

## Bovine Bonding

“Cow cuddling is a thing,” I was told.

What?! “Cow cuddling?!” I’ve heard of “horse whispering” and “goat yoga.” Now we have cow cuddling?

What’s next? Hog dancing? Chicken petting? Llama hugging? What in the heck is cow cuddling anyway? (I know about a cow’s cud, but what about cow cuddling?)

According to a “highly reliable source” (one which starts with an “I” and rhymes with “winter-net”), cow cuddling is a

practice in the Netherlands. The practice has now moved to the United States and has gained in popularity during the pandemic. (If social distancing says to stay six feet away from people, apparently we can replace that need for contact by hugging our cows. They may not be six feet away, but they do have four feet on them.)

A 2020 BBC report stated that cow cuddling is believed to “promote positivity and reduce stress by boosting oxytocin in hu-

mans” (I am not making this up). It further stated that the calming effects of curling up with a pet or other animal are accentuated when cuddling with larger mammals.

Actually, I can see that in the case of certain horses. My wife said that when she was a little girl, she could go hug her pony for comfort. Brushing a horse, for example, is good for both the horse and the rider. I can confirm that a horse will listen without judging. And a well-handled show steer or a mature milk cow might be a candidate for this.

But cuddling with my range cows? You’ve got to be kidding.

My friend Glenn Brunkow (a farm organization leader and fellow *Grass & Grain* columnist), was my county ag Extension agent years ago. He gave lots of good advice, one piece of which was to “cull for disposition” in our cattle herds. It was great advice which I have never forgotten and have followed to this day. I don’t need cows that will charge through a fence or run over people. When there’s a wild calf or a cow on the prod, that is a tipping point to send him or her to market. As a result, through the years we have developed a cow herd that is generally calm

and placid around people.

But that does not mean that I could walk up and give my cows a hug. The whole point of herding cows is learning how to approach them so that they will go in the direction that you want when you’re trying to move them. When I’m with my cows, they don’t typically approach me with open arms (legs? hooves?) unless I’m bringing feed.

Recently we hosted a kids’ birthday party at the ranch. The kids got to ride a pony and pet some farm animals, such as the rabbit, cat and dog. They were able to hand-feed a goat and a llama. Then I heard one mom say that her dream was to pet a cow. “Well, Ma’am, we have a bucket calf that just might make your dream come true.” But in general, our cows are calm but they won’t win the Miss Congeniality award toward people either. They are not pets.

My cows have a herd instinct. They hang with each other and just don’t seem like the cuddly kind toward people. Somehow it is hard to picture “cow cuddling” as the next revenue stream at our ranch.

Now please excuse me. I have to go to the barn for a bonding session.

## Mexico, Brazil cut import duties

Mexico and Brazil announced they would temporarily waive import tariffs on several consumer products, including meat and other food items, in a bid to quell inflation.

Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador, in a recent decree, said the government would exempt 66 items, including pork, chicken and beef, as well as live animals to counteract the effects on prices from inflation and a decline in consumption by Mexican households.

In Mexico, inflation is at a 21-year high, driven by rising food prices. USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), in a report out this week, said Brazil also has lowered agricultural tariffs on food staples including beef, chicken, corn and wheat as it battles consumer inflation.

## USDA NIFA invests \$25M in meat and poultry agriculture workforce training

The U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has announced an investment of \$25 million, as part of the American Rescue Plan for meat and poultry agriculture workforce training.

NIFA will invest \$25 million through new and existing workforce development programs to provide a pipeline of well-trained workers to meet the demand increased independent processing capacity.

“These investments will enhance equity and capacity across the food supply chain by supporting meat and poultry research, education and training at the local level. USDA will leverage its robust regional education and Extension networks and establish new, or supplement existing, Centers of Excellence at Minority-serving Institutions to support this capacity-building effort,” said Acting NIFA Director Dr. Dionne Toombs. “Workforce training will increase the resiliency and competitiveness of our local and regional supply chains and support the industry’s urgent need for highly skilled talent to meet labor demands across the country.”

NIFA is leading two funding opportunities:


- Extension Risk Management Education and Sustainable Agriculture Research Education Programs: An investment of \$5 million will be split equally between Extension Risk Management Education and Sustainable Agriculture Research Education programs. Work in these programs will support development of meat and poultry processing training and educational materials for place-based needs, particularly relevant to small- or medium-sized farmers and ranchers. Additionally, training local and/or regional meat and poultry workers presents a unique opportunity to address the demand from niche markets, like mobile processing units fulfilling market demand from fresh markets, on-site processing, farm-to-fork (restaurants), boutique grocers and others.

- Community/Technical College Ag Workforce Training and Expanded Learning Opportunities: This Agricultural Workforce Training (AWT) investment makes available \$20 million to qualified community colleges to support meat and poultry processing workforce development programs. The AWT program seeks to develop a workforce ready for the field as well as industry jobs in the food and agricultural sectors. By creating new workforce training programs, or expanding, improving, or renewing existing workforce training programs at community, junior, and technical colleges/institutes, this program will expand job-based, experiential learning opportunities, acquisition of industry-accepted credentials and occupational competencies for students to enable a workforce for the 21st century.

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For our sale held on Friday, May 27th, a lighter run of cattle found a very good interest at higher prices on the Fall calves. There were not any feeder cattle offered to test the market. A few cow/calf pairs were offered and were finding a good demand. Weigh cows and bulls sold at fully steady to strong prices.

STEER CALVES — 350-525 LBS.

Leavenworth	3 blk	393@214.50
Hoyt	3 blk	478@204.00
Spring Hill	6 blk	519@198.50
Leavenworth	3 blk	365@192.00
Leavenworth	6 blk	452@188.50

STEERS — 550-700 LBS.

