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Kansas family's forward thinking earns 2022 Progressive Partner Award

By Kylee Kohls Sellnow
Progress. For many, the word is one that often feels intangible, hard to grasp or clearly define.

"Progress means that we are measuring improvement, coming up with a benchmark and knowing where we are today and where we want to go," says Debbie Lyons-Blythe. "Not always making change, but always moving forward."

Adapting Angus cattle to perform better, in tandem with the land, and create a better end product is a labor of love 33 years in the making for the Blythe family. Every year they've improved one breeding decision, management change, farm tour and conversation at a time.

"Cattle producers and consumers are all vitally important to the progress of our environment, animal welfare and making sure our businesses are profitable," Debbie says.

Working toward a better beef business for themselves and the industry earned Blythe Family Farms the 2022 Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Progressive Partner Award. They accepted the award at the brand's Annual Conference in Phoenix on Sept. 30.

Succession plans aren't traditional dinner table conversation for most parents and their 20-something-year-old children and spouses. But it's a frequent topic at Blythe Sunday dinners.

Duane and Debbie may have many more able years ahead, but they're already transitioning the farm to their five children.

"Working together, we've helped them and created an opportunity for them to learn the best practices from us," Duane shares. "They're going to find ways to build a better fence down the road, but they're not going to make the same mistakes I made."

The transition kit includes digital photos of pastures, plants and notes on weather and dates. Debbie says it's easy to reference management when questions arise on when to move cattle or burn a pasture.

This record-keeping practice and forward-thinking model helps



Blythe Family Farms was presented their Progressive Partner Award at the CAB Annual Conference in Phoenix, Sept. 30, 2022. Pictured from left are: CAB president John Stika, Jeff Cather, CAB EVP Production Bruce Cobb, Allie Cather, Tyler, Duane, Debbie, Trenton, Brier, Eric, Cece Blythe, Lance and Meghan Shriver.

find ways to make the farm better.

"Progress is difficult to define without the ability to compare to a baseline," Debbie says. "We have to be able to utilize this land in such a way that it will raise more food. We have to follow best-management practices and make sure we are doing a better job with what we have."

Doing so led to 175 registered Angus cows, 225 commercial females and a 375-head heifer development program.

With the rich native grass resource, they decided 17 years ago their time, skills and resources would be best spent in a commercial heifer program.

"We typically purchase heifers from families with cattle that have genetics we know," Debbie says. "I prefer weaned and pre-conditioned with two shots and bunk-broke, but we're willing to do the work. The longer we own them, the better those heifers settle to AI."

After artificially inseminating once to a proven sire, heifers go to native grass with Blythe Angus bulls for 60 days for a tight calving interval starting February 1. Debbie uses an EPD (expected progeny difference) benchmarking system created to find ideal matings. Birth weight, weaning weight

and marbling are priorities.

"We rely heavily on genomics when we're selecting bulls," she explains. "I believe strongly in carcass EPDs, especially marbling. If the hot new bull doesn't have a good marbling score, I won't use him. I just feel like it's my responsibility to be able to create good beef."

Bull customers rely on her decisions, too.

Many have commercial herds and retain ownership of their calves, but they leave the EPDs to Debbie. Making sure they meet both cattle customer and beef consumer demands, the Blythes often retain ownership on their calves at Tiffany Cattle Company.

A pen sold in 2021 graded 97% Choice or Prime, with 90% making CAB or Prime. Just more data pointing to progress, if not quite perfection.

The connection to the plate doesn't stop there. The Blythes are constantly building bridges for people who want to know who raised their food. The modern cattle business is only sustainable with demand for high-quality beef raised on productive land and food influencers and customers who understand that.

Many food bloggers, chefs, foodservice salespeople and retailers have had their first ranch experience at Blythe Family Farms. Whether it's opening the gate or giving time to industry endeavors, the beef industry can often count on the Blythes to share their time, talents and treasures. Most recently, Debbie was elected chairman of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB).

"Sustainability is taking care of the land, animals, people and making money," she says. "My involvement in the USRSB is part of what will make it possible for my kids to continue to farm and ranch."

Progress with tools, data, continuing education and a willingness to have the hard conversations over the dinner table or in the board room make their legacy a defining one that will only get better with time.



Starting a commercial heifer development program 17 years ago came down to their proximity – they're in a great location with rich native grass resources, skills and customers. It's now something that sets them apart and diversifies the business.



Planning for the succession of their operation to their children is a frequent topic of discussion at Blythe family meals.

Winners of RTK photography contest announced

Winners have been announced for the 11th annual Ranchland Trust of Kansas (RTK) photography contest. Photographers of all ages submitted photos that showcase the mission of RTK, "To preserve Kansas' ranching heritage and open spaces for future generations through the conservation of working landscapes."

Bruce L. Hogle of Leawood was the grand prize winner in this year's contest. His photo was taken in Logan County at Little Jerusalem Badlands. The image is a great representation of the unique and diverse Kansas landscapes.

