



# Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

Last week's failure following the strong Sunday night start was not nearly as spectacular as the previous week, but the result was fresh multi-month lows for the corn, wheat, and soybeans, which look really bad on the charts. It is pretty normal for the corn and soybeans to be heading lower at this time of year, so when traders aren't afraid of the weather, the weather premium disappears. Right now, traders aren't worried about declining crop condition ratings and they are feeling pretty good about the crop potential. Forecasts do

tend to change, so if the expected rains don't fall it could be very supportive to the corn and soybeans, but traders appear to be betting on the rain. Wheat saw another good week of export sales, but that did not help the market. It is a little bit surprising that we were able to see so much pressure when the demand pace is so good. One of the big issues last week was the agreement between Russia and Ukraine that will allow grain shipments out of the Black Sea. Considering the amount of port and elevator damage that

has been done, it doesn't seem like exports from Ukraine will resume very quickly. Time will tell, but apparently we will need to see even better export sales numbers to convince traders there are still problems with global wheat supplies. Soybeans had a positive export sales week after seeing a couple weeks of cancellations, so hopefully we are back on track. Our sales totals are still over the current USDA export estimate, so if we can avoid more cancellations, we still have a chance at an increase in the export estimate and

a cut to old crop ending stocks. Despite the recent price action, not all the news is negative.

The cattle market came to life as we closed out the week, so both live cattle and feeder cattle charts look good. October live cattle moved through trend line resistance and through last week's high, which makes our next area of resistance the June 21st high of \$143.40. Closing above that level would open the door to a move towards the open chart gap that would be filled at \$146. The biggest negative factor that the live cattle face is the huge cow slaughter numbers we are seeing. If we can keep working through all this grinding meat, the cattle market will be in good shape.

Feeder cattle would be helped by strength in the live cattle and would be helped even more if the corn continues lower.

The \$182 area may provide some resistance to the August feeder cattle contract, so it would not be surprising to see a pause, but the new multi-month highs tell us that the momentum of this market is clearly up, and it is best not to fight it.

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## USDA announces steps to stabilize food prices

The Biden administration announced additional steps it's taking to support U.S. farmers in their work to stabilize food prices and feed Americans and the world amidst continuing challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is reducing the economic risk of raising two crops

on the same land in one year, making it easier for U.S. farmers to grow food in America, increase food supply, and lower food costs for American families. This action is part of a broader set of commitments made earlier this year by President Biden and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to increase domestic food production amid potential global food shortages related to the in-

vasion of Ukraine.

To reduce the risk of raising two crops on the same land in one year — a practice known as double-cropping — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is expanding double-crop insurance opportunities in nearly 1,500 counties where double-cropping is viable.

"In May, I joined President Biden at the O'Connor farm in Kankakee, Illi-

nois, to announce a series of actions to help farmers do what they do — grow food for American families and the rest of the world. Today, USDA is making good on one of those commitments and making it easier to plant double crops and sharing some of the financial risk by making crop insurance more available in over 1,500 counties," said Vilsack.

"We live in a challenging time, but I put my trust in the American farmer and U.S. agriculture to help keep the food we need affordable and available. The Biden administration and USDA will continue to find ways to ease burdens on American farmers and lower costs for American families such as expanded double crop options through crop insurance." Improvements include:

- For soybeans, double crop coverage will be expanded to or streamlined in at least 681 counties, including all of those that were initially targeted for review. While some additional counties were permanently added to be double crop counties, the majority of expansion removed barriers such

as requiring production records and streamlined the process to get personalized coverage through a written agreement.

- For grain sorghum, double crop coverage will be expanded to or streamlined in at least 870 counties that were initially targeted for review. Similar to soybeans, most of these changes included streamlining the administrative burden and requirements to obtain written agreements. Written agreements provide the producer with the maximum flexibility by allowing them to obtain crop insurance coverage, but not requiring the coverage of both the spring and winter crops as in permanent double crop counties.

- RMA will also work with the crop insurance industry and farm organizations to highlight the availability and improvements in written agreements as an option for any farmer that grows a crop outside the area where a policy is automatically offered.

This expansion of coverage was guided by extensive outreach to nearly 70 grower groups covering 28 states. This includes a

wide array of stakeholders such as producers, agents, university extension and other agricultural experts, commodity associations, state departments of agriculture and insurance companies. USDA may add additional counties as it explores these options with farmers this summer, with the final rules being locked in by the fall. Since farmers need to plan ahead for adding a winter crop to a rotation, USDA wanted to make sure they had time to consider this option and consult with local Extension and agriculture experts and their crop insurance agent.

Additional resources released by USDA include frequently asked questions as well as the Helping Farmers Address Global Food Insecurity webpage on [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov)

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Producers can learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [rma.usda.gov](http://rma.usda.gov).



These six individuals were elected to serve on the National Junior Angus board of directors during the awards ceremony at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show on July 8 in Kansas City, Missouri. Pictured from left are Jayce Dickerson, Paradise; Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas; Jack Dameron, Towanda, Ill.; Lauren Gilbert, Oldfield, Mo.; Lani LeBeouf, Deridder, La.; and Avery Mather, State Center, Iowa.

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Jay, OK	4 blk	5-6	6	@1200.00
Jay, OK	2 blk	5-6	6-7	@1075.00

Randolph	10 blk	2	7	@2300.00
Jay, OK	22 blk	5-6	7-8	@1550.00
Jay, OK	8 blk	5-6	5-7	@1525.00
Jay, OK	10 blk	3-6	5-7	@1475.00
Jay, OK	7 blk	5-6	6	@1450.00

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### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 5

SELLING AROUND 11:30 A.M.

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- 3 SimAng Homozygous blk Homozygous polled 1st calf OCV hfrs bred SimAng Homozygous Blk Homozygous Polled bulls for mid to late Oct calving. (All shots/ pelvic measured)
- 6 Older SimAngus cows (SS) bred SimAngus Homozygous Blk Homozygous Polled bulls for late Aug. 70 day calving period.
- 70 Choice SimAngus str & hfrs, Spring shots, 650-850 lbs.
- 60 choice blk mostly str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, 600-750 lbs.
- 10 blk feeder hfrs, all shots, long weaned, 800-850 lbs.
- 100 Choice Reputation Angus strs, 650-750 lbs.
- 75 choice blk, bwf & rwf strs, 2 rds shots, 650-750 lbs.

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### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 29

SELLING AROUND 11:30 A.M.

- 40 choice Northern origin blk (20), bwf (10), and Red Ang (10) Fall calving cows. 3-4 yrs, bred Ang bulls to start calving late Aug-Oct.
- 40 Fancy Blk & BWF Fall bred cows (3-5 yrs) bred to Angus & SimAngus bulls to start calving Aug. 20 for 50 days.
- 8 blk str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, 600-700 lbs.
- 15 Angus cross hfrs, 650-700 lbs.
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- 25 Choice Reputation Angus strs, 90 days weaned, 2 rds shots, off grass, 550-650 lbs.
- 24 Choice Reputation Angus hfrs, 90 days weaned, 2 rds shots, off grass, 550-625 lbs.
- 25 choice Ang str & hfrs, sired by Cline & Mill Brae bulls, wean. 100 d., 3 rds shots, 600-700 lbs.
- 65 choice reputation Ang & BWF mostly str & few hfrs, 2 rds shots, no implants, 650-800 lbs.
- 17 Red Angus & Blk mostly str, weaned, 600-650 lbs.
- 12 blk str & hfrs, 2 rds shots, 500-600 lbs.

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### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 12

- 25 choice blk bwf mostly str, few hfrs, weaned, 550-700 lbs.
- 70 Choice Reputation Blk & BWF str & hfrs, 550-700 lbs.

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Your herd could be showcased in our upcoming 2023 large wall calendar. We are looking for high quality maximum resolution color images suitable for our large calendar. Submitted images will be judged by our impartial panel of judges. Please send your images as an attachment to [manhattancommission@gmail.com](mailto:manhattancommission@gmail.com) If selected, you will be entitled to pure well earned bragging rights.

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## Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report, prices were mostly steady, demand is good, but movement is slow. Doom and gloom seemed to be the sentiment out there lately. All crops out west are going backwards, even with irrigation and most agree dryland alfalfa is done. Prices continue to firm up and demand is high. As forage price continues to rise, a reminder to be aware of hay scams. Recently there has been an increase in reported scams. Make sure whoever you are purchasing hay from is legit or someone you know. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for July 12th, abnormally dry conditions (D0) remained at just over 12%, moderate drought (D1) increased to near 16%, severe drought (D2) increased to 15%, extreme drought (D3) remained near 15%, and exceptional drought (D4) remained at 1%. Join agriculture leaders from across the state for the Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth August 17th and 18th. More information about the Summit and registration, including the Feed and Forage breakout session on August 11th, go to [www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/Summit).