Blue Rapids	10 blk	585@187.25
Hoyt	6 Cross	561@187.00
Blue Rapids	43 blk	678@173.00
Spring Hill	13 blk	641@172.50

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Olsburg	1 blk	1330@75.00
Clifton	1 blk	1360@72.00
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Westmoreland 1 blk | 1175@69.50 || Eskridge | 1 blk | 1165@68.50 |
Auburn	1 blk	1255@66.00
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Waterville	1 blk	890@45.00

BULLS — 1,200-2,350 LBS.

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Wamego	1 blk	2015@101.00
Oskaloosa	1 Herf	1200@89.50

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Westmoreland	4 blk	BM	@1335.00

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The Hardest Lesson

Today was the last day of school for my sons. As I sit here writing this morning it seems a touch bittersweet. I get the privilege to take my sons to the bus every morning, and then pick them up from school every afternoon. If I'm being honest with you there are days I just don't want to do it. Some days I'm just tired or busy, but after current events it's a task I will never take for granted ever again. First, time is whipping by, and before I know it I won't have the chance to take them to a bus or pick them up. They will become old enough to get themselves from A to B, and they won't be as excited to see Dad standing there waiting for them at the front door as

they are now. Second, the tragedy that fell upon 21 families at the hands of a very sick young man made me stop in my tracks and my heart sink. The children that died are my son's age, they were most likely sitting in their classrooms doing their work, talking to their friends, and building excitement for summer just as my sons. These children never made it to summer break. Their last moments, I'm sure, full of confusion and fear as the tragedy unfolded in the classroom. The teachers that shared the same fate were just like my wife – educators that devoted the entirety of their lives to the betterment of others; helping everyone to reach their

full potential regardless of circumstance or opinion. I'm sure they never ever gave up on anyone, and loved those kids as their own. Maybe, years ago one of those teachers taught the very gunman that took their life, and I bet they never gave up on him. As I imagine this event I see the teachers' faces and the looks on their faces of knowing what was coming through the classroom door. Knowing my wife as the educator she is I can't imagine the hopeless feeling that was felt. The logic knowing you are stuck, and the inevitable end you are facing, and the whole time trying to figure out how you can save the 19 lives you've loved and nurtured for the past year. I can't even bring myself to that feeling of fear and failure that had been unfairly forced upon them. If you think this is a political issue or you use it as one as some will, you are wrong to take the death of the innocent and use it for gain of any kind. We do not have a Democrat or Republican problem here. It's not a pro-gun or

anti-gun problem either. What we have is a human problem. The same problem that we've had since Genesis 3 verse 1. Evil has been in the world since shortly after it started, and my guess is it will not be going anywhere anytime soon. It just seems to be getting worse and with more frequency when we have instances like Sandy Hook, Columbine, and now Robb Elementary. Both the school where my wife works and the one my sons attend do all they can to insure the safety of their students and faculty. Maybe the answer isn't no guns or more guns. Maybe the answer isn't who the President is and whether his party is red or blue. Maybe the answer has nothing to do with us all being exactly identical and all agreeing on everything. Maybe the real answer to the human problem is right in front of us. Maybe it has been here since it all started back in Genesis 3 verse 1 when the serpent entered the garden. The answer to this prob-


lem, and to every problem in the past and the ones yet to come is the same. Jesus – he changed the world all those years ago by paying the ultimate price for each one of us. With that price we received the gift of everlasting life, the greatest gift we could ever receive. What if we would all choose to use that gift, not hoping for the world to save us, but be the miracle we all desperately want and hope for? If you've ever taken a test you know knowing the answer and using it are two completely different things. We want to skip the answer and find one that fits our life style, principles, morals, and plans better. What we fail to realize is we can't fix this problem with what's convenient, cool, easy, or politically correct. No law, ordinance, bill, politician, person or anything on the face of this earth will substitute. You want to make sure things like this cease to be a common occurrence on the front page of newspapers and trending on social media, then answer the problem the way it was

meant to be. Try to live as close to His image as we can. We'll all fail at that but we will keep trying and pursuing, and before we know it we will get a little bit better, our relationships will be better, our communities will be better, our society will be better, and then our world will be better. Hopefully then we won't have to turn on the TV and watch a story of 19 elementary student who were murdered and weep. I know that I can't expect a world full of nine billion people to all change, but if reading this reaches one person and affects change that might be one person saved, one home that's happier, one community that's safer, and maybe one step on the road to a better world. I think this is what Jesus meant in John 20 verse 21 when he said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you," and Matthew 5 verse 16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Be aware of rabies symptoms in livestock

By Wendie Powell, livestock production agent, Wildcat Extension District

Everyone is familiar with the story "Old Yeller," and the tragedy that struck a beloved pet. To my bafflement, I recently learned that rabies could present in many forms, not just the famed furious form; foaming mouth and



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extreme rage. There are at least three descriptions of rabies. In the dumb form, most common in cattle, animals are profoundly depressed and don't eat. This is the opposite of the furious form already mentioned. These animals are passive and it's easy not to consider rabies. In the paralytic form, animals may be lame or unstable, unable to maintain proper movement of their limbs. In the familiar furious form, animals are excitable, easily startled, and show rage. They may also strain as if constipated

and appear to be choking. They are unable to swallow, so they drool and won't eat or drink. Finally, some of these animals may bellow relentlessly, with cows often sounding like bulls. All mammals are susceptible to the rabies virus. Wild mammals like raccoons, foxes, and skunks carry and spread the virus. Infection of dogs and cats often occurs from fighting, while livestock is more likely to be bitten on the muzzle, udder, or feet. Saliva is the commonly known bodily fluid known

to transmit rabies, but spinal fluid, milk, and respiratory mucus can also be contaminated, so simply being in the presence of a rabid animal can be risky. Think of entering a cave inhabited by rabid bats; I shudder to consider this scenario! The rabies virus is endemic in our part of the world, with the skunk being the primary carrier. Within the past five and a half months, there have been seven positive cases across Kansas; six skunks and one bat. These incidences have occurred across the state, in Cheyenne, Meade, Ford, Reno, Lincoln, and Sedgewick counties.