"This was one of those times when there was more color in the southern sky than in the west after sunset, which made for the nice sidelight on the rock formations," said Hogle.

Conservation is important to Hogle and he sup-

ports the RTK mission by donating prints for auction fundraisers.

"In my view, mankind has been slowly destroying our home, Earth, for years. Conservation organizations are doing their best to preserve and protect our natural resources in an effort to push back against this onslaught," he said.

Rachael Sebastian of Tribune won the Fan Favorite category for the second year in a row by receiving the most votes on RTK's Facebook page. Her photo appears on page 3.

"Ranching has been an integral part of Kansas' history and is something I'm proud to showcase in my photography—the ancient art of cowboying and raising cattle here," Sebastian said.

Winning images were selected by a panel of RTK and Kansas Livestock Association representatives,

along with special guest judge and professional photographer Jim Richardson. Richardson is a Kansas native and has

traveled the world as a *National Geographic* photographer for 35 years. He also speaks nationally and internationally.

Category winners include: Landscape – Greg Kramos, Manhattan; Livestock – Danielle Johnston, Osborne; People – Kaycee

Gross, Brownell; Sunrise/sunset – Scott Bean, Manhattan; Wildlife – Haven

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This photo by Bruce L. Hogle of Leawood, was awarded the grand prize in the Ranchland Trust of Kansas photography contest. It was taken at Little Jerusalem Badlands in Logan County.



Acting Like Cranberries

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Last week in the grocery store I was delighted to see the first fresh cranberries of the season. I bought a bag and will make cranberry bread with it soon. It might seem odd in Kansas but, for me, those cranberries are one of the surest signs of fall and a reminder of home.

Where I grew up, cranberries are a big deal. My parents live in the Wisconsin county with the highest number of acres in cranberry production in the U.S., most of their neighbors grow them, and I even took cranberry science in high school.

I love sharing fun facts about cranberries like they do not grow in water. The image you may be thinking of where people are in hip waders with water past their knees is actually during cranberry harvest. Since cranberries are buoyant, the beds where they grow are flooded to make removing berries from the vines with a beater and then collection at one end of the bed easier.

Cranberry growers also use water to protect their crop. Harvest is typically from the end of September through October, when the nights are getting cold

enough that the berries are at risk of frost damage. Growers have alarm systems to alert them of dangerous temperatures. When the alarms sound, they start their irrigation systems to coat the berries in water. As the water freezes a process called heat of fusion occurs and enough heat is given off to protect the crop.

The cold is a necessary part of the fruit's development as lower temperatures contribute to deepening the berry's red color, which can bring a premium on the crop. There is something inspirational about the fact that the closer cranberries come to being destroyed, the more they increase in value.

There are actually lots of plant equivalents to the saying "What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger." Drought-stressed wheat will have higher protein content. Giant Sequoia seeds can only germinate after a fire. Adversity is sometimes the most effective way for us to gain the character that we need to succeed in life.

One particular memory from my childhood comes to my mind when I think about failure pushing us to be our best. When I was 11, I took tractor safety to get

my permit so I could drive on public roads. Since I was a relatively inexperienced driver, my dad spent time with me practicing all the components of the test. My dad tried to be patient but to the delight of my older brothers, I was a natural at all the wrong moves, and I am sure my dad was embarrassed.

Within the first 30 seconds of the test, I ran over a pole on the course, which gave me enough points that one more mistake would cause me to fail the test. However, I was determined to pass and prove to my brothers I could do it. I took a few breaths and proceeded through the course with as much skill and focus as an 11-year-old could muster. I didn't make another mistake for the remainder of the test and received my certificate.

That same lesson has repeated itself through my life dozens of times when I was on the verge of failure. In those moments, I learned important lessons in life and how capable I really am. We all could benefit from acting more like cranberries by realizing that the closer you get to failure, the bigger the reward will be.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.



Harvest is a bittersweet time for me. As much as I enjoy harvest, Dad loved it even more. I am not sure there is anything in this world that Dad enjoyed more than harvest and running the combine. This year marks the fifth year he has not been on the combine. He hasn't passed but dementia has taken his ability to drive the combine or even take part in harvest; sometimes I wonder if this isn't harder on both of us.

Dad was always the combine operator. He told me that Grandpa did not especially enjoy running it so as soon as Dad could, the job was his. Then Grandpa's health failed, and Dad was a one-man band. Dad and his best friend Dwight joined forces to harvest when I was a kid; it was a great team. Dad had the combine and Dwight had the trucks. For many years, this partnership worked out perfectly.

Only on rare occasions did I fill in for Dwight and drive a truck, which was okay because the two of them enjoyed harvest a great deal. Eventually Dwight got out of farming, and I took over as the full-time truck driver. Notice I never said anything about filling in on the combine? That is because Dad never took a day off, we were always too busy to let me learn and that was the way Dad wanted it. Eventually, Dad confided in me that he really didn't enjoy driving the truck. I, on the other hand, enjoyed driving down the road, interacting with the other drivers and the Co-op staff and keeping a running total of the bushels, yields, test weights and moisture in my head.

