

Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary
by Bret Crofts

It is normal to see big market swings following the June Quarter Stocks Report and the Planted Acreage report, and this year turned out to be normal in that regard. Corn, wheat, and soybeans all came under heavy pressure following the reports, but what is a little unusual is that the report numbers themselves were not particularly negative.

The corn acreage figure was above expectations at 89.9 million, but only by a few thousand acres and the estimate is still well below last year's acreage of 93.357 million. The stocks figure was basically right at the average trade guess at 4.346 billion bushels, so there really wasn't anything to move the market. Since the USDA numbers didn't have much input, traders turned to the weather, which shows potential for rain on, and shortly after, the 4th of July. It also seems that recession fears creep into traders minds and fund selling is prevalent when we don't have bullish news.

There were no major surprises in the wheat numbers either with all wheat acreage at 47.1 million and stocks at 660 million. Basically, the wheat market got sucked lower by the corn and soybeans. Export sales have been solid for a couple of weeks, and if that keeps up for a few more weeks, it could really impact the

fundamentals of the wheat market. For now though, the charts look ugly and we are fishing for bottom pickers.

The surprise came in the soybeans where the acreage figure was well below expectations at 88.3 million. That was 2.7 million below the March report and will have a huge impact on the July supply and demand report. The market had a positive initial reaction, but closed lower Thursday and plummeted Friday. The November contract is now at the lowest level since early February.

It is normal to see both the corn and soybeans decline at this time of year, and from here on it will be mostly the weather that drives the markets. Crop condition ratings will need to decline more than usual to give the corn and soybeans some traction. We are going to be in a fairly uncomfortable position when it comes to corn and soybean stocks for the next couple of years unless we see a large drop in demand. The recession fears have traders concerned about lower demand, which is putting pressure on the markets. Be prepared for extreme volatility in the coming weeks.

Live Cattle showed some signs of life last week once the June contract went off the board. The August contract is even further behind the cash market than the June, so

there was plenty of room to run. The August contract should head for at least \$138 before running into resistance. August feeder cattle are right up against key resistance. A close above \$177 would look great. Further weakness in the corn will make that happen for sure.

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What should I charge for hay this year?

By Wendie Powell, Wildcat Extension District livestock production agent

What's the price of hay right now? With the high input prices this season, it's a real rodeo. Between high fuel, fertilizer, and herbicide prices, it seems that harvesters are going to have to really know the value of driving their equipment over the hay field.

To help producers figure out the cost of making hay, K-State and Oklahoma State University Agriculture Economics Departments have a number of tools available. The OSU Annual Forage Hay Budget can tally the expenses and returns per ton and per bale, giving you a break-even price estimate. The K-State machinery costs calculator can break down the pricing for any enterprise, including hay harvest. These tools are free to use and available online. These calculators use operating costs: seed, fertilizer, crop insurance, labor, fuel and maintenance costs to calculate expense totals. The tools don't leave out the fixed costs: land rental, property taxes, depreciation or interest rates.

Another handy tool is the Kansas Hay Report. This is a collection of data showing how much has been paid for various hay types. The reports are made available weekly by the USDA Ag Marketing Service. There are categories for forage types, like alfalfa, bluestem hays, brome or fescue. These categories are also broken into sections of bale type and size, and then further noted in quality.

The quality of the bales is based on crude protein. A premium grass hay will have a crude protein percent above thirteen. Good quality grass hay indicates a crude protein of nine to thirteen percent. Of course, we know that the energy value of hay is also important; that's one of the hay market's shortcomings.

Another factor that gets overlooked in the hay market is bale weight. The weekly hay reports are given in price per ton, but many folks don't have scales to know the exact weight of their bales. A bale that measures 5x4 in size might weigh anywhere from 900 lbs to 1500 lbs! Density matters when figuring the waste at storage and feeding, and of course the amount of hay that is actually available to feed an animal. When a bale is tightly wrapped, rain and snow are shed more easily, and less storage waste occurs.

In a perfect world, hay harvesters would be able to know the exact cost of operation, the weight of each bale made, and the exact quality of that bale. But equipment is used for numerous enterprises, with no solid line to draw between hay harvesting and other activities. Not every hay baler has scales to weigh the amount of forage in the net wrap. Quality testing is a cumbersome pursuit and must be done precisely.

Also, in the perfect world, purchasers of hay are willing to pay harvesters the price that covers expenses, including the labor of gathering off the field and transporting the preserved forage to a convenient location.

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July is Bison Month

The National Bison Association (NBA) kicked off National Bison Month July 1. As part of the celebration, consumers are encouraged to add this uniquely American, delicious, humanely raised, supremely healthy protein to their regular diets.