The rabies virus must travel from the site of infection to the brain to become symptomatic. So, a bite on the nose will create symptoms much faster than a bite on a back foot. In fact, a wound on the back foot might be mostly healed when symptoms start. When an animal is suspected to have rabies, it should only be handled by a veterinarian. Most vets are routinely vaccinated so they have an extra layer of protection, along with proper protective gear. If you must handle these animals, latex gloves or palpation sleeves should be worn to protect your skin from exposure. This includes handling the remains of possible rabid animals. Most of us who work outside have cuts on our hands all the time, making us vulnerable to the virus entering our skin. Never stick your unprotected hand into the mouth of any animal that appears to be choking. Rabies can only be diagnosed in animals by necropsy.

Rabies must be considered whenever you have an animal with a change in behavior or the appearance of neurologic disease. There is no treatment for animals. So, get pets vaccinated, even barn cats, and discuss vaccination of livestock with your veterinarian if you are in a high-risk area. For more information, contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ksu.edu.

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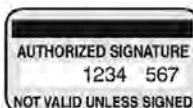
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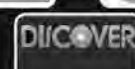
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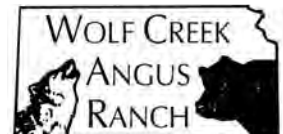
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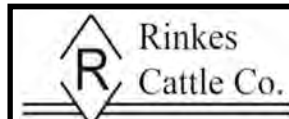
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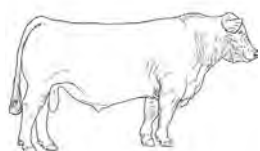
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# NCBA members asked to express opposition to mandatory GHG reporting

NCBA is asking mem-  
 bers to send a letter to U.S.  
 Securities and Exchange  
 Commission (SEC) Chair-  
 man Gary Gensler express-  
 ing their opposition to  
 mandatory greenhouse gas  
 reporting requirements.  
 This request is in response  
 to a rule proposed by the  
 SEC requiring publicly  
 traded companies to dis-  
 close their scope 1 (direct),  
 scope 2 (energy/electricity)  
 and scope 3 (supply chain)  
 greenhouse gas emissions.  
 For large publicly traded  
 companies that process or  
 sell beef, emissions from  
 cattle production will be  
 included under scope 3.

Accurately measuring  
 greenhouse gas emissions

at the ranch level is nearly  
 impossible and estimates  
 will be inaccurate at best.  
 Additionally, this propos-  
 al could open cattle pro-  
 ducers to legal liability if  
 large public companies  
 or their shareholders feel  
 that emissions information  
 is incorrect.

Agencies like USDA  
 and the Environmental  
 Protection Agency (EPA)  
 already are involved in  
 regulating the agricultur-  
 al industry and calculate  
 emissions through pro-  
 grams like the EPA annu-  
 al Greenhouse Gas Emis-  
 sions Inventory and USDA  
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 Those measurements pro-  
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without collecting individ-  
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To submit a letter to  
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 representative and sen-  
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 message stating your oppo-  
 sition to the proposed rule.  
 The address provided in  
 the form will not be shared  
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NCBA will be submit-  
 ting technical comments  
 and will continue to urge  
 the SEC to remove scope 3  
 emissions reporting from  
 the rule.

# Angus Foundation seeks donation items for silent auction

The Angus Foundation will host its annual silent auction during the National Ju-  
 nior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo. Proceeds from the silent auction grow the  
 Angus Fund which provides unrestricted support for the Foundation's youth, educa-  
 tion and research mission.

"Since its inception in 2005, the silent auction has provided scholarship dollars for  
 hard-working youth, funding for research to advance the Angus industry and funds for  
 impactful youth leadership events," says Jaclyn Upperman, Angus Foundation execu-  
 tive director. "Generous donations and support from our Angus family are the key to  
 the silent auction's continued success."

Items donated to the Angus Foundation for the silent auction may come from indi-  
 vidual Angus supporters, farms, companies, or state junior and adult Angus associa-  
 tions. Donation ideas include paintings, gift baskets, books, cattle supplies, jewelry,  
 clothing and Angus collectibles. The state junior Angus association with the high-  
 est-selling item will receive \$100.

Items included in the silent auction will be varied and unique. Historic publications  
 with rare turn-of-the-century advertisements, framed artwork, wine and even beef that  
 has been on the space shuttle Discovery's trip into space are a few items that will pique  
 the interests of a wide range of bidders.

At the 2021 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb., the silent auction raised \$11,300. These  
 funds support scholarships and events including the Leaders Engaged in Angus De-  
 velopment (LEAD) Conference, Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) and research projects to  
 improve the Angus breed.

To donate an item, please contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100. Donations  
 must be received by July 2.

For more information about the silent auction, visit www.angusfoundation.org. Prior  
 to the auction, the website will feature the donated items. For the first year ever, the  
 auction will also be available via AngusLive.com.

# Steps to tighten the calving season

**By Lisa Moser, K-State  
 Research and Extension  
 news service**

Remember the phrase  
 earning your keep? Whether  
 that was doing house-  
 hold chores as a child or  
 bringing in a salary to  
 contribute to the finances,  
 many have a role in bring-  
 ing value to the family.

In a similar way, beef  
 cows earn their keep by  
 raising a calf annually,  
 said the veterinarians at  
 the Kansas State Universi-  
 ty Beef Cattle Institute.

Addressing the topic of  
 how to keep the beef herd  
 calving over a fairly short  
 65-75-day timeframe was  
 the focus of a recent dis-  
 cussion on a Cattle Chat  
 podcast.

"It is not uncommon for  
 herds to calve over a pe-  
 riod of four months," said  
 K-State veterinarian Bob  
 Larson.