When there was time, I would get in and ride with Dad. We had some of our best talks then. We also had more than a few arguments, mostly about me wanting to run the combine. He would say something like, "You need to know how to run this machine when I am gone." I would agree and ask to run it. He would tell me this wasn't the time, and we would do it when we weren't so rushed by the weather, time, the phase of the moon or some other excuse. I would grumble to him, and the combine ride usually ended.

The fact was that I was happy driving the truck and he liked running the combine more than life itself. We were both

comfortable and knew our roles and as junior partner, I really didn't have a vote in the matter anyway. But I knew the trucks inside and out — their noises, tricks — and Dad knew every inch of the combine and the fields. The funny thing was that dad started showing Isaac how to run the combine and I started to think I was going to get skipped over.

The end of Dad's combining came fairly suddenly. Well, as sudden as a summer can go. First, he turned the planting duties over to me. We changed things on the planter, and he just couldn't figure it out. Then came the baler, suddenly he claimed that I made a better bale than he did. The combine was the last thing he gave up and he did not go down without a fight. He started making mistakes he had never made before, our repair bill skyrocketed, and I was worried about his safety. I approached him about the safety part of it, we both thought maybe he was just getting old, and the long days were too much.

Our agreement was that I would run the combine until the trucks were full and he would take over while I drove them to town. I started to notice that things were not right, even when he got rest. I think we both knew it was the end but neither wanted to admit it. The final straw was an incident where the combine was plugged, and he didn't notice. This was the man who, in his prime, I swear could hear a bolt loosen up. We had one of the worst fights we have ever had and from that time on I was the combine operator. Believe me, neither one of us were happy about it.

The next couple of falls, Dad would offer to run it and even grumble that there was no reason he couldn't. We both knew he couldn't, and my defense was to just let the offer drop into thin air. I have to admit that I enjoy running the combine, there is something therapeutic when things go right. I also have to admit that I still feel like an interloper, and I think about past harvests the whole time. During harvest I give Dad updates and he perks up. In that moment the fog of dementia clears just a little bit and he usually has some insight for me. In that moment, just for a second, the world is right.



The other day I saw one of those silly quizzes on Facebook that I always scroll past and never take. This one was, "How would you describe your cooking style?"

I didn't take the actual quiz, but the answer to that question itself is clear. How would I describe my cooking style? That's easy. "It hasn't killed anyone yet."

My cooking style is basically a reflection of how I live the rest of my life: Unclear on the directions, short some of the ingredients but willing to make substitutions and continuing to adjust until I reach a fairly palatable outcome... that doesn't kill anybody.

I have a cabinet full of cookbooks and I love to add to my collection. So, it's not like the directions don't exist or that I don't know where to find them. It's more like I don't know how to follow them — or more accurately, don't CHOOSE to follow them. I can trace this all the way back to my middle school Home Economics class. Even then I considered recipes more of a list of suggestions open to my own interpretation and im-

provisational techniques. By the way, Home Ec teachers really hate that philosophy, whether it's applied to recipes or those frustrating paper patterns used in sewing. I'm pretty sure my teacher would have flunked me, but that meant she would have to put up with me again, so she sent me on my merry way to woodworking class. More on that later, but suffice to say I still have nightmares about planing a board.

When I got married and gave birth to four little humans that had this annoying habit of expecting to be fed every day, all the things I failed to learn in Home Ec class came back to haunt me. I muddled through for a few years thanks to Hamburger Helper and lots of spaghetti and managed to keep everyone from starving. Then my boys started playing football and decided they needed to bulk up, which meant my method of just keeping everyone alive was going to have to morph into some sorting of body-building food Voodoo.

Lo and behold, right about that time I was introduced to — wonder of

all wonders — Taste of Home Cooking Schools. I went to every one of them that came to within 50 miles of me. I took notes, I bought all the right ingredients, I followed the recipes, and... I failed epically. No matter how packed with protein they were, and no matter how much flavor and satisfaction the recipe touted, lentils were proclaimed gross and disgusting by my children and no amount of begging, pleading and cajoling could change their minds. Other innovative and creative recipes met the same fate and they all took to begging me to just fix spaghetti or Hamburger Helper. The little ingrates.

I didn't realize how deeply the experience had actually scarred my children until this spring when my oldest son and his family were at a Mother's Day flea market and festival in Marysville. My phone rang and it was my daughter-in-law.

"Your son is curled up in the fetal position on the sidewalk and I can't get him to budge," she said in exasperation. I wasn't sure what this had to do with me, since she's the one that took that pesky little "for better or worse" vow and all.