### 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, new crop 205.00-220.00 with an instance at 230.00, 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, large rounds 125.00-135.00

## Kansas 4-H'ers win national shooting sports competition

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

For the first time ever, Kansas has won the national 4-H shooting sports Tom Davison Sweepstakes Trophy.

The group of Kansas 4-H'ers beat out 39 other states - which included 169 teams and 691 competi-

ty 4-H Foundation and national coordinator for the Kansas team, credited the team's coaches and the youth participating with doing "a great job."

While some team members placed high in their individual events, she said the points scored by all Kansas participants contributed to the Sweepstakes trophy.

"It's those (top overall) results and the whole team effort that won the trophy this year. I'm proud of all of them."

The shooting sports national championship is open to 4-H members ages 14-18 who compete in nine disciplines: air pistol, air rifle, compound archery, recurve archery, hunting skills, muzzleloading, shotgun, small bore pistol and small bore rifle.

Participating states are allowed to enter up to four youth in each discipline at

delivered, large 3x4's 150.00-170.00 delivered. The week of 07/10-07/16, 4,539T of grinding alfalfa and 540T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on July 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$211.18, up \$5.88 from the previous month, usage was 652T/day, up 2% and total usage was 19,570T.

### South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered, alfalfa pellets steady; movement slow to moderate. 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, large rounds 180.00-190.00 delivered. New crop large rounds 195.00-205.00 delivered. Ground and delivered 200.00-210.00. New crop 215.00-230.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 245.00-260.00, 17 pct protein 250.00-265.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 310.00-315.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large squares 3x4's, old crop 110.00-125.00. Brome: small squares, 9.00/bale, large rounds 115.00-125.00. Oat straw: 80.00-90.00. Wheat straw: 95.00-105.00. The week of 07/10-07/16, 7,667T of grinding alfalfa and 850T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on July 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$187.97, down \$1.46 from the previous month, usage was 250T/day, down 11% and total usage was 7,488T.

### Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, grass hay mostly 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; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 125.00-135.00, large round 75.00-85.00, good 3x4 squares 100.00-120.00. Brome, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 120.00-130.00. The week of 07/10-07/16, 694T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

### Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa steady to 5.00

the national competition. The state with the highest overall team ranking wins the Tom Davison Sweepstakes Trophy.

Kansas 4-H'ers are eligible for the national team based on having participated in the state shooting sports match. Kansas selects teams based on each 4-H'er's rank, state match results and applications received.

Becker said Kansas' team included 36 youth from 22 counties competing in all nine disciplines.

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### North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa ground/delivered and grass hay steady; grinding alfalfa steady to 10.00 higher; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares, 11.50-12.50/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 200.00-210.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa new crop 195.00-205.00, new crop large square 3x4's 200.00-230.00; Ground and delivered, old contracts 175.00-190.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00/bale, large 3x4 squares 130.00-140.00, 3x3 squares 100.00-110.00, good large rounds old crop 85.00-100.00, Brome: small squares 9.00/bale, new crop large rounds 145.00-155.00; Oat straw: large rounds 85.00-95.00. Wheat straw: small squares 6.00/bale, large rounds 80.00-90.00, large squares 85.00-100.00. The week of 07/10-07/16, 2,338T of grinding alfalfa and 50T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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

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

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ever have that same feeling again."

Added Lange: "Something I'll always remember from nationals is the friends I made, the experience of shooting in a competition that tough, and the improvements made during the shooting period. I'll never forget that feeling of winning the sweepstakes."

Checkerhill Saras Dream 180 won fifth overall owned female champion at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson.

Cohen Navinsky, Easton, owns the November 2021 daughter of Silveiras Style 9303. She first claimed fall calf champion. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

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Lewis "Bill" Bloom is a lifelong farmer and stockman from rural Clay Center. Bill graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Science, served six years in the Kansas National Guard, and is a member of the Morganville Methodist Church. Bill and his wife Linda, a 27-year elementary school teacher, have three children and eight grandchildren.

### FREEDOM & LIBERTIES

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### ECONOMY

It's time to cut burdensome regulations and address the skyrocketing inflation impacting families all over Kansas.

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Our state's police and sheriff's offices should be fully supported and funded. Kansas must take the lead in backing the blue!

### EDUCATION

K-12 schools should be transparent with the parents about the materials and curriculum being used in the classroom.

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# Cybersecurity on the farm depends on location, risk preference

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

The terms cybersecurity and cyber insurance are more than just concepts in the agriculture industry, says Kansas State University cropping systems economist Terry Griffin.

He said the agricultural industry is becoming more digital, so adaptable cybersecurity – or, the protection of comput-

er systems from information disclosure or theft, or damage to hardware, software or electronic data – is more important than ever.

“As a producer, we have to think about who (our) biggest threat is potentially,” Griffin said. “The Kansas farmland market is fierce, but not as fierce as in Illinois, so the biggest threat to a Kansas farmer could be seen as a

different entity.”

Griffin said cybersecurity risk depends on the location and risk preference of the farmer and who they see as their biggest threat. This could be as simple as someone getting a copy of data or insights, or data becoming inaccessible to the farmer.

“There could be solar flares that impact space weather that can adversely affect GPS,” he said. “In

that event, we could be at a disadvantage during planting because there might not be row markers on the large planters anymore.”

He said such a situation can also affect harvest because farmers won't be able to log data.

Griffin said time is of the essence when a cybersecurity breach is detected, and if farmers decide to not plant and wait a day because the GPS is down – or they can't control the overlaps – it could have negative implications,

such as lower yields.

There are currently no state or federal laws that cover cybersecurity for farms. Griffin suggests a couple ideas to protect farm data:

- Treat farm data as a trade secret.
- Have employees sign a non-disclosure agreement.
- Change passwords quarterly.
- Make sure when an employee leaves that their connections to farm data has been stopped.

“There are some ac-

tionable things that farm operators can do to show that their data has value,” Griffin said. “These are some best management practices for data management.”

He said farmers should build up these practices over time so that they become habit.

Griffin notes a resource to learn more about cybersecurity on the farm at HeinOnline.

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

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## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I write as a Family Physician with experience of delivering close to 1000 babies and managing both miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy during my medical career.

It has been alleged by the abortion industry and assumed by ill-informed critics that passage of Value Them Both (VTB) will increase suffering and death among women enduring either of two potential pregnancy complications: miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy. This is not true.

Abortion – as promoted by the abortion industry – has no place (and has never had any place) in the management of either miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy. Opponents of Value Them Both (VTB) twist the truth, with the twist resting squarely on more than one use of the word, “abortion.”

Miscarriage describes a pregnancy that is already lost when the condition is diagnosed. The medical diagnosis terms for miscarriage include “spontaneous abortion” and “incomplete abortion.”

There are other possible diagnoses for miscarriage, but these are by far the two most common. Here, the word “abortion” refers to a baby that has died of natural causes. “Ectopic pregnancy” describes an abnormal pregnancy, implanted somewhere outside the uterus, that can become a medical emergency. Medical care for women suffering these pregnancy complications has nothing to do with the procedure used in an abortion clinic to end a pregnancy in which the baby is very much alive.

To deny women care for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy is tantamount to medical malpractice.

Denial of care in such cases is not an end point of VTB. Anyone who claims otherwise is not being truthful, due either to misunderstanding the medical terms as I have described them or willful intent to deceive.

Further highlighting misunderstanding, some women who experience a miscarriage require a surgical procedure to restore stability to the reproductive system when nature, itself, doesn't do so. The procedure is known as a “D&C,” and is almost identical to the procedure used to perform an abortion in an abortion clinic. The only difference is that, in the case of miscarriage, the baby has already died, and the purpose of the procedure is to restore stability to a woman's reproductive system. In the case of an abortion in an abortion clinic, the baby is alive, and the purpose of the procedure is to end its life. This clinical “overlap,” for lack of a better word, allows opponents of VTB to further confuse anyone without basic medical understanding about the use of medical terms and the procedures described by those terms.

Abortion, in the context understood widely by the public and promoted by the abortion industry, is not part of the management of ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage. Denial of healthcare to women is not a tenet of VTB.