He said that a cow will  
 typically be pregnant for  
 283 days, leaving her only  
 82 days to return to fertile  
 cycles and conceive again.  
 He also shared that cows  
 typically average 50 to 80  
 days of postpartum infertili-  
 ty making it challenging  
 to stay on a 365-day calving  
 cycle.

Veterinarian Brad  
 White gave the example of  
 how easily a cow can slip  
 to be a "late calver" and  
 how that pattern perpet-  
 uates.

He said: "If I made a  
 mistake when she was a

four-year-old and it took  
 400 days to have her next  
 calf, (then) even in the  
 subsequent years when  
 she calves within 365 days,  
 she'll still always be late."

To keep that from oc-  
 curring Larson offered  
 these three key strategies.

- Work to make sure  
 heifers are bred to calve  
 early in in the breeding  
 season, because when they  
 calve dictates their pat-  
 tern for the lifetime in the  
 herd.

- Make sure that the  
 cows maintain good body  
 condition through their  
 pregnancy and post-par-  
 tum to assure the infertili-  
 ty period after calving is  
 short.

- Evaluate the bulls to  
 be sure they are fertile,  
 allowing them to breed the  
 cows in a timely manner.

"Focus on heifer devel-  
 opment and breeding be-  
 cause research has shown  
 that heifers that calve in  
 the first 21 days of the calv-  
 ing season will stay in the  
 herd longer, and she will  
 wean enough extra weight  
 over her lifetime as if she's  
 produced an extra calf,"  
 White said.

For example, he said,  
 if she stays in the herd for  
 nine calving seasons, she's  
 produced enough weight  
 as if she'd had ten calves.

Producers with a goal of  
 shortening the calving sea-  
 son should expect that to  
 occur over several years,  
 said veterinarian Brian  
 Lubbers.

"For most producers,  
 shortening the calving sea-  
 son is a multi-year process  
 when those late-bred fe-  
 males can be culled from  
 the herd annually," Lub-  
 bers said.

Culling late-bred cows  
 is also a strategy that Lar-  
 son recommended.

"Cows that get pregnant  
 late are better than cows  
 that are open (not preg-  
 nant), but I would advise  
 culling the late bred cows  
 to keep your calving sea-  
 son from spreading out,"  
 Larson said. "The hard  
 part is that you have to  
 have the discipline to sell  
 her."

To hear the full discus-  
 sion on this topic as well as  
 how protocols may need to  
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	HEIFERS		
300-400#	N/T		
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# Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report, overall alfalfa and grass hay were mostly steady and movement remains slow. Southwest Kansas remains terribly dry. Reports from producers indicate that yield is down up to one third for those who have laid down first cutting, and as expected, wheat and triticale are looking rough. Although the South-Central region, received some rain recently, they too report that the alfalfa is very thin. The continued drought has folks really thinking hard about new crop contracts, with many reluctant to shake on a deal. Meanwhile, in Southeastern Kansas rain continues to hamper any progress in planting and more rain is expected. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for May 17, abnormally dry conditions (D0) remained at 5%, moderate drought (D1) remained at 20%, severe drought (D2) decreased to 20%, extreme drought (D3) increased to 22%, and exceptional drought (D4) increased to 4%. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: [www.hayexchange.com/ks.php](http://www.hayexchange.com/ks.php).

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

### Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground and delivered, grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares old crop 7.00-8.00/ bale. Dairy 1.05-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 200.00-255.00, Premium 180.00-205.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Stock or Dry Cow 195.00-205.00. Grinding

alfalfa 190.00-200.00, new crop 195.00-205.00 delivered. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 210.00-220.00; Grass Hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00-9.00/bale. Brome, large rounds 180.00-190.00 delivered. Corn stalks, large rounds 80.00-90.00. The week of 05/15-05/21, 5,879.5T of grinding alfalfa and 425T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

### South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered, alfalfa pellets steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy 1.05-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-250.00.00, new crop 215.00-230.00. Premium 180.00-210.00, Good 155.00-185.00. Good, Stock cow, 180.00-200.00. New crop 215.00-225.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 160.00-175.00 delivered. New crop 185.00-195.00. Ground and delivered 190.00-200.00, new crop 200.00-210.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 235.00-250.00, 17 pct protein 240.00-260.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 310.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large squares 3x4 105.00-115.00, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale. Brome: large rounds 90.00-100.00, large squares 3x4 85.00-95.00. The week of 05/15-05/21, 5,697.5T of grinding alfalfa and 75T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

### Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa 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. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 155.00-165.00, new crop 175.00-200.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 120.00-125.00, good 3x4 squares 100.00-120.00, large rounds 70.00-85.00. Brome, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 120.00-140.00. The week of 05/15-05/21, 901T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

### Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares 300.00-400.00 delivered, 3x4 squares 250.00-260.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.05-1.10/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 185.00-195.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 170.00-185.00. Sudan, utility large rounds 80.00-90.00.

### North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, movement slow to moderate. 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 160.00-190.00. Stock Cow, 160.00-170.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa 155.00-165.00, new crop 160.00-180.00; Ground and delivered 170.00-180.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, large 3x4 squares 130.00-140.00 delivered, 3x3 squares 100.00-110.00, good large rounds 85.00-100.00, Brome, large rounds 90.00-105.00; The week of 05/15-05/21, 7,100T of grinding alfalfa and 400T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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

## Research continues on innovative cover crops for grazing

By Heather Smith Thomas

Cover crops were traditionally planted between other crops rather than leaving the field fallow; having roots in the ground reduces erosion from wind and water, holds soil moisture, and improves soil health. The cover crop would then be

plowed under to add more organic matter and fertility before planting the next cash crop. In recent years, however, many stockmen are utilizing cover crops to provide more forage for livestock.