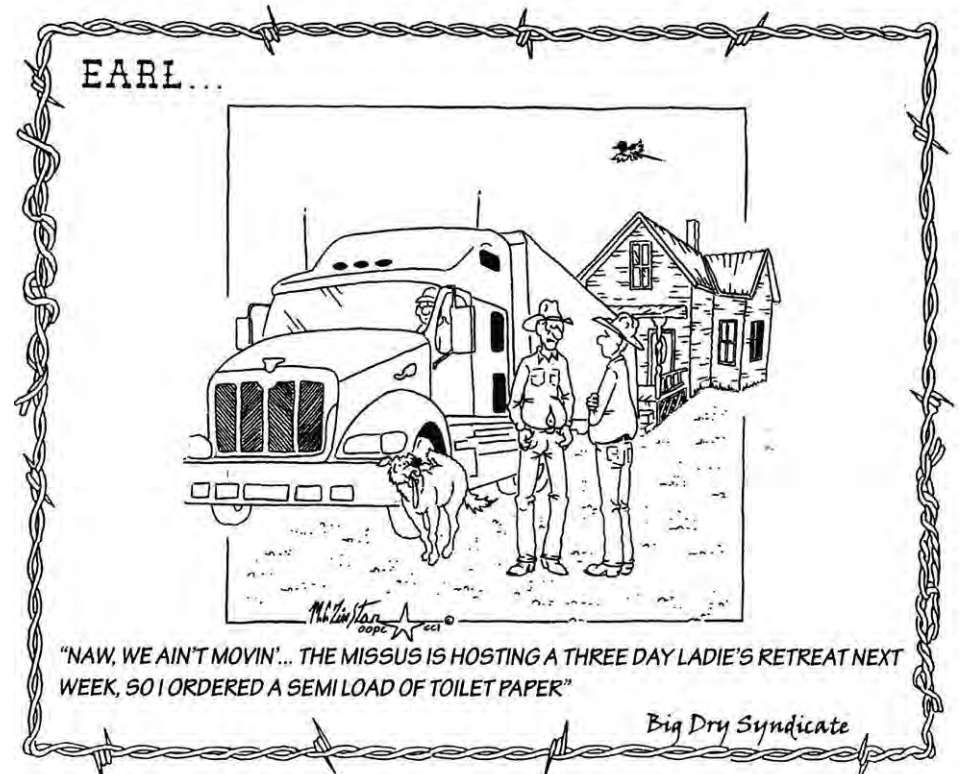
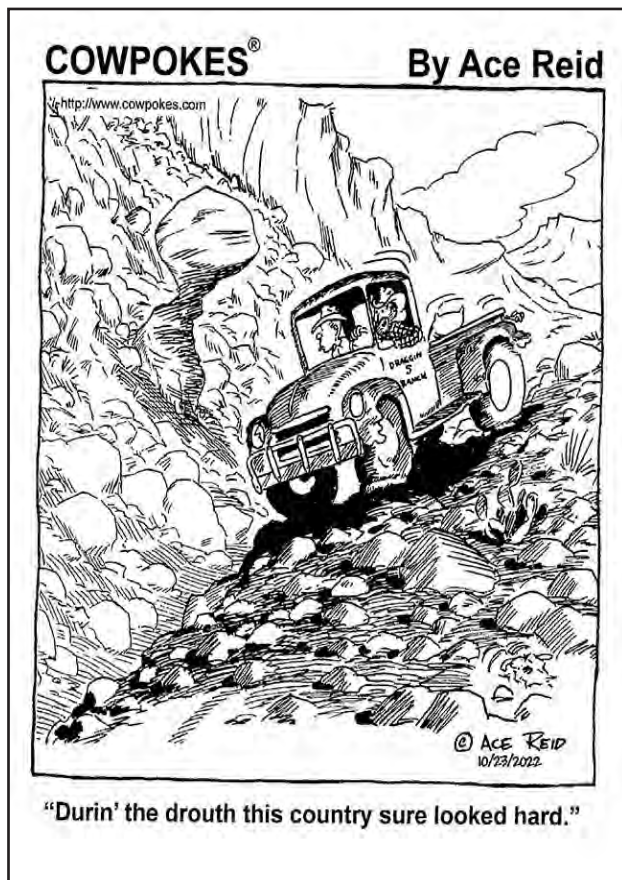
"What happened?" I asked.

"He was at a booth looking through books and came across a *Taste of Home* cookbook," she said.

"Ahhh," I replied. "Just buy it, let him set it on fire and consider it cheaper than therapy," I recommended. She hung up, muttering something about, "How could one family hold so much crazy and what in the world had she gotten herself into?"

Me, I just hung up and went back to work trying to make those lentils edible.

What can I say? I bought them in bulk.



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RTK photography contest winners announced

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Johnson, Assaria; KLA Member - Elizabeth Teter, Eureka; Youth - Lilly Hinkson, Cottonwood Falls; and Honorable Mention - Justine Henderson, Minneapolis.

Limage is the exclusive sponsor of contest. The locally owned photo printing and picture framing store in Wichita has been in business for more than 25 years, specializing in their ready-to-hang plaque

mount. Prizes are awarded to the top ten winning photographers. All winning entries can be viewed on RTK's Facebook page or website, located at www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org.

Landon Lecture Series returns to Kansas State University Nov. 3



has been working to feed the world for more than 150 years. David Beasley's insights into the current status of hunger around the world are important to the university, our researchers, students and the public."