Michael G. Skoch, M.D.  
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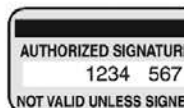
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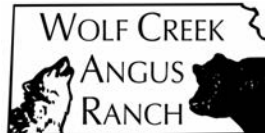
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# New Sen. Marshall bill aims to maintain availability of vital crop protection tools

Recently U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D., introduced the EPA Transparency for Agriculture Products Act, a comprehensive bill to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from overregulating essential pesticides that the ag industry heavily depends upon. Specifically, this bill would take steps to ensure transparency and accountability within the EPA's rulemaking process for pesticides.

"At a time when Kansas' farmers and ranchers are coping with record inflation and broken supply chains, the last thing they need is the EPA revoking or severely limiting traditional farming tools and methods," said Marshall, "Access to safe, effective pesticides is vital for allowing farmers to continue to efficiently and sustainably feed, clothe, and fuel the world."

"It's simple, farmers need critical crop protection tools like glyphosate to feed the world. Farmers use it on 40% of all acres in the U.S. and it enables more than \$50 billion dollars of production annually. We appreciate this bill that will provide farmers with continued access to these and other crop protection tools prospectively," said Teresa Brandenburg, Kansas Soybean Association president.

"Sorghum production was born from no-till farming in Kansas. For farmers to effectively use no-till practices they MUST have access to pesticides to control weeds, including Atrazine. Unfortunately, we've seen from this EPA a reluctance to recognize the importance of pesticides to no-till farming. Thank you, Senator Marshall, for introducing measures that direct EPA to ensure we can still access crop protection tools," said Jesse McCurry, Kansas Grain Sorghum executive director.

"EPA is using regulatory tricks to drastically limit farmers use of critical inputs like Atrazine. A recent proposal would restrict its use on corn in almost all of Kansas leaving no cost-effective way to control herbicide resistance. EPA should refocus its attention on sound science and transparency is key to that," said Greg Krissek, Kansas Corn Growers Association CEO.

"The U.S. cotton industry has worked with EPA over the years to educate the agency on the importance of maintaining workable labels for crop protection tools. We look forward to working with Senator Marshall and EPA to ensure that the needs of cotton farmers are met in the pesticide registration process," said Ted Schneider, National Cotton Council Chairman and producer from Louisiana.

"Thank you, Senator Marshall for standing at the forefront in defense of our nation's farmers who depend on these indispensable crop protection products allowing them to reliably feed, fuel and clothe the world," said Ron C. Seeber, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association President and Kansas Grain and Feed Association CEO.

**Background:**  
In July 2021, Senator Marshall sent a letter to EPA assistant administrator Dr. Michal Freehoff urging her to ensure pesticide registrations and rulemakings are based on proven science to prevent producers from being subject to unnecessary and burdensome regulations.

In January 2022, Marshall joined a group of his peers for a Zoom call with EPA administrator Michael Regan and other EPA officials to discuss the problematic direction EPA is head with decisions that restrict access to safe and necessary crop protection products.

In February 2022, Senator Marshall led a letter to EPA Administrator Regan that called on him to redirect the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs away from their current propensity for overly precautionous, blanket bans and severe restrictions of necessary crop protection tools back towards a regular, risk-based regulatory process.

During a May 2022 hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Marshall stressed to U.S. Department of Agriculture secretary Vilsack the importance of the crop protection product glyphosate, which is used on 40% of all U.S. farm acres, and urged the secretary to stand up to the Environment Protection Agency's position on glyphosate that will restrict farmers' access to the pesticide.

In June 2022, Marshall led a letter to President Biden calling on him to defend glyphosate and other crop protection products.

**Adverse Actions Taken by EPA on Pesticides:**

**Chlorpyrifos** – EPA pledged to uphold scientific integrity. However now, EPA only chooses to invoke science when convenient, and uses the courts as a shield to not appear to be at odds with the agricultural industry on pesticide policies. For instance, Administrator Regan keeps pointing to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals with respect to its decision to revoke all food tolerances for Chlorpyrifos in August of 2021. However, the court clearly gave EPA an option to retain 11 safe uses of the product—a point Regan himself is either unaware of or likes to ignore when talking to farmers about this issue.

**Biological Evaluations** – EPA also announced a new additional step in the process for evaluating and registering new active ingredients (AIs) through the Endangered Species Act

(ESA). EPA will now evaluate the potential effects of the AI and initiate an ESA consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as appropriate, before registration, a calculation which will add months to the already tedious pesticide registration process. EPA claims this is in efforts to mitigate legal risks, yet it will inevitably have a detrimental impact to U.S. food prices. On the same day as this announcement, the EPA announced the renewal of registrations for Enlist One and Enlist Duo using this new process. Enlist is a critical crop protection tool that many producers rely on. At first blush, this was a welcome announcement. However, hidden in the fine print were county-wide prohibitions on the product that came after many farmers already invested in the seed and the product.

**Dicamba** – On December 21, 2021, EPA put out an unrequired, not mandated report tallying up the "increased number of drift complaints" of Dicamba from last growing season. This could only be interpreted as an attempt to build a record to justify abandoning or restricting the current label in future growing seasons.

**Atrazine** – On June 30,

2022, the EPA proposed new restrictions on atrazine which will impact more than 70% of all U.S. corn acreage. EPA proposed an ultra-low aquatic level of concern of 3.4 parts per billion which is a level that is not supported by scientific research. The previous level of concern was established in 2020 and was set at 15 parts per billion.

**Glyphosate** – On May 10, 2022, the U.S. Solicitor General reversed a long-held view on federal pre-emption, siding with the Plaintiffs Bar on the impending glyphosate litigation and recommending the Supreme Court of the United States not hear the case about the safe use of glyphosate – a product American farmers use on roughly 40% of acreage that enables more than \$50B of US crop production annually. The EPA even maintains the science on glyphosate remains unchanged. Therefore we are left to wonder if this decision to allow states to utilize unscientific, anti-pesticide scare tactics on labeling is solely a political decision in order to appease progressive activist groups who are not concerned about where their food comes from or how much it costs.

## USDA to survey county small grains acreage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Kansas, for its 2022 County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS) for small grains.

The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, as well as yield and production of small grains crops at the county level. CAPS will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops such as barley, oats, and wheat in the United States.

"The data provided will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Doug

Bounds, Kansas state statistician. "I hope every producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers can lose out when there are no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections, and more. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency do not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers."

Farmers are encouraged to respond online at [accounts.usda.gov](https://accounts.usda.gov), by mail or fax. Kansas

producers who do not respond in the next few weeks may be emailed a reminder or contacted for an interview to complete the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data,

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The CAPS data will be published in NASS's Quick Stats database ([quickstats.nass.usda.gov](https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov)) at 2 p.m. Central time on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Kansas Field Office at (800) 582-6443.

## Governor announces registration open for 2022 Kansas Renewable Energy Conference

Governor Laura Kelly has announced that registration for the 2022 Kansas Renewable Energy Conference is now open. The conference is an annual event held by the Kansas Department of Commerce to showcase the latest industry trends and developments.

"I encourage all interested Kansans to attend the Kansas Renewable Energy Conference and learn about the positive impact renewable energy is having in the state," said Kelly. "Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with industry experts about what we are doing to grow all aspects of the energy sector."

The conference will be held October 3-4 in Manhattan and will be in-person for the first time since 2019.


The day-and-a-half conference will feature three general sessions and several breakout sessions focused on solar energy and storage, hydrogen, wind energy and transmission, transportation innovation, and an overview of how the public and private sectors are working together to advance the renewable energy industry in Kansas. Attendees will include industry experts, wind and solar developers, manufacturers, utilities, community leaders, and related business representatives.

"Renewable energy powers thousands of good jobs and generates billions of dollars in capital investment across Kansas," said Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland. "We look forward to hosting these educational sessions and networking opportunities that will highlight the impact of this rapidly growing industry and invite new collaboration and investment that will fuel our state for decades to come."

Industry partners and community leaders interested in sponsoring or speaking at the 2022 Kansas Renewable Energy Conference should contact Rosie Nichols at [rosie.nichols@ks.gov](mailto:rosie.nichols@ks.gov) or (785) 296-8886 by August 19.

A complete itinerary and online registration is available at [www.kansascommerce.gov/renewable-energy-conference](https://www.kansascommerce.gov/renewable-energy-conference). Early-bird registration is available for \$100 per person through August 26. Regular registration is \$125 per person through September 26. Students attending a two- or four-year Kansas college or university can register for \$60 per person.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. For more information about reservations, call (785) 532-9116 and ask for the Kansas Renewable Energy Conference rate.