Emma McGeough, associate professor in the Department of Animal Sci-

ence, University of Manitoba, says using cover crops for high-quality livestock forage is of significant interest and an exciting area of research.

Various types of cover crops make good forage, but producers need to keep in mind that cattle need a balanced diet. There is also a learning curve to determine what might work best for their own operation and goals, when to plant, and when to graze, and how to avoid overfeeding certain nutrients. Some producers do intercropping — planting a cover crop along with their main crop — to have something growing for forage after the main crop is harvested. Monitoring stage of maturity and nutritive value of an annual or mix of annuals is also important, and monitoring things like nitrates is critical.

Cover crops and blends can be used in many dif-

ferent ways, depending on when they are grazed. Some people want the extra forage for late summer or maybe just for fall/winter grazing. Every region is a little different in climate and conditions; what might work well in one region might not work as well in another. It might be interseeded with a cash crop or planted right after they harvest a cash crop, to obtain more grazing days in fall and winter. Some types of cover crops are best strip-grazed — limiting the cattle to small portions of the field at a time.

Some producers are experimenting with interseeding other plants in cornfields, which works well for classes of cattle that need more protein.

“Corn is high in energy, but low in protein,” said McGeough. “For mature, dry beef cows, low protein isn’t an issue, but when weather gets cold, their nutrient needs increase.

Intercropping corn can potentially meet these nutrient demands and maintain high levels of productivity in late fall/early winter.”

McGeough is using test plots in cornfields to determine the best management practices for growing the crop, as well as for grazing it, she said. These trials are looking at timing of planting and corn row spacing. In the United States several researchers are looking at wide-row corn grown on 60-inch rows.

The Manitoba researchers are also planning a large-scale grazing trial — with cattle on several different treatments.

“We want to look at this in terms of profitability and competitiveness. This is what drives the decision for most producers in terms of what they want to grow for their cattle,” McGeough explains.

Some of the things to be measured include forage quality, animal performance, feed intake, rumen energetic efficiency and nitrogen status of the animal.

“Weight gain is one of the most important things, so we’ll evaluate many of the contributing factors to identify the most promising intercropped treatments,” she said.

Another benefit of utilizing corn is that it can serve as a windbreak and help keep cattle grazing on windy days.

Producers who graze corn generally strip-graze, moving electric fence. This helps limit overeating on the ears; cattle can’t go through the whole field selecting just the ears. Strip-grazing reduces the risk for acidosis.

“Some people who graze corn provide supplemental protein, but this project will hopefully reduce that need because we are growing protein between the rows,” said McGeough. “This is why the economic analysis is important. It will give us ac-

tual costs associated with this type of grazing, which we can compare to more traditional methods of winter feeding,” she said.

## Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association awards annual scholarships

Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association’s (KARA) scholarship committee reviewed more than 50 applications and awarded nearly \$10,000 in financial aid to six of the state’s high school graduating seniors and current college students for the 2022-23 academic year.

“We are proud each year to assist local students in pursuing their academic aspirations,” KARA’s president and CEO Ron Seeber said. “Our board of directors, scholarship committee and overall membership congratulate and wish nothing but the best for this year’s recipients as we collectively look forward to their future contributions to our industry.”

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# AHA and CSU begin sustainable genetics research

“As individual cattle producers and as the collective beef industry, we will continue to be asked to do more with less, as it relates to environmental and economic sustainability,” says Jack Ward, executive vice president of the American Hereford Association (AHA). “That’s why we’re excited to begin this cooperative research agreement with Colorado State University (CSU). It leverages decades of AHA research and data collected by AHA members aimed at characterizing genetics associated with production efficiency, which plays a key role in environmental and economic sustainability.”

AHA data includes individual feed intake records collected through its National Reference Sire Program since 2010. As well, Ward emphasizes AHA began whole-herd reporting in 2001 to secure complete calf crop information and eliminate reporting bias.

Specifically, AHA-CSU cooperative research will enhance understanding of the genetic differences in seedstock relative to enteric methane production

and nitrogen excretion. The research includes identifying selection tools that can help reduce beef’s carbon and environmental footprint.

Methane emission, as a genetic trait in cattle, appears to be moderately heritable with genetic correlations (modest to strong) to economically relevant production traits, such as measures of growth, dry matter intake and various estimates of feed efficiency.

Direct emissions from the animal agriculture sector accounts for 3.8% of U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, according to the nation’s Environmental Protection Agency. Enteric methane accounts for approximately 27% of methane emissions in the U.S.

Worldwide attention is also focusing more intently on nitrogen — a by-product of rumen fermentation. Previous research suggests genetics play a significant role in nitrogen excretion by cattle, and when selected for, an individual animal’s environmental footprint can be reduced.

“We know genetic improvement of our industry

is driven by gains made in the seedstock sector. One only needs to look at changes in carcass meat yield and quality over the last two decades to realize the potential for improvements in seedstock genetics to transform the entire beef industry,” says Mark Enns, PhD, a beef cattle geneticist at CSU and a key member of the research team.

## Multiple Values

“Often, we hear criticism leveled at the beef industry regarding greenhouse gas emissions and the impact of cattle on the environment, but with little context,” Enns says. “Cattle also sequester carbon and contribute to environmental health. This project will contribute to the beef cattle industry’s goal of demonstrating carbon neutrality by 2040.”

Given the Hereford breed’s inherent genetic advantages associated with production efficiency, documented by the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Ward says documenting the relationship between traits associated with efficiency and GHG emissions is the logical next step for the breed and the industry.

“Beef industry stakeholders including the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association have committed to improving the environmental impact of U.S. cattle production. This project aims to develop a selection tool for the American Hereford Association and the broader cattle industry that helps producers identify genetics that will have reduced greenhouse gas emissions without sacrificing animal productivity,” says Kim Stackhouse-Lawson, Ph.D., director of CSU’s AgNext, a pioneering research collaborative developing sustainable solutions for agriculture.