Before working for the World Food Programme, Beasley's career led him to work with more than 100 countries to foster peace, reconciliation and economic progress. He served as the governor of Georgia and reshaped the state's economy into a healthy, di-

verse and robust market. As governor, he earned the John F. Kennedy Profile of Courage Award for his push to remove the Confederate battle flag from the state Capitol dome.

The Alfred M. Landon Lecture Series was instituted in 1966 by former Kansas State University President James A. McCain. The series is a tribute to Alfred M. Landon, who served as governor of Kansas from 1933-1937 and delivered the first lecture in the series.

Following a more than two-year pause due to the coronavirus pandemic, Kansas State University's Landon Lecture Series returns with David M. Beasley, executive director of the United Nations' World Food Programme.

Beasley's lecture, "Kansas' Legacy in Global Food Security," begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in Forum Hall at the K-State Student Union. Doors will open at 10 a.m. The lecture is free and members of the university community and public are invited to attend.

Beasley is a champion of the fight against hunger. As the executive director of the World Food Programme, Beasley has mobilized resources to respond to an increasing need for food. In 2021, the agency helped feed more than 128 million people — a record number. Beyond emergency food assistance, Beasley and the World Food Programme also highlight how long-term development can help bring peace and stability to troubled regions. In 2020, under Beasley's leadership, the World Food Programme was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

"The objective of the Landon Lecture Series is to bring global leaders to campus," said Kevin Nalette, interim chair for the Landon Lecture Series and interim K-State chief of staff. "As the nation's first operational land-grant university, K-State

Research shows ending U.S. beef trade could be a catastrophe for the industry

A recent Checkoff-funded report revealed economic disaster would be the end result if all U.S. beef trade was eliminated. The report was authored by agricultural economists Glynn Tonsor of Kansas State University and Derrell Peel from Oklahoma State University. The report was commissioned by the Kansas Beef Council, Oklahoma Beef Council and Texas Beef Council.

According to the report, if both U.S. beef exports and imports declined by just 10%, prices and quantities of feeder cattle and fed cattle would fall significantly. Cumulatively, a 10% reduction in beef trade over ten years would create a loss of \$12.9 billion to those selling feeder cattle and \$6.8 billion to fed cattle sellers. A scenario where 100% of U.S. beef trade was lost would suggest a catastrophic impact, broadly approximated in the report to cost those selling feeder cattle \$129 billion and fed cattle \$68 billion, leading to a significantly smaller industry.

The authors also calculated the impact on individual states. In the case of a 10% decrease in U.S. beef trade, Kansans selling feeder cattle would experience a \$611 million loss and those selling fed cattle would see a \$1.22 billion loss. If completely eliminated, feeder cattle sellers in Kansas could stand to lose \$9.1 billion over a ten-year period.

Additionally, the report outlines why the U.S. exports and imports beef and provides a review of historical beef trade data. The authors highlight that implied trade prices clearly show the U.S. receives a higher dollar per pound value for exports than it pays for imports. From 2016 through 2020, the U.S. average annual unprepared beef exports were 2.05 billion pounds, which had an export value of \$6.4 billion and an implied export price of \$3.13/lb. Conversely, the average annual unprepared beef imports for that same time were 2.30 billion pounds, with an import value of \$5.8 billion and an implied import price of \$2.52/lb. The authors state in the report these statistics "clearly indicate participation in the global market provides a net economic gain."

To read the full report, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bddkkmkvh>.

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2 cups brown sugar
1 cup butter
3 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup ground almonds
1 cup coconut
1 1/2 cups chocolate chips

In a bowl mix brown sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla until fluffy. In a separate bowl mix flour, soda, salt, almonds, coconut and chocolate chips. Mix into butter mixture with spoon. Spread into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

HOT SPICED CIDER

1 quart apple cider
1 cup orange juice
1/2 cup pineapple juice
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
(2) 2-inch sticks cinnamon

1 teaspoon whole cloves
Combine all ingredients in a 2-quart microwave pitcher. Microwave on high 10 minutes. Let cider stand 5 minutes. Microwave 3-4 more minutes and serve.

Loretta Shepard, Helena, Oklahoma: "This is our favorite roast!"

GREAT ROAST

4-pound beef roast (trimmed)
1 package brown gravy mix
1 package Italian dressing mix
1 package Ranch dressing mix
1/2 cup water

Mix together the gravy mix, Italian dressing mix, Ranch dressing mix and water. Pour over roast in crock-pot. Cook 8 hours.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
HERB BUTTERED PASTA

7-ounce package linguine
Sauce:
1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Parmesan cheese

Cook linguine according to package directions. Drain. Melt butter in same saucepan. Stir in linguine and all except Parmesan cheese. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until blended. Sprinkle with amount of cheese you like. Serve.