The American Bison, whose population once exceeded 30 million animals, was decimated to near extinction in the late 19th century through hunting, slaughter, and western-introduced disease. However, the bison has made a tremendous comeback and now numbers over 400,000 head across the continent. This comeback is due to a unique collaboration among American farm-

ers and ranchers, Native American tribes, and conservation groups, all working to restore the species to its native landscape of North America. This collaboration also made the American bison the first-ever National Mammal of the United States in 2016.

Bison are "Regenerative by Nature"™ thanks to the fact that the species was never domesticated and, as such, retains those innate instincts that helped shape North America's great plains. The bison's natural grazing behavior, hoof-action, fertilization of the soil, and other attributes assist in regenerating healthy soils and the grasslands they

graze when properly managed. Bison stewards utilize these instincts today to raise healthy bison and end products that support and expand important grassland carbon sinks and the species. That's why consumers of bison meat and byproducts are key partners in restoring the bison species.

National Bison Month, celebrated each July, is when American bison producers and marketers promote the delicious taste of bison. Burgers, steaks, and even roasts are great summer grilling alternatives. According to the NBA, bison is the leanest protein widely available in today's marketplace. The meat is nutrient-dense, with 26% more iron than beef and 87% lower in fat. Bison has 76% more B12 vitamins than chicken, and 32% less fat, based on nutrient data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Bison is easier to find than ever, with almost every grocer carrying at least ground bison. Many natural food stores and bison farm-direct marketers offer the same cuts consumers typically see from beef animals. Find a local bison producer near you at our online buyer's guide at www.bisoncentral.com/buying-bison-meat/ and find bison-specific recipes and instructional cooking videos at www.bisoncentral.com/how-to-cook-bison/.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report, prices have remained steady but there is a definite strength to the market for all types of new crop forage. Input cost for the producer has also risen, as with everything else in the world, and they are dealing with higher costs for fuel, parts, transportation, labor, fertilizer, and herbicide/pesticide, all of which will be reflected in price. In addition, movement has lagged, but producers report they are extremely busy right now. Seems as though everything needs to be done at the same time, haying, harvesting, spraying, planting; too much to do and not enough help to do it. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for June 21st, much of the High Plains Region has seen beneficial rainfall and temperatures averaging near to below-normal over the past 30 days, with the exception of a few locations. Here in Kansas, the central and eastern regions were the primary recipients of recent rain while the western half of the state continues to struggle with drought. Abnormally dry conditions (D0) increased to 15%, moderate drought (D1) decreased to near 19%, severe drought (D2) increased to near 13%, extreme drought (D3) remained near 15%, and exceptional drought (D4) remained at 1%. 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.

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

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa and ground and delivered steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, supreme small squares new crop 12.00/bale. Dairy 1.10-1.15/point

RFV, Supreme (185rfv-200rfv) 204.00-230.00, Premium (175rfv-185rfv) 185.00-215.00, Good (150rfv-170rfv) 165.00-195.00. Stock or Dry Cow 200.00-210.00. Grinding alfalfa, large rounds 190.00-200.00, new crop 200.00-215.00 delivered; new crop large square 3x4's and 4x4's 235.00-245.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, old crop 210.00-220.00, new crop 235.00-245.00; Grass Hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00-9.00/bale, large rounds 125.00-135.00 delivered, large 3x4's 155.00-160.00 delivered. Brome, large rounds 180.00-190.00 delivered. The week of 06/19-06/25, 6,825T of grinding alfalfa and 300T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered and alfalfa pellets steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy 1.10-1.15/point RFV, Supreme (185rfv-200rfv) 204.00-230.00, Premium (175rfv-185rfv) 185.00-215.00, Good (150rfv-170rfv) 165.00-195.00. Good, Stock cow, 180.00-200.00. New crop 215.00-225.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 175.00-180.00 delivered. New crop 190.00-205.00. Ground and delivered 200.00-210.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 245.00-250.00, 17 pct protein 250.00-260.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 310.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large squares 4x4 150.00-160.00 delivered, small squares none reported. Brome: none reported. The week of 06/19-06/25, 5,329.5T of grinding alfalfa and 150T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, old crop grass hay steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 260.00-270.00. Dairy 1.05-1.10/point RFV. Good, stock cow 190.00-200.00. 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, old crop large rounds 75.00-80.00. Brome, old crop 3x4 and 4x4 squares 115.00-130.00. The week of 06/19-06/25, 892T of grass hay

was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

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North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered and grass hay steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares, 10.00-12.00/bale. Dairy 1.10-1.15/point RFV, Supreme (185rfv - 200rfv) 204.00-230.00, Premium (175rfv-185rfv) 185.00-215.00, Good (150rfv-170rfv) 165.00-195.00. Stock Cow, 170.00-180.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa 165.00-175.00, new crop 175.00-185.00, with an instance at 200.00; Ground and delivered 175.00-185.00. 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, small squares 8.50-9.50/bale, large rounds 95.00-110.00, new crop 3x4's 145.00-150.00 delivered; The week of 06/19-06/25, 2,144T 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: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas. Kim Nettleton, 785-564-6709.