By leveraging existing animal performance data and monitoring animal emissions, Stackhouse-Lawson explains the goal is to identify genetic traits that influence environmental emissions and then develop selection indices that can be used to reduce the environmental impact of cattle, while maintaining, and ideally improving economic returns to producers.

“This project will also position the American

Hereford Association as a sustainability leader in the beef industry through the development of genetic selection tools that can identify and inform breeders of genetics that meet climate goals without sacrificing quality, performance, and efficiency,” says Stackhouse-Lawson.

Further, Enns notes the project has potential to pave new paths of revenue for cattle producers. These could include such things as verified sustainable production claims, in addition to commonly discussed carbon credits.

Adding to Beef’s Positive Story

Ward emphasizes the U.S. beef cattle industry has a long history of demonstrating extraordinary gains in efficiency over time, using genetics, technology and management to produce more beef with fewer cows and less land.

“We believe this research will help us identify ways to magnify the gains the industry has already achieved,” Ward says.

“CSU is involved in this project because we are passionate about beef

production and the beef industry, and the societal benefits it brings from the upcycling of human-inedible plant materials and byproducts into high-quality protein,” Enns says. “From a genetic improvement standpoint, CSU has a long history of new trait development and delivery of selection tools to the industry. As such, we feel we have much to contribute in this realm, striving to produce cattle that meet consumer demands, yet have a smaller environmental footprint.

“AHA is excited to work with CSU’s talented scientists and researchers that are part of the industry-leading AgNext team,” Ward says.

AHA and CSU will host a free webinar July 12, which will summarize current understanding of the role U.S. beef cattle play in domestic and global greenhouse emissions. The webinar will provide more detail about specific beef cattle traits associated with GHG emissions, their heritability and potential use in selection tools to reduce the beef cattle industry’s carbon footprint.

## Becker, Beyer receive Larry Corah Graduate Student Awards

Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry graduate students Larissa Becker and Erin Beyer were recognized as 2022 recipients of the Larry Corah Graduate Student Award.

Becker completed her undergraduate career at Iowa State University before coming to Kansas State University (K-State) to pursue a master’s degree in applied swine nutrition. She was awarded the Outstanding Master Student Award, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship. She is a graduate research assistant who has been proven to be very involved with not only her own research projects, but also as an undergraduate research coordinator and teaching assistant.

Becker has three distinct research topics, which include: 1) establishing lysine requirements for Duroc-sired finishing pigs in a commercial environment; 2) development of an available phosphorous release curve for a commercial phytase source, and 3) evaluating different mycotoxin control strategies in nursery pig diets in a commercial setting. She has also served as the ASI Graduate Student Association president and was selected as the National ASAS Graduate Student Director for 2022-24.

Bob Goodband, K-State ASI professors and one

of Becker’s advisors, says, “Larissa completed a diverse research program during her master’s degree as a part of her goal to become a well-rounded swine nutritionist. We sincerely feel Larissa’s scholastic achievement, research success, teaching involvement and contributions to the mission of the department make her a tremendous individual deserving of this award.”

Beyer was awarded the Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award, which includes a \$1,500 scholarship. Her research efforts have been vast. Her dissertation work is a series of projects looking at the impact of degree of doneness on eating quality ranging from very basic work – evaluating the physiochemical changes during cooking – to very applied – feeding more than 250 consumers samples from various muscles at various degrees of doneness.

Travis O’Quinn, K-State ASI associate professor, says, “In brief, Erin is the single most outstanding graduate student with whom I have ever worked. In her time at K-State, Erin has displayed an incredibly high level of leadership and aptitude in everything in which she has worked and has truly been a key leader within our program and department.”

## Cargill RegenConnect™ expands program eligibility to 15 states for 2022-23 crop season

Enrollment opened this month for Cargill RegenConnect™, a voluntary market-based regenerative agriculture program offering producers a simple, flexible, and transparent way to access the growing carbon marketplace. For the 2022-23 crop season Cargill has expanded grower eligibility to 15 states including: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

“In our first year, Cargill has received a tremendous response from growers about RegenConnect,” said Nathan Fries, program lead for Cargill RegenConnect. “It is our goal to deliver a best-in-class program that is economically viable for farmers

and improves their profitability through the tools, resources and market access they need to make the shift to regenerative agriculture.”

Cargill will once again offer one-crop-year contracts to producer customers in eligible states to sequester carbon through implementation of new or expanded regenerative agriculture practices such as cover crops, no-till or reduced-till. Eligible acres must have a primary crop of corn, soy or wheat. Farmers can choose the practices that are best suited to their operation’s unique growing conditions. For the 2022-23 enrollment, Cargill will offer a market competitive price of \$25 per metric ton of carbon sequestered per acre.

Carbon sequestration achieved through Regen-

Connect will contribute to Cargill’s scope 3 climate commitment and also can help the company’s downstream customers achieve their voluntary carbon reduction goals. Cargill aims to have 10 million acres enrolled in sustainable and regenerative farming programs by 2030.

How to Enroll for 2022-23 Season

Farmers looking to unlock the profit potential of their farm through adoption of regenerative agriculture practices can enroll in the 2022-23 RegenConnect program starting mid-May by visiting [www.cargillregenconnect.com](http://www.cargillregenconnect.com) or by connecting with their Cargill relationship manager. To support farmers during the upcoming enrollment period, Cargill has expanded its team of conservation agronomists

to offer technical support in successfully implementing regenerative soil health best practices. Cargill has also added support to its grain origination team, dedicated to providing farmers with an unparalleled enrollment experience.