Kellee George, Lenexa:
QUICK BREAD STICKS
12-day-old hot dog buns

1 cup butter
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Quarter buns lengthwise. Combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl and mix. Spread on cut sides of buns. Place on two cookie sheets or jelly roll pans. Bake at 250 degrees for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until crisp.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
POTATOES ROMANOFF

6 medium baking potatoes
2 cups dairy sour cream
1 bunch green onions, chopped (about 1 cup)
1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Paprika

Cook unpeeled potatoes until tender in boiling water. Cool and peel. Grate into large bowl then add remaining ingredients except paprika. Mix well. Spoon into 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Refrigerate 3-4 hours covered or overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika.

Planning Your Garden: Now Is The Time To Plant Spring Flowering Bulbs

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Many home gardeners believe it is never too early to plan for the next year, and right now, it's time to plant spring flowering bulbs before winter.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham recommends planting hardy bulbs in October and November before winter arrives. "As long as the soil temperatures are above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the bulbs should continue root development," he said.

When purchasing bulbs, Upham said it is important to look for large, firm bulbs that have not begun to sprout. While these plants are hardy, they will not tolerate poorly drained soil; Upham suggests adding organic matter, such as compost.

"Garden soils that have been fertilized regularly in the past may have excess levels

of phosphorus," he said. "Excess phosphorus can interfere with the uptake of other essential micronutrients, though levels (of phosphorus) need to be extremely high to be of concern."

Upham strongly encourages doing a soil test to determine the contents of the soil before planting. To balance the soil and set the bulbs up for success, using a fertilizer high in nitrogen will help offset the phosphorus and increase fertility.

Lawn fertilizers are effective, but it is crucial to ensure there is no weed killer or pre-venter in the fertilizer. "Apply these fertilizers at the rate of three cups per 100 square feet," Upham said.

Organic matter low in phosphorus includes blood meal, soybean meal and cottonseed meal. If a soil test is unavailable, Upham suggests using a balanced fertilizer mixed well with soil.

"The size and species

of the bulb determine how deep to plant, but in general, the depth to the bottom of the bulb should be about 2-3 times the size of the bulb," Upham said.

Each flower bulb will have specific planting instructions to follow.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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Canning Tomatoes? Acid Levels Are Key, Says Food Scientist

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — As the end of the growing season approaches, preserving tomatoes is at the top of many gardener's to-do list. Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee, recommends canning or freezing tomatoes depending on ripeness and variety.

"The safety of canning tomatoes primarily rests on the pH, or acidity, of the tomatoes themselves," Blakeslee said.

Acidification of tomatoes is the key to canning any variety of tomato and often is added in the form of citric acid,

bottled lemon juice or vinegar.

"To be considered a high acid food, the pH needs to be below 4.6," Blakeslee said. "Many (tomatoes) are above that pH level and into the 5.0 or above pH range."

Acidification is essential to the canning process, and it is encouraged that all tomato varieties are acidified to a pH of 4.6 or below. Unripe, green tomatoes can be preserved in the same manner as ripe tomatoes. Blakeslee suggests:

- * Pickled green tomato relish
- * Pickled sweet green tomatoes
- * Piccalilli
- * Fall garden relish
- * Rummage relish
- * Oscar relish
- * Green tomato pie filling
- * Tomatillo green salsa
- * Spiced green tomatoes

Unripe tomatoes can be allowed to ripen off the vine or be frozen for later use.

Overripe tomatoes, or tomatoes that are on dead or frost killed vines, can pose issues

if they are canned because they are less acidic. Blakeslee said the canning process is for tomatoes on healthy vines and at peak ripeness. Discard damaged or moldy tomatoes that could lead to the growth of pathogens when the tomato is canned.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for food science, publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More information is also available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

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Sweet Halloween

By Lou Ann Thomas

With Halloween just days away I hope you have your costume figured out and have stocked up on candy. And by “stocked up” I mean that you have had the chance to restock having already consumed all that you purchased earlier.

Halloween is all about the candy, isn't it? In fact, according to CandyStore.com, Americans buy an average of 600 million pounds of candy for this holiday. This amounts to around \$2.4 billion spent

on the sweet confections every year. There are no statistics available for how much of that is for re-supplying after our own binges, but all this sweetness amounts to kids bagging around 11,000 calories on the holiday.

According to 11 years of data by CandyStore.com, Skittles is the top selling candy with candy corn ranking among the worst of Trick or Treat offerings. Chocolate is the favorite candy. And to that I say, “Duh!” But these are only three of the plethora of

candy offerings for those who choose to don a costume and go door-to-door begging for it.

Trick or Treating really is a weird ritual. But it has been around in some form since the Middle Ages. Back then it was called Samhain and was a pagan harvest celebration. It was believed ghosts walked the earth the night of Samhain and by going out in a costume you could repel the spirits. In the 8th Century, to spread Christianity, Pope Gregory III named November 1 All Soul's Day and incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. At that time, trick or treating was called “souling” and poor kids went door to door in costumes asking for food or money in exchange for songs, poems, jokes and even prayers.