Reconsider climate disclosure rules for farmers, U.S. pork industry urges

By Jennifer Shike,
Pork Business

On June 17, the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) filed comments to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding its controversial reporting requirements proposal on climate-related

disclosures for investors.

NPPC and other agricultural groups requested that the SEC reconsider its application of burdensome and unnecessary climate disclosure requirements under Scope 3 of the proposed rules, according

to the comments submitted.

"We do not believe the SEC fully considered nor has sufficiently sought to mitigate the potential socioeconomic impact of the Proposed Rules on agricultural communities," the organizations noted in

the comments submitted. "We also believe that in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing macro disruptions caused by the war in Ukraine, the Proposed Rules will not only adversely impact farmers and ranchers, but also harm consumers and erode the strength of America's agricultural industry."

As currently drafted, these requirements would overly burden American farmers, forcing them to take on costly and expensive reporting that will set back farm environmental performance, and would be in violation of federal law, NPPC said in a release. These requirements will ultimately be neither accurate nor serve any useful purpose, the organization noted.

"The U.S. pork industry represents a mere one-third of 1% of U.S. climate emissions. Despite this, American pig farmers have managed to shrink their GHG footprint by over 21% over the last three decades while at the same time, the industry has increased its production of affordable pork for consumers 77%," Michael Formica, NPPC assistant vice president and general counsel, said in a release. "This demonstrates not only the commitment of farmers to address long-term sustainability challenges we all face, but also that voluntary, market-based incentives have helped make real progress on climate change."

NPPC submitted comments in conjunction with ten other agricultural organizations, including the American Farm Bureau Federation and various crop and livestock organizations. Among the seven recommendations made, NPPC asked the SEC to

consider removing the "value chain" concept, removing or substantially revising the Scope 3 emissions disclosure requirement and revising the proposed rule to ensure alignment of GHG emissions disclosures with existing federal emissions reporting programs and federal law protecting livestock farmers from costly, inaccurate and unduly burdensome GHG emissions reporting.

"American pig farmers are committed to transparency in climate-related matters and believe in doing this in a manner consistent with existing practices," Formica said in the release. "Costs associated with the proposed rule would be significant, especially for small to mid-sized farms and would lead to industry consolidation and further impact not just rural communities where those farms are located but the ability of every American to enjoy bacon with breakfast."

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Blessed, blessed, blessed!

We made the best of our extended visit, but it put me behind in preparing for the conference of the Western Writers of America in Great Falls, Montana. I had a table

Frontier Extension District and Kansas Forest Service to host Emerald Ash Borer workshop

The Frontier District along with the Kansas Forest Service will be hosting an Emerald Ash Borer workshop on July 21st beginning at 1 pm. Participants of the EAB workshop will learn about how to identify signs of Emerald Ash Borer, along with the biology and surveying. Tree anatomy and chemical options are another part of the presentations, along with giving trees a second chance. There will also be time to ask any further questions regarding Emerald Ash Borer.

So what is the Emerald Ash Borer? The borer is an invasive beetle originally from eastern Russia and northeast Asia regions that was likely brought into the United States on packing material. This beetle threatens our urban and riparian forests by killing North American ash species and their cultivars. At least 70 million ash trees have been destroyed from this beetle. What does the beetle look like? EAB adults are a metallic green beetle with purple to reddish copper-colored abdomen. The adult beetle is present from May through August where they then lay eggs, the larvae overwinter in the trees and emerge the next spring.

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"Yes," I replied, "but walking outside to get on the plane is still funny!"

My seat-mate on the last leg of my journey was a Blackhawk pilot stationed at Fort Riley. Our conversation was lively - all about altitude and where he might retire.

For a few moments, we were quiet, just watching the clouds, the fields below, the distant horizon. I am grateful for these moments, for the good people encountered along the way, for the adventure of travel, and for arriving safely home.

Deb Goodrich is the co-host, with Michelle Martin, of the *Around Kansas TV show* and the *Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence* at the *Fort Wallace Museum*. She chairs the *Santa Fe Trail 200*, marked through 2025. Contact her at author.deb-goodrich@gmail.com.

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woodpeckers in the tree, and if you remove the bark you will see D-shaped exit holes.

If this workshop is something that interests you please register, there is no cost for attending this event. Register by

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Governor declares drought emergency, warnings and watches for Kansas counties

Effective June 27, Governor Laura Kelly has approved updated drought declarations for Kansas counties with Executive Order #22-06. This drought declaration places all 105 Kansas counties either in watch, warning or emergency status.

