Board Chairman for Progressive Ag Cooperative Derek Totten says the board recognized the value this merger would bring to member-owners and is very excited about the opportunity. "After considerable due diligence, we believe unification is the best way to generate stockholder value and benefits, compete in the marketplace, and build a strong

foundation for the future," Totten says.

"This merger would provide improved efficiencies in operations where both companies currently have grain assets, create opportunities to expand our technology and other services to producers' operations in our footprint, resulting in improved financial performance, and ensuring our relevancy in the industry," Totten says. "Increasing and improving the value to both members and employees of Progressive Ag Cooperative is our primary focus."

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Donors will help producers recover from storm and wildfire

Generous contributors from across the country continue to donate funds for wildfire and severe storm relief to the Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF). As of December 21,

the foundation collected or had commitments for \$507,748. All the proceeds will be used to help producers affected by recent wildfires and severe weather. A total of 396 do-

nations were made from December 15 through December 21.

Large contributions or commitments to KLF relief efforts have been from Cargill at \$100,000; Tyson

at \$100,000 and an on-line stallion auction that raised \$47,485. In addition, four Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, Oklahoma Ag Credit, Premier Farm Credit, Farm Credit

of Southern Colorado and CoBank are donating a total of \$141,000 to KLF.

Donations still are welcome and encouraged to help producers rebuild. Checks can be sent to KLF, 6031 SW 37th Street, Topeka, KS 66614. Please put wildfire relief in the memo line.

For hay and fencing supply donations, Heartland Regional Stockyards at Plainville and the Russell County Fairgrounds in Russell are serving as collection and distribution sites. Contact the auction market at (785)688-4080 and the Extension office at (785) 483-3157.

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North American Meat Institute to CDFA: modified Prop 12 rules remain flawed; more time needed

In comments submitted to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), the North American Meat Institute (NAMI) said, despite modification to proposed rules for Proposition 12 (Prop 12 or the law), the proposed rules remain flawed and more time is needed for compliance.

"Until CDFA publishes final rules, no one can adequately prepare to comply with a law with criminal sanctions and that authorizes civil litigation," said Mark Dopp, general counsel and chief operating officer at NAMI. "Rather than apply 'band-aids' to address some challenges, NAMI suggests CDFA go further and afford everyone in the supply chain, from hog producers all the way to food service and retail entities, the 28-month preparation time the law, and the voters, contemplated before enforcing any aspect of Prop 12 or its regulations."

Although CDFA modified the proposed rules and are to be applauded because they account for complexities in the supply chain or they bring the proposal more in line with the law, unfortunately, many parts of the May 2021 proposed rules remain intact and flawed. NAMI identified these flaws in its July comments and during the August public hearing.

Prop 12 directed CDFA to promulgate regulations implementing the law by September 1, 2019. The rules are yet to be finalized even though some provisions take effect January 1, 2022.

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