Today the holiday is celebrated not just with costumes and candy, but we put out some serious cash around Halloween. Add decorations to the candy and costume tab and Halloween ranks as the second largest commercial holiday in the United

States, spending over \$9 billion. Only Christmas comes in ahead of it. We spend a half billion dollars on costumes for our pets. Fortunately, Boone is happy being a dog even on Halloween, and I stopped dressing up after several years of being able to come up with costumes from my closet. And not a closet in which I saved previous costumes, but the one I dressed myself out of daily. I admit, after that realization, I simply stopped trying and went out and bought more candy.

However, there are other traditions and beliefs around Halloween that are free for the celebrating. For instance, if you find a spider on Halloween it is considered good luck. And walking backwards with inside-out clothes will allow you to see a witch at midnight on Halloween. A witch, at midnight, on Halloween? Now, that would be column worthy!

But right now, I'm off to restock my candy stash - again.

Check out Lou Ann's blog at: <https://louannthomas.blog>



By Kelsey Pagel

Grace And Patience

Harvest is still plugging away. We've gotten to the point that I could almost hand-pick the rest of it. The replanted corn is still too wet. The beans are on a standstill as well because the combine broke down. I'm going to start with I wasn't running it! It was not me! Actually to be fair, I have operated that combine a lot, so I probably contributed to it, but I wasn't running it when it broke. The back axle decided it was all done. So the past couple days, Matt has been trying to decide if he welds it himself, gets a used one, gets a new one, or gets a new one that has been beefed up. The debate is still ongoing. I'll let you know what he decides.

Other than that, farm life is the same. The fall cows are still slowly having babies. The twenty-degree nights prompted all the winterizing of all the things. I'm convinced that there has to be a better way to winterize things. We use windshield wiper fluid and go through a lot of it. I posted on my Facebook page and a lot of people said they use RV antifreeze or used antifreeze. It just seems wasteful to me that there isn't a bulk option rather than all those plastic gallon jugs. Anyways, another year done.

I'm not a winter person. I hate it. Everybody has said lots of snow and cold. The snow will be nice moisture. Trying to find silver linings here. I was running the drill planting cover crops with auto-steer today so started shopping for my new overalls. Online shopping for clothes is not my thing. And I'm very specific in what I want in my overalls that I wear every day during the winter. It's going to have to be an in-store selection for me.

Have I told you I'm taking a sign language course? Somebody I follow on Instagram shared a free course offered online. It started right as harvest was starting so, ya know,

perfect time to start something else! It's an eight-week course. I got behind, but finally got caught up today with auto-steer time. It's amazing how much you can pick up on in such a short amount of time. I was ecstatic when I learned the alphabet, but now I can sign whole sentences. I love practicing on Matt, who isn't watching the videos. It is interesting how much he picks up even though he doesn't know the signs.

Now I just need to find somebody to practice with. Mom asked me if I was going to start signing for the governor's speeches. I'm just not sure that I'm quite qualified with a free eight-week online course that is an hour of videos each week. Maybe after I take the second eight weeks I'll be ready. Maybe I'll never use it. But I know that I'm enjoying learning something completely new, something not related to the farm and a whole new way to communicate. It's such a beautiful language.

Matt is making cheeseburgers and his amazing homemade French fries. I love French fries; they're my favorite. And his are even better! He said everything is ready so I'm going to sign off for the week. There's still a lot of crops in the fields so keep practicing grace and patience with the people helping you. And remember when you're done, celebrate! Don't just move on to the next thing. Take the time to celebrate what you did. Really! Appreciate the people that helped you. Sometimes it's the littlest things that will make those people come back next year. People are precious. They are not a commodity that is meant to be used. Show them you care about them and are thankful for their help. Doesn't matter if you're married to them, related to them or simply sign a paycheck for them, they deserve some credit and recognition. Grace and patience!

Kelsey Pagel is a Kansas farmer. She grew up on a cow/calf and row crop operation and married into another. Kelsey and her Forever (Matt) farm and ranch with his family where they are living their dream and loving most of the moments. She can be found on IG & FB @teampagel.

No Nightmares: K-State Expert Shares Tips For Halloween Food Safety

By Emily Halstead, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Temperatures are dropping and leaves are falling which means Halloween is quickly approaching. While the holiday is not always thought to be overly risky in terms of food safety, any time perishable foods are left out can be a nightmare.

“Perishable foods such as meat and cheese trays, pasta dishes or finger sandwiches should be kept in a refrigerator until the party starts,” said Karen Blakeslee, Kansas State University food scientist and coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center.

Blakeslee shared tips on how to keep party food safe to eat:

* Arrange food on small platters so you can refrigerate and rotate food within two hours.

* Use party tray lids as coolers by filling them with ice and setting the trays on top.

* Store perishable treats. They should not be left out at room temperature for longer than two hours.

* Wait until dough and batters are fully cooked before taste testing.

* Beware of unpasteurized juice or cider, as it can contain harmful bacteria such as E. coli O157:H7 or Salmonella.