"A significant portion of the state of Kansas has experienced drought or abnormally dry conditions for the past several months," Kelly said. "Unfortunately, these conditions are forecast to persist or get worse, so I strongly encourage Kansans to be mindful of drought conditions while we work to minimize the

threat of fires across the state."

The drought declaration placed 34 counties into an emergency status, eight counties in a warning status and 63 into a watch status. This action was recommended by Connie Owen, director of the Kansas Water Office and chair of the Governor's Drought Response Team. Although most of Kansas has experienced high precipitation this past month, a record-breaking heat wave has been making its way across the area. While most of eastern Kansas is currently drought-free, the forecasted hot and dry conditions will likely lead

to the rapid intensification of drought conditions in portions of the Midwest over the next few weeks.

"We have watched drought conditions in parts of the state continue to get worse since this past fall or longer in some areas, causing concern with groundwater supplies, crop production, elevated wildfire risk and more," said Owen. "The Governor's Drought Response Team will continue to monitor the situation and make recommendations to the Governor as necessary. As future outlooks call for hot and dry conditions to continue into July, the potential for a 'flash drought' is likely."

Through an interagency agreement between the Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Kansas Division of Emergency Management, counties in emergency stage are eligi-

ble for emergency use of water from certain state fishing lakes. These counties also become eligible for water in some Federal reservoirs.

Individuals and communities need to contact the Kansas Water Office for a water supply request prior to any withdrawals from lakes. These requests will in turn be referred to the appropriate office to obtain necessary permits to withdraw requested water.

This Executive Order shall remain in effect for those counties so identified until rescinded by Executive Order ending the declaration or revising the drought stage status of the affected counties.

Effective immediately, Executive Order #22-06:

- Declares a Drought Emergency, Warning or Drought Watch for the counties as identified below;

- Authorizes and directs all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate watch, warning or emergency level-drought response actions assigned in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

The Governor's Drought Response Team will continue to watch the situation closely and work to minimize the effects drought has on Kansans.

For more detailed information about current conditions, visit the Climate and Drought webpage on the Kansas Water Office website at kwo.ks.gov.

County Drought Stage Declarations

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Cows: \$50-\$93.00; Bulls: \$102-\$120.00

BRED COWS	3 blk	548@203.00	
3 mix	963@1125.00	7 blk	674@180.50
		2 mix	615@173.00
HEIFERS	3 blk	668@150.00	
2 blk	515@175.00	7 bwf	713@178.50
26 blk	605@168.00	4 blk	711@176.50
15 mix	692@166.50	7 mix	704@171.50
12 blk	713@164.00	14 mix	729@166.00
51 bkbwf	789@160.25	2 mix	790@137.00
31 mix	803@155.00	2 bkbwf	823@166.50
37 mix	807@155.00	61 mix	842@166.50
		4 blk	819@164.00
STEERS		30 blk	959@158.00
5 mix	371@211.00	65 mix	1005@156.60
2 bwf	408@216.00		

NO SALE ON: JULY 6
NEXT SALE: JULY 13

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 13

- 18 blk cows, 4-5 months bred to Char & Simm bulls, running age.
- 34 mix str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, 400-600#
- 50 blk & bwf str, 60 days weaned, 500-700#
- 185 mostly blk str & hfrs, 75d wean, 3 rd shots, 550-700#
- 50 blk & Red str & hfrs, 700-775#
- 55 mix str, 875-950#
- 57 blk Herf str, 900-1000#

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

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Results for June 29, 2022

STEERS	7	529	185.50		
5	379	235.00	80	658	184.00
8	474	224.00	55	642	165.25
5	536	215.00			
60	822	167.75	TOP BUTCHER COW:		
60	886	167.35	\$94.50 @ 1,453 LBS.		
HEIFERS			TOP BUTCHER BULL:		
8	428	197.00	\$124.50 @ 1,745 LBS.		
5	459	186.00			

SUMMER SALE SCHEDULE

July 6 - NO SALE July 20 - NO SALE
July 13 - SALE July 27 - SALE

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 13

- 55 blk x strW.V..... 600-700 lbs.

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Cattle sales Tuesday, 11:00 AM.

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SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SALE
TUES., AUGUST 30

*Please be sure to look at our
Summer Sale Schedule between our 2 barns
at Junction City & Clay Center.*

SUMMER SALE SCHEDULE

July 5 - NO SALE July 19 - SALE
July 12 - NO SALE July 26 - NO SALE

*In August we will go back to our
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Bull cuddling, anyone?