The people behind this amendment wrote it in such a confusing way, it's hard to know what would happen if it passed. But one thing is clear: **government should stay out of our private medical decisions.** If the amendment passes, politicians will have the power to pass any law they want about abortion, **including a total ban with no exceptions – even in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is at risk.**

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## Cargill, Delacon to join together to create a leading plant-based phytogetic feed additives business for healthier animal nutrition

Consumer preferences for natural food production and consumption of animal-based products are growing. Plant-based feed additives have particularly high growth potential as a component of healthy animal feed. To support feed customers in this growing space, the world's leading agribusiness company Cargill recently announced it has signed a binding agreement to acquire Delacon, the globally leading expert in plant-based phytogetic additives.

"After a successful five-year partnership, Cargill and Delacon will build upon their combined deep history and long-term commitment to scientifically driven, sustainable customer solutions focused on animal health, feed efficiency, and performance," said Adriano Marcon, Cargill animal nutrition president. "We're excited to expand our animal nutrition offerings with science-proven additives."

"Combining Cargill's animal health technologies with Delacon's phytogetics provides the next frontier for animal productivity and sustainable, wholesome food production," says Mike Johnson, leader of Cargill's animal health technologies business. "Joining together with Delacon's leading talent and technology to deliver improved profitability and performance for our customers."

The acquisition combines Cargill's global network and deep expertise in animal nutrition technologies with Delacon's pioneering knowledge and market experience in phytogetic feed additives, a category that uses a broad range of herbs, plants and their extracts, such as essential oils, to improve livestock and aquaculture performance and promote animal health.

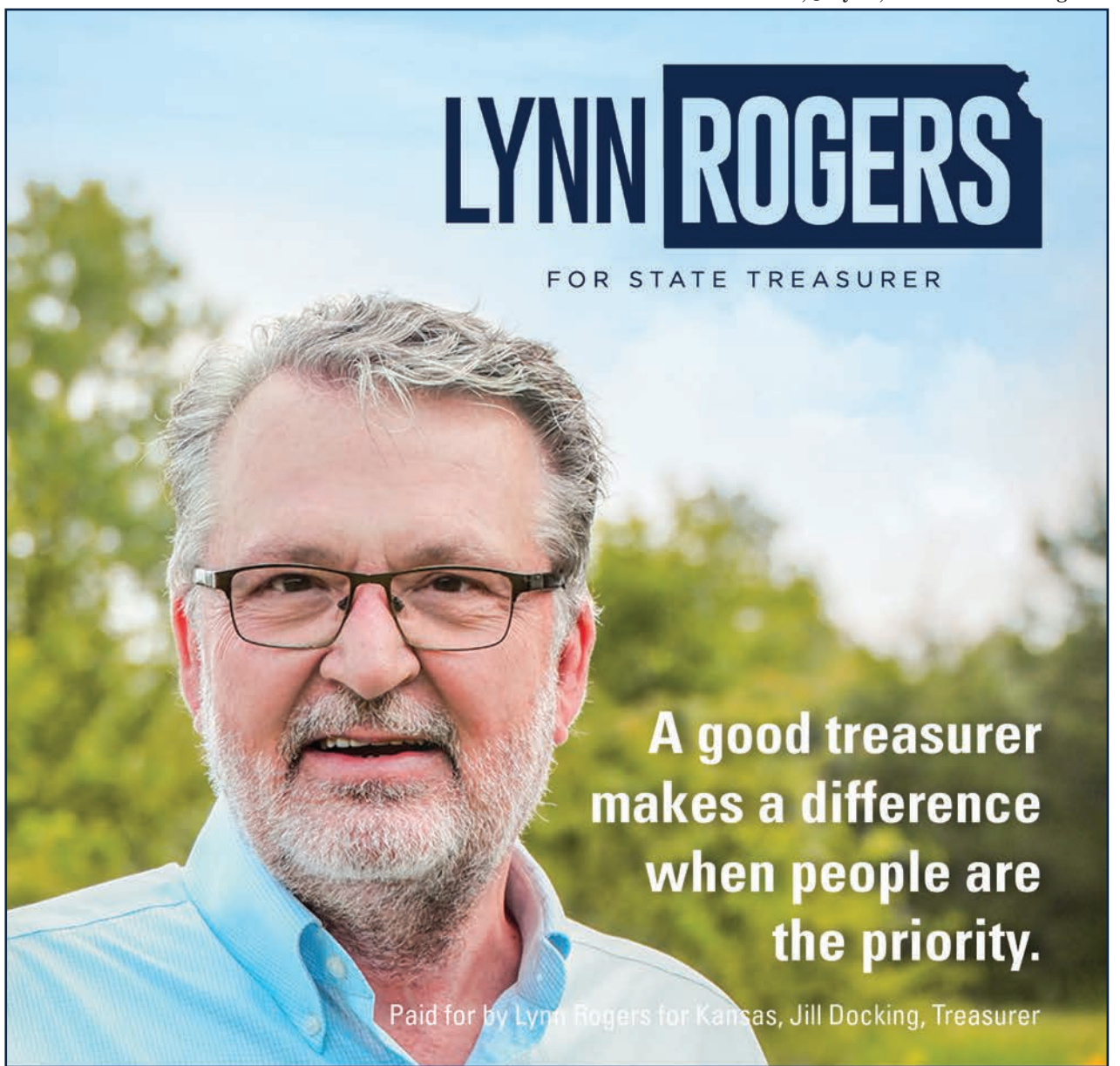
The term phytogetic feed additive was coined by Delacon's founders in the 1980s. Phytogetics are standardized, specific and science-based combinations of bioactive compounds found in plants.

Specific combinations of bioactives have proven efficacy and sustainability. They can have a positive effect on nutrient digestibility, performance, support resilience, and at the same time contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from livestock. In addition, Delacon operates one of the largest industry-owned trial sites for phytogetic research.

Markus Dedl, Delacon's chief executive officer, shared his excitement, "It is my responsibility to assure the frame for Delacon's future growth, developing our ability to thrive, and taking phytogetic expertise to the next level. The acquisition will enlarge Delacon's scope for future innovations and make phytogetic feed additives more available globally. Together, Cargill and Delacon will accelerate the pace of innovation and drive strategic, long-term growth."

Upon closing, the acquisition grows the global presence and distribution of both organizations, adding nearly 150 talented people to Cargill's health technologies business in more than 25 countries around the world. The Delacon Hub in Engerwitzdorf, Austria, remains the strong center for phytogetic feed additives even after the acquisition.

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# Benefits of confirming early pregnancy in heifers

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service  
 Many hopeful parents eagerly watch for the result on a home pregnancy test because they know that answer will likely in-

fluence personal choices of the mother in her nutrition and how she cares for herself and her baby. The sooner the couple has that information, the more able they are to respond to it.  
 In much the same way,

beef producers are better able to manage their herd with an early confirmation of pregnancy, especially with the heifers and first-calf females, said the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.  
 "We know that cows that get pregnant early in the breeding season tend to stay in the herd longer than those who get bred late in the season," said veterinarian Bob Larson.  
 Veterinarian Brad White added: "Those cows are also more productive in regards to producing calves with heavier weaning weights over the long term."  
 Larson defined an early

pregnancy check as one that occurs about 100 days after the breeding season has started.  
 "One of the important reasons to do a pregnancy check is to more accurately identify when they became pregnant," Larson said. "A 30-day difference in gestational age is easy to pick up on early in the pregnancy and nearly impossible to distinguish late in the pregnancy."  
 Larson said it is especially important to do these tests on heifers and young cows that may be managed differently than the rest of the herd.  
 "Those that got pregnant late should be considered for culling," Larson said.




However, veterinarian Brian Lubbers cautioned producers not to check for pregnancy too early.  
 "Usually before day 35 there will be some natural embryo loss, so I recommend checking for pregnancy about 30 days after you pull the bulls out of the pasture," Lubbers said.  
 From a marketing standpoint, nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said there is an advantage to

knowing the pregnancy status.  
 "A bred cow has a lot more value than an open (non-pregnant) cow when she is sold," Lancaster said.  
 Larson added that if cattle producers can sell ahead of the typical culling season, there are some economic advantages.  
 To hear the full discussion, listen to the Beef Cattle Institute Cattle Chat podcast online.