The program’s intuitive digital platform is powered by carbon measurement firm Regrow and uses the industry leading soil carbon model, DNDC (DeNitrification-DeComposition). The program incorporates weather, soil management and environmental conditions that allows farmers to easily model the soil’s response to practice changes and estimate quantified carbon outcomes. In addition, enrolled farmers can track management practices for each of their fields and

crops. Management practices for each field can be imported from compatible farm management systems or identified with remote sensing technology. The Regrow platform was built to ensure secure data col-

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## KLF presents Legacy Scholarships

Jacob Argabright of Olpe and Ridge Pracht of Westphalia each have been awarded \$1,500 Douglas A. Laue Memorial Scholarships through the Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF). Argabright is the son of Michael and Carla Argabright and will be a senior at Kansas State University. Pracht is the son of John and Reva Pracht. He also will be a senior at K-State. Laue was a long-time member of the KLA Cattle Feeders Council and served as its chairman from 1991-92.

Lauren Gatz received the Scott Johnson and Family \$1,000 Scholarship through KLF. Gatz is from Fairview and will be a sophomore at K-State. She is the daughter of Taylor and Jennifer Gatz. This scholarship is designated for students at K-State majoring in animal sciences and industry, agricultural communications and journalism, agribusiness or agricultural economics. It is given by the Johnson family in appreciation for the support of KLA and its staff throughout Scott's health issues. Scott was the director of information technology at KLA from 2015 until his passing in 2021.

The Fred H. Woodbury Memorial \$500 Scholarship was awarded by KLF to Amanda Wray of Ottawa. Wray is the daughter of John and Brenda Wray and will be a senior at K-State. Fred H. Woodbury was a long-time KLA member from Quenemo.

KLA members who would like to leave a similar legacy to assist future generations should contact Ryan Higbie at ryan@kla.org.

## Livestock Forage Disaster Program offers assistance to producers impacted by severe drought

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides assistance in the form of monetary payments to livestock producers and contract growers who have been impacted by a "severe drought" (D2) or higher for at least eight weeks during the grazing period. According to the Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA), those applying for benefits under the 2022 program will receive about 54% of their pasture or daily livestock feed value based on the number of eligible livestock at the time of application.

The payment calculation considers the lesser of either the monthly feed cost for eligible livestock, which is \$47.29 per animal unit of measure; or the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land (total grazing acres/ acres per animal unit) times the monthly value of forage at \$47.29 per animal unit of measure. Once the lesser value is established, it is multiplied by the standard program payment reduction factor of 60% and reduced again by an additional 5.7%, which is the standard yearly budget sequestration rate

reduction factor required by the Budget Control Act of 2011. The resulting sum will be the net payment received.

Depending on the drought intensity level, by physical location, payments will be multiplied by one, three, four or five months. No group of eligible livestock may exceed five monthly payments.

Due to the ongoing drought, several counties in Kansas are eligible for LFP payments. To determine eligibility or for questions about LFP, please contact the local FSA office.

## Soybean farmers share 2023 Farm Bill priorities

The American Soybean Association is excited to share soy's 2023 Farm Bill priorities. As the House and Senate Agriculture Committees lay the foundation for this pivotal legislation, ASA hopes its initial priorities list will provide insight and assure soy growers' interests are considered as the farm bill process continues with hearings this year and legislative development next year.

ASA President Brad Doyle, who grows soybeans in Arkansas, said, "Getting to this point has involved a thoughtful information-gathering process that began back in September 2021. We wanted to assure as many farmer voices and soy states as

possible were involved to make this a comprehensive list tailored to their needs. We look forward to sharing with our congressional leaders as a helpful resource and reminder that ASA is available to assist with the farm bill reauthorization process."

The document contains a general needs assessment and topical breakouts, including farm safety net, conservation, trade, energy, rural development, research and nutrition.

Among the priorities included:

- Improving the Title I farm safety net for soybeans
- Continuing the voluntary, incentive-based, flexible approach to conservation programs
- Investing into promotion of U.S. commodities globally
- Building biobased

and biofuels opportunities

- Ensuring broadband coverage is accessible throughout rural America

ASA's steps for determining its farm bill principles began internally with education sessions for farmers serving on the ASA Board of Directors and soy state affiliates to hear more about the various titles included in the farm bill. ASA then worked in conjunction with allied soy groups United Soybean Board and U.S. Soybean Export Council to distribute a widespread survey to farmers. Finally, ASA hosted a series of 12 listening sessions, by both titles and geographic regions, in which farmers and states could share input – or follow up by comments submitted to ASA staff. These priorities will be refined into more specific requests by early 2023.

Grass & Grain Weather Report
June 1, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY

Few Showers  
High: 74 Low: 52

THURSDAY

Few Showers  
High: 73 Low: 61

FRIDAY

Mostly Cloudy  
High: 81 Low: 67

SATURDAY

Few Showers  
High: 88 Low: 70

SUNDAY

Mostly Cloudy  
High: 89 Low: 74

MONDAY

Mostly Cloudy  
High: 90 Low: 67

TUESDAY

Few Showers  
High: 87 Low: 66

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high of 74°, humidity of 57%, North wind 7 to 10 mph. The record high for today is 96° set in 2009. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 52°.

Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi/Low	Normals	Precip
5/20	72/60	77/53	0.00"
5/21	61/42	78/53	0.00"
5/22	69/44	78/53	0.00"
5/23	67/52	78/54	0.00"
5/24	58/54	79/54	0.72"
5/25	59/52	79/54	0.93"
5/26	65/49	79/55	0.08"

Rainfall ..... 1.73"  
Normal rainfall ..... 1.19"  
Departure ..... +0.54"  
Average temp. .... 57.4°  
Average normal. .... 66.0°  
Departure ..... -8.6°

Today's Local Outlook

Washington  
79/58

Blue Rapids  
71/51

Seneca  
71/51

Clay Center  
72/51

Manhattan  
74/52

Wamego  
74/52

Ogden  
71/51

Junction City  
75/52

Abilene  
74/52

Council Grove  
75/53

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Day	First	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
Wednesday	6/7	Wednesday	6:02 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	11:10 p.m.	6/20
Thursday		Thursday	6:02 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	8:16 a.m.	11:56 p.m.	
Friday		Friday	6:01 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	9:12 a.m.	Next Day	
Saturday		Saturday	6:01 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	10:12 a.m.	12:36 a.m.	
Sunday		Sunday	6:01 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	11:14 a.m.	1:09 a.m.	
Monday		Monday	6:00 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	12:16 p.m.	1:38 a.m.	
Tuesday		Tuesday	6:00 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	1:19 p.m.	2:05 a.m.	