A reader sent this photo in response to a column by Ron Wilson about cow cuddling. Pictured is Dru Clarke, of Possum Hollow Ranch in St. George, cuddling with her number one Highland bull, Harry. She wanted Ron Wilson to know that it is possible to cuddle with a bovine, but not with just any bovine. She says her three bulls, Harry, Fergus, and Arthur, love to be hugged, petted, and combed (curried). "My oxytocin levels go up whenever we do this, so it is true," she wrote, but cautioned, "I would not advise folks to go out and start approaching cows unless they knew them well."

Tips on keeping cattle feeding areas clean

By Jessica Jensen, K-State Research and Extension news service

Recent rains and rising temperatures have led to a need for cattle producers to clean feeding areas, says K-State livestock specialist Joel DeRouche.

Among the chores, DeRouche suggests:

- Pull manure out of areas where it has accumulated.
- Make sure drainage areas are clear.
- Remove manure from the pens and consider using it as a fertilizer source.
- Repack and rebuild mounds, if utilized.

DeRouche said cleaning pens after the winter and spring months is important even during the

busy summertime, especially if the area is used for continuous feeding.

"Once we get some dryness in the pens, we want to pull the extra manure, and get drainage back to where it needs to go to help dry those pens out faster," DeRouche said. "All of a sudden, the pens are super muddy, and we want to get in and clean. One of the problems with that is we often take a lot of soil."

Trying to clean before the pens are dry can lead to pulling soil that will eventually have to be replaced by more soil. DeRouche said producers can reduce labor and expense by waiting until the pens are dry.

"It's very important to

get that manure removed, especially in those operations that are feeding cattle, because of fly production," DeRouche said.

Flies like moist areas and organic matter – and manure and rain provide a great environment for larva to grow. If pens are not cleaned in a timely matter, the production of flies will increase and have a negative effect on the cattle.

"The same principle applies in areas where we

have additional manure and feed that was wasted or simply not consumed by the animals," DeRouche said. "Those areas will provide perfect breeding grounds for fly production and anything we can do to scrape and mound it has a significant impact in producing less flies."

DeRouche's full discussion on this topic is available on the weekday radio program, Agriculture Today.



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<p>Week 3 - July 19: Deadline to win: 9 a.m. Friday, July 15th* (2) Kid Passes to the Flint Hills Discovery Center</p>	<p>Week 4 - July 26: Deadline to win: 9 a.m. Friday, July 22nd* Family Pack (2 Adult, 4 Kid Passes) to the Flint Hills Discovery Center</p>

*If no submissions are received for a contest week, contest will be pushed back to the next week until all 4 prizes have been won.

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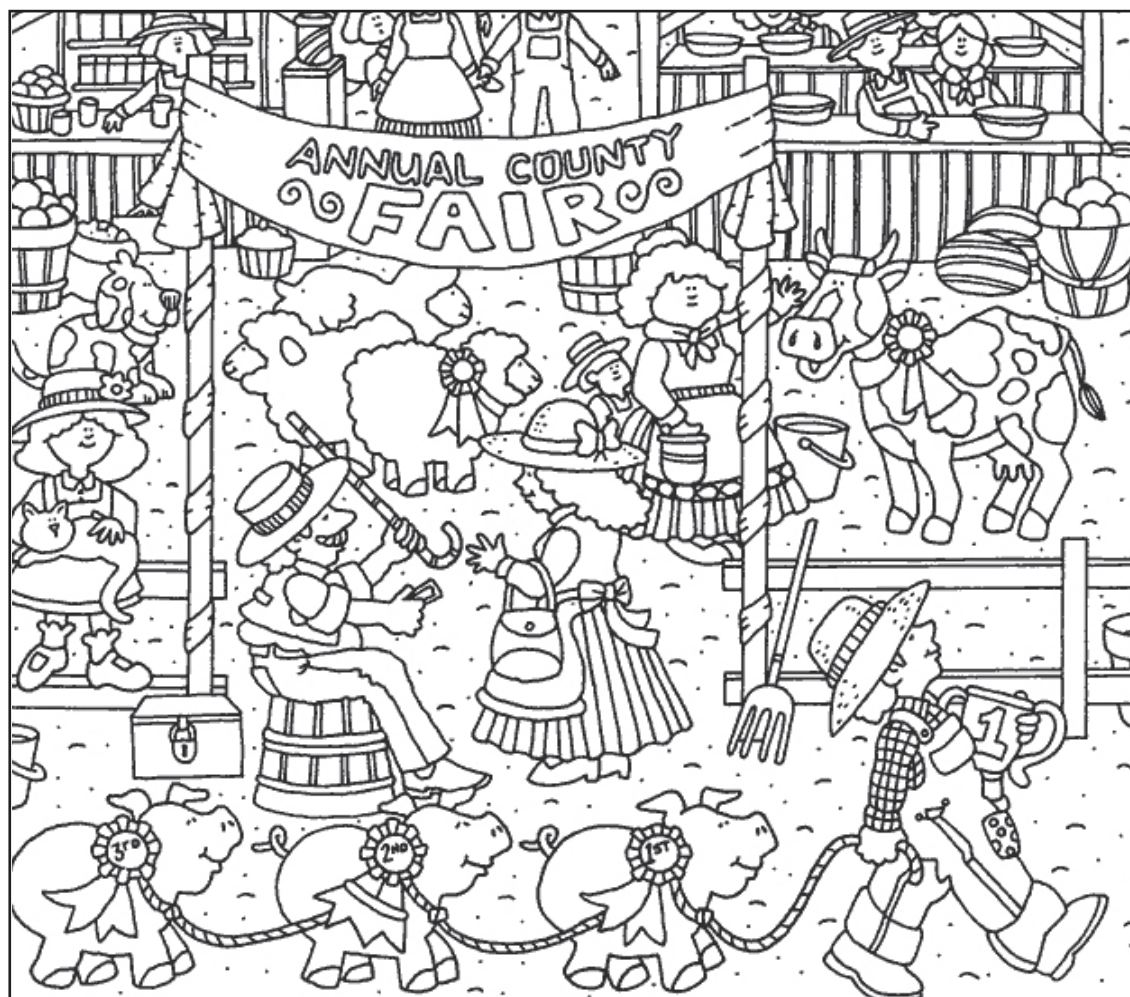