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<p><b>Week 1 - July 5:</b>                  CONGRATULATIONS Tate Wenderott of Alma, KS                    (1) Kid Pass to the Flint Hills Discovery Center; (1) Kid Pass to Geographic Kids 'Great Migrations - Butterflies' book  <b>WINNER</b></p>	<p><b>Week 2 - July 12:</b>                  CONGRATULATIONS Rachel Mullet of Wakefield, KS                    (2) Kid Pass to the Flint Hills Discovery Center  <b>WINNER</b></p>
<p><b>Week 3 - July 19:</b>                  CONGRATULATIONS Jason Pralle of Blue Valley, KS                    (2) Kid Pass to the Flint Hills Discovery Center  <b>WINNER</b></p>	<p><b>Week 4 - July 26 - FINAL WEEK!</b>                  CONGRATULATIONS Zoey Pralle of Blue Valley, KS                  Family Pack (2 Kid Passes) to the Flint Hills Discovery Center  <b>WINNER</b></p>



BLC Empress 2120 won fourth overall owned champion female at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Colby Bruner, Ottawa, owns the March 2021 daughter of Gateway Follow Me F163. She first won reserve late junior champion. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.  
 Photo by Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 \* 9:00 AM**  
 LOCATION: 312 East Maple Street, MARION, KS 66861  
 (Just South of the Marion Co-op elevators)  
 NOTE: Larry & Thelma are moving to retirement housing. They both have collected for years. There are a lot of unique & interesting items on this auction in quality condition. See you there!  
**OLD & COLLECTIBLE ITEMS**  
 Oak drop lid secretary w/top cabinets & bottom drawers w/chair; handmade Bamboo baby crib from the Philippines; Oak curve front 4 drawer dresser; old sewing rocker; foyer table; Queen Anne 2 drawer cabinet; child's couch/rocker; oak library table; oak organ stool w/claw feet; small curve front oak china hutch; Old gas cans, oil cans (Fina, J.D., Texaco, Skelley, Phillips, Standard, Fleet & more) in good condition; misc. large & small cans; lots of tins & advertising containers; Car tags in sequence from 1914-1924 & into the 1970s; 1960 German car tag; dated R.R. nails, #5 on up; Collection of wheat pennies from 1909-1959; misc. music boxes; hat pins; old hats & hat boxes (some designed by Thelma); Oil lamps; old books & magazines; True West & The West magazines (1950s & 1960s); Ag bulletins dating back to 1902; old comics back to 1937 & up; very old post cards & Valentine cards; Viewmaster w/ case of cards; 2 Seth Thomas mantle clocks; record albums; deer antler sheds; glass insulators, some colored; old drawer pulls back to 1869; penny banks; dovetail ammo boxes; old wooden lures; lots of petrified wood, sea shells, unusual rocks; Hesston belts buckles 1976 on up; other misc. belt buckles; old wooden boxes; DAV tags; old R.R. padlocks, some brass (Sante Fe & others); old animal traps; #4 1/2 Newhouse wolf trap; carbide lights; grain grinder w/elec motor; coffee grinders; H.D. or Indian motorcycle old leather seat; advertising yard sticks; skeleton keys; marbles; glass bottles; wash board; toy revolvers; old farm toys (some in box); Lots of old pictures & frames; lots of old knick knacks, figurines, old glassware, vases, dishes, etc.; & **LOTS MORE!!**



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The reserve champion market lamb at the Cloud County Fair was shown by Lee Lacy, a member of the Miltonvale Hustlers 4-H Club.



Seth Lacy of the Miltonvale Hustlers 4-H Club exhibited the grand champion market lamb.



McKenzie Widen drove the reserve champion market swine. She is a member of the Hopewell Corners 4-H Club.



The grand champion market swine was shown by Gavin Robinson of the Hollis Hustlers 4-H Club.



Broden Kolman of the Clyde Roadrunners led the reserve champion market goat.



Exhibiting the grand champion market goat was Sawyer Kolman of the Clyde Roadrunners 4-H Club.



At the halter of the reserve champion market beef was Taley Murdock, Concordia FFA.



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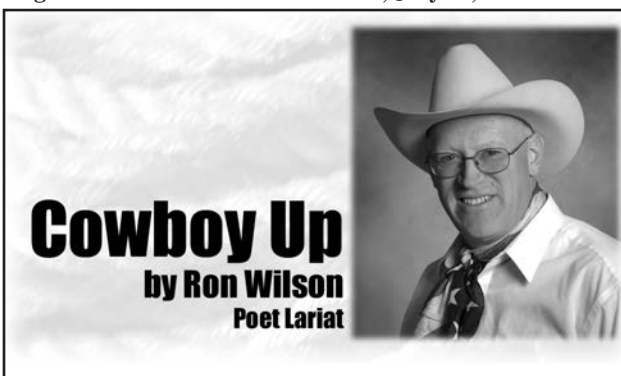
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**Cowboy Up**  
by Ron Wilson  
Poet Lariat

**Vet Program for Rural Kansas**

"What have you done for me lately?" That's the kind of attitude that our politicians tend to face.

I'm pleased to report that this most recent Kansas legislative session did something good for rural Kansas. Legislators passed and the Governor signed legislation which would expand the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas, or VTPRK. This program provides incentives for large-animal veterinarians to come

work in underserved areas of Kansas. This should support our rural areas, create more opportunities for large-animal veterinarians, and benefit farmers and ranchers.

VTPRK began in 2006 with \$400,000 in state appropriations. Those funds go through the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine to students. No funds are retained by the college for administration or program expenses, by the way. The funds are used to pay

\$20,000 or up to 80 percent of the annual tuition for five students who commit to work four years in a full-time veterinary practice in a county with fewer than 35,000 people.

(There's a similar program for medical students at KU who go into a rural health practice. That program is considerably larger and more generous than the veterinarians' incentive program.)

VTPRK students must complete a 14-credit Food Animal Certification program covering issues in rural business practice management, production medicine, and more. Participants must also tour Kansas ag production among other things.

This has been a successful program. According to Dr. Bonnie Rush, Dean of K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, scholarships have been awarded to 81 Kansas residents since 2006.

The 2022 Kansas Legislature passed a bill which increases total funding for

VTPRK by \$250,000 and increases the individual grants to up to \$25,000 per year, per person. It lifts the five-person per year limitation and increases the population limit for eligible counties to 40,000. This legislation should help address the need for more large animal veterinarians.

The legislation passed the House by a vote of 115 to 6 and passed the Senate by a vote of 39 to 0. It was signed by Governor Kelly on April 7, 2022.

"We are grateful for the expanded support from state legislators and Governor Kelly for the VTPRK," said Dean Rush. "Ninety-eight percent of VTPRK scholarship recipients have fulfilled or are fulfilling their requirement for four years of service in full-time veterinary practice in an underserved county. More importantly, 94% of scholarship recipients remain in an underserved county after they have fulfilled their four-year obligation

— a testament to the quality and integrity of these graduates. The program has ensured that the finest mixed- and large-animal veterinarians are retained in the state of Kansas. The expanded allocation will allow us to fund additional scholarship recipients each year to further address the shortage of veterinarians in key areas

of the state."

So, what have elected officials done for me lately? I'm glad that our legislators have addressed the need to help attract the next generation of food animal veterinarians to rural Kansas. (See following poem.)

Thanks for doing something good, lately.

**The Large-Animal Vet**

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Of all the professionals in the rancher's support set, The one I want to honor is the large animal vet.

The veterinarian is the rancher's vital part. He or she does tasks which should earn high regard.

The vet might be onsite for cattle vaccinations Or be checking out a horse in pre-purchase evaluations.

She might be going over the ranch herd health program Or performing a sire breeding soundness exam.

He might preg-check cows or have gut sounds assessed, Do health checks for the fair, or draw blood for a Coggins test.

She might sew up a wound, clean out the horse's sheath, Or give a shot of sedative to float the older horse's teeth.

There are occupational hazards: Gettin' bumped by the old chute, Or getting kicked or stepped on, right on the old workboot.

The vet might be in the hot sun or be freezing when its colder, With an arm inside a cow, in deep up to his shoulder.

She might be pushin' in a prolapse or lookin' for a cure, While avoiding swishing tails or the splatter of manure.

And when the vet's in a hurry, they don't want to hear the worst: "Yeah, please doctor up that wild one, but we've gotta catch him first!"

It's not always easy, but we appreciate the role he's carryin', And we give thanks for our local large-animal veterinarian.

Happy Trails!