Local UV Index

0-2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11+

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

Weather History

June 1, 1812 - Apple trees at New Haven, Conn. did not blossom until June 1, the latest such occurrence during the period beginning in 1794. Snow whitened the ground in Cleveland and Rochester, N.Y.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
5/20	16	5/24	6
5/21	1	5/25	5
5/22	6	5/26	7
5/23	9		

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STARTING TIME  
10:30 AM

We sold 914 cattle May 24. Steer and heifer calves were in good demand at steady prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$3.00 higher. Cows and bulls were steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES

6 blk str 520 @ 190.00  
3 blk str 360 @ 188.00  
4 blk str 425 @ 187.00  
1 blk str 290 @ 185.00  
1 blk str 395 @ 182.00  
3 blk str 497 @ 182.00  
1 blk str 530 @ 182.00  
3 red bulls 492 @ 182.00  
1 blk str 420 @ 181.00  
6 blk str 453 @ 180.00  
3 blk/bwf bulls 520 @ 178.00  
3 blk str 493 @ 174.00  
2 red bulls 405 @ 173.00  
7 blk/char str 516 @ 170.00  
2 blk bulls 503 @ 170.00  
1 red str 415 @ 169.00  
1 blk str 410 @ 168.00  
2 blk/bwf str 483 @ 166.00  
1 x-bred str 470 @ 160.50  
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS  
9 blk str 555 @ 186.00

5 blk/red str 597 @ 178.00  
3 blk str 582 @ 177.00  
600 @ 175.00  
5 blk str 639 @ 172.50  
1 blk str 560 @ 172.00  
64 blk/bwf str 745 @ 160.35  
8 blk/bwf str 686 @ 159.50  
13 blk/char str 664 @ 157.50  
3 red str 623 @ 155.00  
54 blk/bwf str 806 @ 152.50  
8 blk/bwf str 843 @ 149.00  
61 blk/wf str 881 @ 148.50  
60 mix str 961 @ 139.25  
61 mix str 957 @ 138.85

HEIFER CALVES

2 blk/bwf hfr 350 @ 183.50  
2 blk hfr 398 @ 179.00  
3 blk hfr 342 @ 178.00  
4 blk hfr 445 @ 175.00  
5 blk/char hfr 462 @ 173.00  
3 blk hfr 455 @ 172.00

4 red hfr 505 @ 171.00  
5 blk hfr 485 @ 170.50  
4 blk/red hfr 463 @ 170.00  
3 blk/char hfr 458 @ 166.50  
3 blk hfr 392 @ 166.00  
4 blk hfr 440 @ 164.00  
3 blk hfr 467 @ 161.00  
2 blk hfr 353 @ 160.00  
2 blk hfr 548 @ 160.00

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

4 blk hfr 559 @ 170.00  
11 blk/char hfr 566 @ 167.00  
5 blk/bwf hfr 575 @ 164.50  
4 blk hfr 578 @ 162.00  
11 mix hfr 578 @ 150.00  
16 blk/char hfr 615 @ 149.50  
1 x-bred hfr 600 @ 144.00  
1 blk hfr 670 @ 148.00  
120 blk/red hfr 816 @ 143.75  
4 red hfr 684 @ 138.50  
3 blk/red hfr 698 @ 138.50  
69 mix hfr 871 @ 132.35

COWS & HEIFERETTES

1 blk hfr 1280 @ 85.00  
1 bwf cow 1575 @ 84.00  
1 blk cow 1510 @ 83.50  
1 bwf cow 1255 @ 83.00  
1 char cow 1455 @ 82.50  
1 bwf cow 1505 @ 82.00  
1 blk cow 1750 @ 81.50  
1 bwf cow 1145 @ 81.00  
1 bwf cow 1575 @ 80.50  
1 char cow 1515 @ 80.00  
1 blk cow 1450 @ 79.50  
1 wf cow 1060 @ 78.50  
1 blk cow 1465 @ 78.00  
1 bwf cow 1380 @ 77.50  
1 blk cow 1505 @ 77.00  
1 blk cow 1130 @ 76.50  
1 blk cow 1200 @ 76.00  
1 blk cow 1375 @ 75.50  
1 blk cow 1360 @ 75.00  
1 char cow 1300 @ 74.50  
1 x-bred cow 1270 @ 74.00  
1 blk cow 1460 @ 73.50

BRED COWS

1255 @ 73.00  
1400 @ 72.50  
1260 @ 72.00  
1040 @ 71.50  
1225 @ 71.00  
1185 @ 69.50  
1045 @ 68.50  
1165 @ 68.00  
1220 @ 67.00  
1145 @ 66.00  
1125 @ 65.00

COW/CALF PAIRS

1 blk cow/cf @ 1150.00  
2 wf cows/cvs @ 875.00  
2 blk cows/cvs @ 800.00

BULLS

1 blk bull 1855 @ 109.50

CONSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 31, 2022:

20 blk str & hfr, 400-500 lbs., vaccinated

150 blk str & hfr, 350-550 lbs., weaned, vacc.

60 blk bwf str & hfr, 600-650 lbs., vacc.

62 blk steers, 825-850 lbs.

60 blk char steers, 900-925 lbs.

60 blk steers, 925-950 lbs.

61 blk x-bred steers, 950-975 lbs.

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