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Market Report - NO SALE June 30

NO SALE July 7

Next Sale: Thursday, July 14, 11:00 AM

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****STARTING TIME: 11:00 AM****

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STEERS	18 mix Holton 763@163.50
3 blk Holton 295@230.00	60 blk Wetmore1004@161.50
4 blk Holton 440@223.00	
10 blk bwf Holton 510@219.50	HEIFERS
13 mix Kidder,MO 395@216.00	23 blk red Kidder,MO 399@194.00
15 blk red Axtell 481@216.00	15 blk red Nortonville 488@193.50
19 blk bwf ValleyFalls 486@215.00	10 blk Holton 469@192.50
24 blk Centralia 542@211.50	12 blk char ValleyFalls 502@190.00
27 blk ValleyFalls575@205.00	15 blk red Axtell 483@190.00
14 blk Holton 613@199.50	59 blk red Nortonville 584@188.00
10 blk char Lancaster 620@193.00	9 blk char Lancaster 572@186.00
14 blk bwf Holton 620@189.00	26 blk ValleyFalls521@184.50
6 blk char ValleyFalls 650@187.00	16 blk red Axtell 585@177.50
8 blk Fairview 674@178.00	14 blk SilverLake 538@176.50
17 blk char Lancaster 710@178.00	19 blk bwf Centralia 623@173.00
14 blk bwf Oskaloosa 718@177.00	26 blk Holton 663@172.25
61 mix Corning 892@172.50	15 blk red Holton 604@172.00
10 blk red Wetmore891@165.85	16 blk red Oskaloosa 651@170.00
16 blk bwf Seneca 569@164.00	10 blk Fairview 642@169.25
	18 char blk Lancaster 667@169.25

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Farmers can't farm with one hand tied behind their backs, NCGA says after ruling on fertilizers

The U.S. Department of Commerce issued a final determination recently, saying that urea ammonium nitrate fertilizer exported to the U.S. was subsidized and sold at less than normal value in the U.S. market during its period of investigation.

While an important step in the process, the ruling will not on its own lead to the placement of duties on nitrogen fertilizers shipped into the country. The final stage in the process is expected later this summer when the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes a final ruling on the matter.

"Placing tariffs on nitrogen fertilizers will land yet another blow to farmers, who are already dealing with a host of issues," said Brooke S. Appleton, vice president of public policy at the National Corn Growers Association. "Farming is hard enough in the current environment. Farmers can't do what they do with one hand tied behind their backs. And actions like these, pushed by fertilizer companies, will tie the hands of farmers."

NCGA spoke during the recent hearing held by ITC, telling commissioners that tariffs on nitrogen fertilizers will place an undue burden on farmers by creating additional fertilizer shortages and unwarranted price hikes.

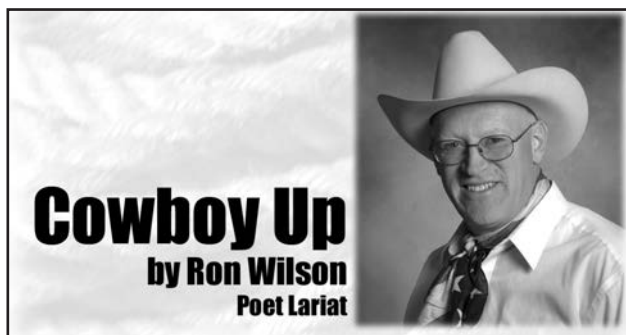
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Please join us for the 2022 Riley County 4-H Auction at 6:45 pm, Monday, July 25 at the Riley County Fairgrounds.