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Hinrichsen Marksman 1012 won grand champion bred-and-owned bull at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, owns the February 2021 son of Seldom Rest Sandman 6075. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

Photo by Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association



AVF Blackcap 5880 won third overall bred-and-owned champion female at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, owns the November 2020 daughter of Silveiras Style 9303. She first won senior champion. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

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MLA Proven 2126 won third overall owned champion female at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Kaelyn Schilling, Edson, owns the February 2021 daughter of BNWZ Dignity 8017. She first won early junior champion. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

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• 55 blk X str/hfrs, off cow .....625-775# ..... Zerbe Rn  
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# Holistic management ensures longevity

By Heather Smith Thomas

A shift in mindset helped improve the health and profitability of Emmett and Carrie Jordan's Angus ranch near Briggsdale, Colo. The ranch is all rangeland, no crops. Emmett says it was dry-farmed at one time, but eventually transitioned back to pasture. The damage was already done, however, and the soil's health was deteriorated from cropping.

"A lot of land in this region was abandoned during the Depression," he says. "Some gradually went back to grass. We have tried to improve the acres under our management in terms of plant diversity and ability to capture and hold water."

They thought they could improve the land with managed grazing, says Emmett. Their ecosystem is short-grass prairie, with a 12-inch average for annual precipitation. Looking at any ten-year cycle, they are usually about four years above and six years below the average.

## The cattle

Emmett has been raising Angus for 26 years. Their environment is too harsh for large cattle, so

they select for low-input traits.

The cows start calving in May to match nutritional needs with the peak in anticipated forage quantity and quality. Calving from mid-May to early July is also easier on calves and people than calving in January-March, he explains.

They sell registered bulls by private treaty, and the commercial calves are sold as feeder calves in late winter. The bulls are sold as coming two-year-olds, raised on grass. It takes longer and they are leaner than grain-developed bulls, Emmett says, but they don't fall apart when turned out with cows.

"We want to make ranching more enjoyable and profitable by focusing on what cattle do best — grazing," he says. "Continued selection for maximum growth makes large cows that require large amounts of feed. But good moderate cows will net better returns."

To improve the cattle and the land, the focus has been on working with nature.

"We try to graze year-round with minimal supplementation," Emmett

says. "To do this, we move the cattle through a grazing plan designed to improve plant diversity and soil health."

Holistic management "One of the pillars of holistic thinking is to be a lifelong learner — not only formal learning, but also peer-to-peer learning. There's no way for a person to take it all in at once," he says.

Some of it is learned through mistakes, or tweaking things to work better.

"You must allow yourself to fail and try different things. This creates a lot of opportunity. The combination of that and trying to keep a positive focus are two of the most valuable lessons anyone can learn," Emmett says. "Don't get caught up in distractions. Stay positive, find a way to make things work, and learn from your mistakes."

Emmett draws a distinction between data-informed decision-making and data-driven decisions.

"It's easier to let the numbers dictate the decisions, but I think we need to step back and make sure we've examined the numbers in a proper context," he says. "Sometimes

we collect the wrong data points or have an incomplete data set."

Raising Angus cattle, the Jordans have had access to expected progeny differences (EPDs) since the 1990s to help predict progeny performance.

"An argument could be made that an analysis of those numbers should drive our decision-making when selecting bulls," Emmett says, admitting EPDs don't address some very important traits.

For instance, up until 2019, the data didn't include anything about hoof structure. A great "numbers" bull with bad feet isn't worth much on a range cow outfit, he points out. That's why EPDs are a strong tool, but balance is required between genom-

ic and phenotypic traits.

"We can find similar scenarios in ranch economics and ecosystem management, where asking the wrong question, having an incomplete model, or abstract numbers lead to the wrong action," he says.

With help from groups like Holistic Management International (HMI), he tries to develop the right set of questions to test ideas to see if they satisfy our economic, ecosystem and people goals. This helps his operation avoid misguided, reductionist thinking, which reduces complex ideas to their simplest component parts.

"What attracted me to holistic management was the idea that there can be triple bottom-line

success," says Emmett, explaining that includes land, animals and people.

"When I first started, I was focused on grazing management. The part I least liked was the most important — developing a business plan — or at least thinking about ranching as a business. We need that aspect of our thinking to be as strong and flexible as possible," he says.

"I was never keen on the business part, but as an aspect of holistic management, it is critically important," Emmett concludes. "We can't neglect the business or people part, and HMI provides opportunity not only to learn, but also provides the tools and software to do cash-flow planning and economic planning."

## New report highlights U.S. pork industry contributions to American jobs and the economy

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) released a new economic report highlighting how America's pig farmers are significant contributors to the United States' agricultural and overall economy. The report highlights pork industry value chain contributions and growth over the past five years.

"This report underscores how the pork industry is an important pillar to the U.S. economy and the positive ripple effect it has on many other important sectors in the American supply chain," said Holly Cook, NPPC staff economist. "From farm to fork, the combined economic contribution from hog production and pork processing supports more than 600,000 American jobs and generates \$178 billion of direct, indirect and induced sales that equate to \$57 billion in value-added GDP."

Key takeaways in the report include:

- The pork industry supports 613,823 direct and indirect jobs in the United States.

- In 2021, more than 66,000 pig farms sold more than 140 million hogs worth over \$28 billion in gross cash receipts. And the number of U.S. pig farms has grown since 2012.

- Farming and processing sectors are responsible for supporting more than \$35 billion in personal income and boosts economic activity in related

services such as trucking, grain elevators, insurance and other rural-based businesses.

- In 2021, approximately 25% of U.S. pork was exported abroad, which equates to 7 billion pounds of pork valued at \$8 billion. In addition, exports added more than \$62 per head in value to each pig marketed in 2021.

- The pork industry generates significant economic activity through its purchase of inputs. Feed inputs, such as corn and soybean meal, account for an estimated 56% of total U.S. production costs.

"It's vital to share this economic snapshot as America's pork producers continue to engage with regulators and policymakers, food companies and others to convey how our businesses directly and indirectly impact the larger economy," said Terry Wolters, NPPC president and owner of Stoney Creek Farms in Pipestone, Minnesota. "As a producer, this analysis makes me proud to see the impact I have being part of the thriving U.S. pork industry."

In addition to the national report, NPPC released 22 state-level economic reports. These reports highlight how the pork industry contributes at a grassroots level and shows the breadth of the industry producing affordable, safe and nutritious pork for consumers here and abroad.

View more pork industry economic data at NPPC.org/The-Pork-Industry.



Malsons Savannah 123G won supreme champion and grand champion cow-calf pair at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, owns the March 2019 daughter of Sma Watchout 482. A March 2022 heifer calf sired by BC Alpha C 1327 is at side. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

Photo by Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association



AVF Northern Miss 5921 won fifth overall bred-and-owned champion female at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, owns the December 2021 daughter of EXAR Blue Chip 1877B. She first claimed fall calf champion. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

Photo by Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association



Hinrichsen Forever Lady 1025 won fourth overall bred-and-owned champion female at the 2022 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, owns the June 2021 daughter of Schilling's R&L Confidential. She first claimed reserve intermediate champion. Chad Oates, Rising Star, Texas, evaluated the 117 entries.

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2 blk	530@210.00	14 bkChr	699@158.00
18 bkbfw	451@201.50	59 bkRdChr	816@159.50
9 bkbfw	513@202.00	5 bkRd	627@158.50
4 Red	536@188.00	22 mix	751@155.00
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3 bkChr	783@173.00	64 bkbfw	728@167.25
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60 bkbfw	909@169.00	17 bkbfw	693@165.50
22 Rd Chr	820@168.25	7 blk	584@165.00
30 bkRdChr	771@168.00	10 blk	691@164.25
31 bkRdChr	860@159.50	37 bkbfw	797@163.00
		4 blk	708@145.25
		5 bkChr	881@138.00

Butcher Cows: \$51-\$87, mostly \$60-\$80; very active.  
Butcher Bulls: \$75-\$106, mostly \$97-\$105; very active.  
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BUTCHER COWS		BUTCHER BULLS	
1 blk	1560@87.00	2 blk	1158@74.00
3 bk Red	1557@86.50	1 blk	1775@106.00
4 bkbfw	1703@85.00	1 blk	1645@105.00
5 blk	948@84.00	1 blk	1885@103.00
3 bwfrfb	1440@83.50	1 blk	1785@103.00
2 bwf	1425@82.50	1 blk	1560@103.00
2 blk	1465@79.00	1 Brangus	1395@101.50
2 blk	1368@76.00	1 Brangus	1680@101.00
2 bkbfw	1308@75.00		

### EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 28

- 200 mostly blk str, 750-950#, off the grass.
- 103 Blk Limo X str & hfrs, 400-650#, weaned 35 days or more & double vacc.
- 45 bk bwf rbf str, 400-550#, weaned 60 days or more, double vacc.
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<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>STEERS</b>
7 mix 351@179.00	26 blk 425@212.00
9 blk 534@177.50	76 blk 505@202.00
9 mix 607@171.25	18 blk 597@200.50
14 mix 643@170.00	17 mix 663@192.50
51 mix 690@168.25	9 blk 703@183.50
50 blk & Red 704@169.50	29 mix 725@178.50
37 blk 782@162.50	42 bkbfw 801@172.00
118 mix 818@163.60	23 blk 857@168.00
27 mix 893@152.25	54 mostly blk 933@164.25

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- 325 mx steers & heifers, off grass 700-850 lbs.
- 575 mostly blk steers off grass 850-950 lbs.
- 250 mostly blk spayed heifers, northern origin, 800-825 lbs.
- 180 mx steers 800-850 lbs.
- 270 mx heifers, 700-750 lbs.
- 110 mx steers, 700-750 lbs.
- 180 blk heifers, weaned 70 days 550-700 lbs.
- 200 mx heifers, 775 lbs.
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13 bk rd bulls Mahaska 342@225.00	
3 blk bwf McLouth 460@216.00	
8 bk bulls Winchester 396@208.00	
3 blk Valley Falls 531@206.00	
5 blk bulls Winchester 470@197.00	
4 blk McLouth 565@187.00	
7 blk red McLouth 500@184.00	
7 blk Goff 649@183.00	
14 blk bwf Valley Falls 730@180.00	
60 blk bwf Holton 873@175.85	

<b>HEIFERS</b>	3 red Holton 241@215.00
11 blk red Mahaska 246@210.00	10 blk red Mahaska 319@205.00
8 blk red Osage City 622@169.50	7 blk McLouth 592@169.00
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# NCGA launches call-to-action to protect atrazine registration

The National Corn Growers Association has launched a call-to-action asking advocates to submit comments to EPA in response to the recent announcement that they are revising the registration for atrazine.

On June 30, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that they are amending the registration of this well-studied herbicide that allows farmers to do more with less. The new level of concern for atrazine will vastly reduce the herbicide's effectiveness, hindering farmers' ability to utilize this critical tool.

"Corn growers know the value of atrazine, and it is time again that we tell EPA the value of this product to our operations," said Iowa farmer and NCGA president Chris Edgington. "In 2016, we came together to submit 10,000 comments to the EPA, and we need that same momentum again."

Comments can be submitted to EPA at <https://ncga.com/take-action/become-an-advocate/take-action?vsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f96109%2frespond> and advocates are encouraged to include information about how the proposed level of concern would impact their individual operations.

The comment period closes on Tuesday, September 6.

# What we can learn from the Europeans about African swine fever

**From Pork Business, written by Dennis Dipietre and Lance Mulberry**

The appearance of African swine fever (ASF) in Italy and recently on the border of Germany and France illustrates this disease moves in two distinct ways. Carto.com animates the various localities where the disease has appeared and spread, especially throughout Europe, Eastern Europe and the Baltic countries.

Usually, the first case or two in an area appear almost from out of nowhere with no discovered disease nearby. From this first flashpoint in a region, the disease will gradually spread out in all directions favoring the movement patterns of both people and wild boars.

Typically, the movement will be along highways, railways and through gaps in forested areas. Mountains tend to hem in the spread and contain it if the area is within a large basin. However, even with mountain barriers, 100 miles away, another incidence suddenly pops up, fully isolated from any other case and then the slow spread around it begins again.

The appearance of ASF in the Piedmont area of Italy, discovered by testing the carcass of a wild boar, is widely believed to have been introduced by humans carrying contaminated pork in one form or another. The area is served by ferries from Corsica and many other ports in the Mediterranean. These ferries are an economical way to move around coastal areas of the European Union (EU) and are often packed with people, many

of whom sleep on the floors and chairs (berths are expensive).

Because the food is costly, too, many bring sandwiches and other foodstuffs along with them. Although it is a long car ride from North Macedonia (a contaminated region north of Greece) to the Piedmont area of Italy, you can hop a ferry and be there overnight cheap.

The area is also widely served by trains and air traffic. Despite some regional spreading beginning in the Piedmont, a case was discovered over 300 miles away in a nature park on the outskirts of Rome, illustrating the leap this disease makes. Authorities believe the most likely scenario is the consumption and discarding of contaminated pork as part of a picnic in the park.

**Can't Contain People**  
There is very little doubt the entire EU will succumb to cases of ASF over the next few years. The vectors of the disease, which are effectively blocked by careful biosecurity, will likely hold but the movement of contaminated pork in the carried lunches and picnic baskets of people cannot be contained.

This case near the border of France (a "leap" case from the opposite side of Germany) occurred on an organic farm with only 35 pigs but lots of other fruit and vegetable production. Reportedly, 140 people work on the farm as it favors a low-technology approach with more intensive labor. The farm is reported to be "double-fenced," but the 140 people working there come from all over the

EU. The double fence may keep out boars but without restrictions that would violate the human democratic ideals of the EU, preventing humans from spreading the disease is not feasible.

**Understand the Spread**  
We are producing a model of the spread of ASF in the U.S., should it arrive, with an eye to estimating the different economic impact which might occur before containment and eradication if the disease and subsequent spread first entered through Miami, Fla., or Newark, N.J., for instance versus Oakland, Calif.

Using the extensive European historical data and spread patterns, we hope to gain insight into the unique pathways, natural blocks and accelerated spread corridors within the U.S. geography, building on excellent work already started.

One final observation that seems clear from the European experience that we expect to repeat wherever the disease crops up: when the first case is fully confirmed, it will be clear that it was not the first case but only the first "discovered" or reported and verified case.

As you can imagine, knowing the devastating impact financially on the farm and the pork industry, there may be reluctance to report the first case. Frequently, once a case is finally verified, numerous other cases immediately are confirmed as a thorough surveillance of the area is typically conducted and evidence of previous overlooked or unreported cases become common.

## Grass & Grain Weather Report July 27, 2022

### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 91 Low: 68

**THURSDAY**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 83 Low: 69

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 85 Low: 70

**SATURDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 87 Low: 74

**SUNDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 88 Low: 73

**MONDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 90 Low: 77

**TUESDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 92 Low: 78

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 91°, humidity of 60%. South southwest wind 7 mph. The record high temperature for today is 110° set in 2011.

#### Last Week's Almanac

Date	HI/LO	Normals	Precip
7/15	103/79	91/67	0.02"
7/16	89/76	92/67	0.00"
7/17	90/71	92/67	0.01"
7/18	94/65	92/67	0.00"
7/19	102/74	92/67	0.00"
7/20	94/69	92/67	0.00"
7/21	99/63	92/67	0.00"

Rainfall ..... 0.03"  
Normal rainfall ..... 0.85"  
Departure ..... -0.82"  
Average temp ..... 83.4°  
Average normal ..... 79.4°  
Departure ..... +4.0°

### Today's Local Outlook

### This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Wednesday	6:22 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	5:00 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	Full 8/11
Thursday	6:23 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	5:59 a.m.	9:12 p.m.	
Friday	6:24 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	9:44 p.m.	
Saturday	6:25 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	8:02 a.m.	10:12 p.m.	
Sunday	6:26 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	9:04 a.m.	10:37 p.m.	
Monday	6:27 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	10:06 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Last 8/19
Tuesday	6:28 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	11:23 p.m.	

### Local UV Index

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

### Weather History

July 27, 1943 - On a whim and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O' Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. This flight was the first of what would become regular Air Force flights into hurricanes.

### Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
7/15	41	7/19	38
7/16	32	7/20	31
7/17	30	7/21	31
7/18	29		

## K-14 CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 — 8:00 AM**

**LOCATION: At the K-14 Auction Center, 10919 S. K-14 Hwy. - HUTCHINSON, KS 67501**

**CYCLES, VEHICLES & TRAILERS:** 2000 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200 Custom w/8k mi; 1979 Yamaha 750-Triple Cylinder w/25k mi, needs tune-up; 2005 Yamaha Royal Star Deluxe 1300, Water Cooled w/34k mi; 1962 Ford Fairlane 500, 260 V-8 Auto w/45k mi; Gooseneck Brand 42' Tandem Axle Trailer w/New Floor (good cond.); PJ 14' Tandem Flatbed; Doolittle 16' Tandem Flatbed Trailer; 2017 Diamond 7'x20' Cargo Trailer (nice); Cambridge Lexington 2 Horse Trailer (nice); 2-16' Livestock Trailers; 14' Livestock Trailer; 11' Tilt Trailer.