Cowboy Up
by Ron Wilson
Poet Laureate

Longshots

I love a good horse race. Once the starting gate opens, any horse can win. For example: the 2022 Kentucky Derby ended with one of the most amazing upsets in the history of the race. An 80 to 1 longshot came out of nowhere to win at the finish line. Gotta love a longshot.

It's fun to cheer for the underdog, or at least for a comeback story. Take the 1985 Kansas City Royals, coming back from a three-games-to-one deficit to win the World Series. Take the 2020 Kansas City Chiefs, outscoring their opponent 21 to nothing in the fourth quarter to come back and win the Super Bowl. Take the Miracle on Ice, when the U.S. hockey team beat the heavily favored Russians at the Winter Olympics. Take the K-State Wildcat football program, going from the worst football team in America to a number 1 national ranking. Or, take me proposing to my girlfriend many years ago, and her agreeing to marry me. Hooray for the longshot!

The 2022 Kentucky Derby represented such a story. The winner turned out to be a Thoroughbred named Rich Strike, who the experts gave no chance to win. Rich Strike was purchased at a claiming race in fall 2021. I didn't know what a claiming race was before this. Apparently, the major horse breeders save their best horses for racing, and they send the ones they don't want to a claiming race where a buyer can claim a horse at a set price. These horses are the leftovers, the lesser-regarded, the less wanted.

Rick Dawson from Edmond, Oklahoma bought Rich Strike at a claiming

race for \$30,000, at a time when racehorses average \$75,000 in price and some go for millions. He connected with a Kentucky horse trainer named Eric Reed.

In 2016, lightning had struck Reed's stables and caused a fire which destroyed virtually everything. Twenty-three valuable yearling horses perished in the fire. Reed was essentially ruined. He considered getting out of the business but de-

decided to stay in. He met Rick Dawson and took on the task of training Rich Strike.

This horse had run eight races and lost seven of them. He didn't even qualify for the Kentucky Derby but was listed as an alternate. On the Friday before the race on Saturday, another horse scratched right before the deadline and Rich Strike was allowed to join the field. Friday morning the horse wasn't in the race, but by Saturday night he was in the winner's circle! In doing so, the \$30,000 horse won a purse of \$1.8 million. It was described as one of the greatest upsets in the history of the Kentucky Derby. Amazing!

I'm not a gambling man. I'm not smart enough, or maybe I'm way too cheap, to spend money betting on horses. However, I do like to watch these pretty horses run - especially when you get to see a longshot win it all.

The Upshot on Longshots

By Ron Wilson, Poet Laureate

You gotta like the underdog,
the one without a chance,
Like the guy who's so shy
but gets the popular girl to dance.
Maybe it's the Royals or the Chiefs
with a rally from behind,
Or a horse with an upset of the most amazing kind.
In this year's Kentucky Derby, a big part of the fun
Was to see a horse win with odds against of 80 to 1.
No one gave this horse a chance.
His name was Rich Strike.
According to the experts,
there wasn't much there to like.
The place where he was raised
didn't think he'd keep the pace,
So they sold him for a bargain
in what they call a claiming race.
He'd lost seven of eight races
so he faced a lot of doubt:
Got in the Derby as an alternate
when another horse canceled out.
When the race began, he was middle of the pack,
But down the stretch,
he began to move forward from the back.
At the end, he came along the rail
with all his speed and strength,
And caught up at the finish line -
won by three-quarters length.
It was a huge upset and an unexpected surprise:
A thirty-thousand-dollar horse
won a million-dollar prize.
So I'll cheer for the underdog,
for it sure makes me grin,
When there's exciting upsets,
and you see a longshot win.
Happy Trails!
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Grass & Grain Weather Report July 6, 2022

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																
<p>WEDNESDAY Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 72</p> <p>THURSDAY Scattered T-storms High: 90 Low: 71</p> <p>FRIDAY Few Showers High: 86 Low: 65</p> <p>SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 88 Low: 69</p> <p>SUNDAY Few Showers High: 83 Low: 62</p> <p>MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 85 Low: 66</p> <p>TUESDAY Few Showers High: 86 Low: 65</p>	<p>Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 92°, humidity of 60%. Southeast wind 2 to 7 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 96°. The record high temperature for today is 105° set in 2012.</p> <p>Last Week's Almanac</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>H/L</th> <th>Normal</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6/24</td> <td>95/70</td> <td>88/65</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/25</td> <td>88/75</td> <td>88/65</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/26</td> <td>76/61</td> <td>88/65</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/27</td> <td>82/56</td> <td>89/65</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/28</td> <td>87/60</td> <td>89/65</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/29</td> <td>91/63</td> <td>89/66</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/30</td> <td>94/68</td> <td>89/66</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Rainfall 0.00" Normal rainfall 1.01" Departure -1.01" Average temp 76.1° Average normal 76.9° Departure -0.8°</p>	Date	H/L	Normal	Precip	6/24	95/70	88/65	0.00"	6/25	88/75	88/65	0.00"	6/26	76/61	88/65	0.00"	6/27	82/56	89/65	0.00"	6/28	87/60	89/65	0.00"	6/29	91/63	89/66	0.00"	6/30	94/68	89/66	0.00"	<p>Washington 98/75</p> <p>Clay Center 92/71</p> <p>Abilene 93/71</p> <p>Manhattan 92/72</p> <p>Junction City 93/72</p> <p>Wamego 91/72</p> <p>Seneca 88/71</p> <p>Council Grove 94/72</p>
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This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
First	6:07 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	1:16 p.m.	12:55 a.m.	7/20
Wednesday	6:07 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	1:19 a.m.	1:45 a.m.	
Thursday	6:08 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	3:31 p.m.	1:45 a.m.	
Friday	6:09 a.m.	8:54 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	2:14 a.m.	
Saturday	6:09 a.m.	8:54 p.m.	6:01 p.m.	2:49 a.m.	
Sunday	6:10 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	7:17 p.m.	3:33 a.m.	New
Monday	6:11 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	8:28 p.m.	4:29 a.m.	7/28
Tuesday					

Local UV Index

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

Weather History

July 6, 1893 - A violent tornado killed 71 people on its 40-mile track across northwestern Iowa. Forty-nine people were killed near Pomeroy, where 80 percent of the buildings were destroyed and most leveled to the ground. Photos showed most of the town without a wall or tree standing.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
6/24	32	6/28	23
6/25	31	6/29	27
6/26	18	6/30	31
6/27	19		

Sell At St. Marys

Sell Or Buy Cattle By Auction STARTING TIME 10:30 AM Tuesdays

We sold 640 cattle June 28. Steer and heifer calves were in good demand at steady to higher prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$3.00 higher. Cows and bulls were steady to \$3.00 higher.	70 blk/red hfrs 798 @ 155.75	1 char cow 1425 @ 91.50	1 bwf cow 1215 @ 75.50	BULLS
	6 blk/red hfrs 645 @ 155.00	1 wf cow 1420 @ 89.00	1 blk cow 1190 @ 74.00	1 wf bull 2000 @ 118.00
	1 bwf hfr 665 @ 150.00	1 blk cow 1125 @ 88.00	1 bwf cow 860 @ 73.00	1 blk bull 1750 @ 110.00
	4 blk hfrs 679 @ 148.00	1 blk cow 1080 @ 87.00	1 bwf cow 1135 @ 65.00	1 blk bull 1970 @ 105.00
STEER CALVES	1 bwf hfr 640 @ 143.50	1 blk cow 1280 @ 86.50		
17 blk/bwf str 442 @ 218.50	1 bwf hfr 740 @ 143.00	1 blk cow 1005 @ 86.00		
1 blk str 295 @ 211.00	2 blk/red hfrs 728 @ 140.00	1 blk cow 1090 @ 85.00		
7 blk str 473 @ 207.50	1 blk hfr 845 @ 138.00	1 blk cow 1440 @ 84.00		
9 blk/bwf str 525 @ 199.00	1 blk hfr 880 @ 138.00	1 blk cow 1360 @ 83.00		
1 blk str 430 @ 196.00	2 red hfrs 733 @ 135.00	1 red cow 1520 @ 82.50		
	HEIFER CALVES	1 blk cow 1155 @ 81.00		
	8 blk hfrs 434 @ 182.50	1 blk cow 1555 @ 80.00		
	2 blk hfrs 370 @ 181.00	1 blk cow 1200 @ 79.00		
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS	2 blk hfrs 483 @ 178.00	1 blk cow 1210 @ 78.50		
54 blk/red str 887 @ 173.10	9 blk/bwf hfrs 478 @ 177.50	1 blk cow 1220 @ 78.00		
3 blk str 618 @ 171.00	28 blk/red hfrs 509 @ 174.50	1 red cow 880 @ 76.00		
1 bwf str 580 @ 170.00	1 blk hfr 350 @ 172.00			
3 blk str 612 @ 167.00	2 blk/bwf hfrs 388 @ 170.00			
61 blk/red str 811 @ 166.25	1 blk hfr 265 @ 169.00			
4 blk str 656 @ 166.00				
60 mix str 919 @ 164.25	STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS			
60 blk/bwf str 936 @ 163.25	66 blk/bwf hfrs 801 @ 157.50			

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