**TRACTORS:** Kubota L3240 Diesel w/Cab, 435 Hrs & LA724 Loader (like new); John Deere 4640 Diesel w/Cab; John Deere 2950 Diesel w/Cab; Ford 8630 Diesel Tractor, w/Cab, Triple Hyd & 7200 Hrs; 2001 New Holland TN65 Diesel Tractor w/Cab & 6400 Hrs; MF 180 Diesel Tractor w/3500 Hrs on Tack; Farmall M Gas Tractor, wide front (nice); IH 574 Gas Tractor w/3600 Hrs & Loader; MM Model EE Star Gas Tractor (runs good).

**FORK LIFT & FIELD EQUIPMENT:** 2020 New Holland Roll-Belt 560 Specialty Crop Plus Round Baler (good cond.); 2001 M5012, Tail Gator Forklift, Diesel w/489 Hrs (works good); Hesston 1160 14' Swather; 12' Speed Mower (like New); 6" Portable Grain Auger; Pickup Bed Trailer; Hay & Tillage Equipment; King Kutter 70" 3pt Tiller; Bush Hog 7' Blade; Ro-Cut 7" Whirlcut Mower; TSC Pallet Forks.

**FARM & RANCH SUPPLIES:** Skid Pro 66" Low Profile Skid Loader Bucket (like new); King Kutter 85" 3pt Lawn Rake; Fanning Mill; Cement Mixer; 3pt Blade; Slip Scrapers; Skid Loader Tree Shears; 1500 gal. Supply Tank; Ironman All Country M/T 35x12.50 R20LT & 33x12.50 R15LT Tires (like new); Metal Band Saw; Magna Force Air Compressor; Old Gas Cans; Char Broil Grill; Cub Cadet 1450 44" Riding Mower w/Tiller & Wagon; Radio Flyer Wagons & Wheelbarrows; Misc. Lumber & Trusses.

**HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES:** Appliances; Bedroom Suites; Wardrobes; Vintage Furniture; Dressers; Chest of Drawers; Misc. Glassware; Ertl Toys; Canning Jars; White Mountain Freezers; Lawn Art; **Thousands of Household Items not listed!**

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## FRIESEN ESTATE AUCTION

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 \* 9:30 AM**

**LOCATION: 17203 S. Herren Road, PARTRIDGE, KS 67566**  
From Whiteside Rd & Pleasant Valley Rd Jct go West 2 miles to location, or from Partridge go South approx. 8 miles to Pleasant Valley Rd then East 2 miles to location.

**VEHICLES:** 1957 Chevrolet 6400 Grain Truck w/65k miles (Davis Child); 1959 Chevrolet 50 Viking Grain Truck w/83k miles (Davis Child); Chevrolet 50 Grain Truck (Davis Child) w/93k miles; Chevrolet Grain Truck; 1977 Chevy Silverado 3500 Dually Single Cab Pickup w/65k miles; 2000 GMC Sonoma Pickup; 1979 20' Gooseneck Livestock Trailer; 16' Livestock Trailer; 1995 Merrit Dbl Hopper Grain Trailer.

**FARM EQUIPMENT:** Allis Chalmers 7580 4WD w/8k Hrs; AC Dozer; Cat Crawler w/Bucket; Ford 3400 Cab & Loader w/2100 Hrs; Ford 9N Tractor; John Deere 6600 Combine w/3500 Hrs; Gleaner Combine; Gleaner Baldwin Combine (open station); John Deere 535 Round Baler; John Deere 508 Round Baler; New Holland 275 Small Square

Baler; 3 pt Post Hole Digger (10"); John Deere M-L Manure Spreader; John Deere PTO Manure Spreader; Krause 20' Chisel; Crust Buster 30' DBL Wing Drill; 3 Section Packers; Flex King 30' Soiler; Hesston PT 12 Hay Bine; 3 Section Harrow; Flex King 4 V-Plow; 10 Wheel 3pt Rake; 3 AC 5 Bt Plows; New Holland Roll Bar Rake; Hay Trailers & Gears; Various Springtooths, Harrows & Chisels; 3 John Deere Drills; Field Sprayer; **plus more equipment not listed.**

**FARM & RANCH SUPPLIES:** Grain Bin; R&R Creep Feeder; T-Posts; Fuel Tanks; Service/Fuel Trailer; Speed King 8" Grain Auger; Tractor & Implement Tires; Fencing Supplies; Misc. Farm & Ranch Supplies; **plus many more items not listed.**

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** A good selection of Collector Trucks that run and are in good condition! Not many small items so we should be on Equipment and Vehicles by 10:30 AM.

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# Sell At St. Marys Tuesdays

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

We sold 785 cattle July 19. There was a light run due to high heat. Steer and heifer calves sold at steady to higher prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$5.00 higher. Cows and bulls were \$5.00 lower.

**STEER & BULL CALVES**  
4 blk str 360 @ 210.00  
14 blk/bwf str 486 @ 208.00  
2 blk str 453 @ 207.00  
3 blk str 510 @ 203.00  
1 bwf str 535 @ 195.00  
9 blk/bwf bulls 511 @ 190.00

**STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS**  
25 blk/bwf str 618 @ 192.00  
8 blk/bwf str 611 @ 188.50  
55 blk/bwf str 926 @ 178.35  
130 blk/bwf str 882 @ 178.10  
6 blk str 648 @ 176.50  
1 bwf str 595 @ 174.00  
15 blk/bwf str 745 @ 173.50  
69 blk/red str 760 @ 173.00  
53 blk str 958 @ 173.00

**HEIFER CALVES**  
22 blk hfr 531 @ 187.00  
1 blk hfr 390 @ 178.00  
9 blk hfr 375 @ 176.00  
1 bwf hfr 495 @ 172.00  
2 blk/bwf hfr 453 @ 168.00  
5 blk hfr 500 @ 165.50

**STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS**  
63 blk/char hfr 833 @ 167.00  
1 blk hfr 730 @ 161.00  
59 blk/bwf hfr 759 @ 160.50  
31 blk/bwf hfr 823 @ 160.50  
4 blk hfr 670 @ 159.50

4 blk hfr 646 @ 159.00  
9 char/red hfr 885 @ 156.50  
1 blk hfr 665 @ 156.00  
1 red hfr 790 @ 152.00

**COWS & HEIFERETTES**  
2 blk hfrts 1295 @ 96.00  
1 blk hfrt 1025 @ 84.00  
1 blk cow 1225 @ 79.00  
1 blk cow 1525 @ 74.50  
1 blk cow 1310 @ 74.00  
1 blk cow 1045 @ 73.50  
1 blk cow 1210 @ 72.00  
1 blk cow 905 @ 69.50

1 blk cow 920 @ 69.00  
1 bwf cow 1320 @ 66.00  
1 blk cow 1130 @ 65.00  
1 blk cow 1070 @ 64.00

**BRED COWS**  
1 blk cow @ 875.00  
1 blk cow @ 810.00

**BULLS**  
1 blk bull 1925 @ 104.00  
1 blk bull 1590 @ 99.00  
1 blk bull 2245 @ 96.50

**CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022:**  
• 420 black steers, 850-950 lbs., off grass

**WATCH OUR AUCTIONS LIVE ON DVAuctions.com**

**CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022:**  
• 20 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., vacc.  
• 33 bwf steers, 700-750 lbs., weaned, vacc.  
• 140 blk steers, 750-800 lbs., off grass  
• 140 SimAngus steers, 800-850 lbs., homeraised, weaned, vacc.  
• 56 blk steers, 825-850 lbs., off grass  
• 130 black steers, 850-900 lbs., off grass  
• 114 black steers, 950-975 lbs., off grass  
• 60 black steers, 925-950 lbs.  
• 61 blk xbred steers, 950-975 lbs.

**CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022:**  
• 65 black steers, 850-900 lbs., off grass  
• 33 SimAngus steers, 700-750 lbs., vacc.  
• 179 blk steers, 900-950 lbs., off grass

Our **CONSIGNMENTS** can now be viewed after 12 Noon on Mondays by going to [www.grassandgrain.com](http://www.grassandgrain.com) & logging onto the online subscription

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