“Wash your hands before preparing food and keep raw meats away from ready to eat foods to prevent cross contamination,” Blakeslee said.

When planning a Halloween bash, keep in mind food allergies. To avoid allergic reactions, Blakeslee suggests asking guests beforehand if they have any food allergies. Keep in mind that sesame is now the ninth

major food that can trigger allergic reactions, she said.

Trick-or-treating can be a sticky situation if candy is not thoroughly inspected. “Parents should examine the treats to avoid any tricks that may be in their bags. If any treats are damaged or open, discard them,” Blakeslee said.

When gathering treats to hand out, consider non-food items for kids with food allergies. For parents, Blakeslee had another piece of advice to make Halloween a treat – and not a trick.

“Give your goblins a meal or snack before trick-or-treating to fuel them through the fun,” she said.

Blakeslee publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More information is also available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

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Preserve Salsa Safely

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

Many gardens are producing an abundant crop of tomatoes this year!!! One popular way to preserve tomatoes is to can salsa. While tomatoes are an acidic food, adding low acid foods such as peppers and onions changes the acid content. Instead of using a tested recipe, many canners like to make up their own recipe. This, however, can be unsafe. Here are some tips to preserve salsa safely:

1. Use a tested recipe. These can be found in Extension publications or in reliable sources such as the Ball Blue Book. These recipes use water bath processing. Do not change the amounts of ingredients. You can change the types of peppers to increase or decrease heat but use the amount specified in the recipe. Packaged salsa mixes, such as Mrs. Wages or Ball®, are also safe to use.

2. Freeze salsa. To preserve your own salsa recipe, a safe preservation method is freezing. This method will increase the wateriness when thawed. You can drain the tomatoes of excess juice prior to freezing to help reduce

the liquid. The salsa may also be a little mushy when thawed but will still have a fresh-made flavor.

3. Canning untested recipes. The only way to can untested recipes is to use a pressure canner. Use the processing time for the ingredient that has the longest processing time. For example, processing a mixture of tomatoes, onions and peppers will be based on the onions because they have the longest process time. Do not pressure can garlic. It loses flavor and there are no recommended processing times.

4. Do not use open kettle canning. This method involves heating the food, then pouring into the jars and screwing on the lids. No further heat processing is done. This is not a safe canning method because bacteria, yeasts and mold can still be present and can lead to spoilage.

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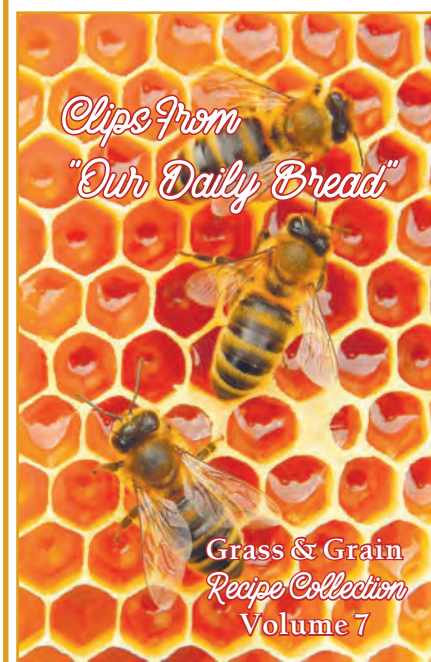


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Hobnobbing With the BBC – Part 1

One afternoon I got a call from Marco with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

It was 2017, just a couple months after (dare I say the name?) President Trump took office, and we were full into spring calving. I was having coffee with a friend who had dropped by, and my wife, he and I were catching up, when I got the call. "Hello?" A smooth voice with very precise British accent came through.

Mah-co Silva with the BBC. Is this Kuhk Sowahs?" "Ummm... this is Kirk." I put the phone on speaker so everyone could hear. "Who is this again?"

"Ah, yes, Kuhk, this is Mah-co, with the BBC. I'm reaching out to you on behalf of Shaimaa Khalil. We are in the Kansas City area looking for people..." I looked at my wide-eyed friend, and glanced up at my wife who was now leaning over me looking at the phone, half-grinning, brow furrowed. I interrupted

this crank, "Wait a second, Marco. How did you get my number!"

"I obtained your number from a local affiliate, a PBS reporter, Frank Morris." Frank had come out in early 2013 and included us in a piece he did for NPR that was featured on "All Things Considered" about the '12-'13 drought, which looked an awful lot like this year, now that I think about it... But this call did suddenly become a bit more legitimized in my mind.

I was still stunned, and a bit skeptical to be honest, waiting for the "punch line" that would confirm this call as a hoax. But this chap was quite serious, and continued his pitch, inviting me to be interviewed, on camera, by (unknown to me at the time) one of BBC's world-renowned and award-winning correspondents.

Not being one to shirk my responsibility to capitalize on an opportuni-

ty to give my opinion, let alone to one of the biggest media conglomerates in the world, I agreed to the interview, fully realizing that, as a Kansas rancher who voted for Donald Trump, I am probably going to either end up on the editor's floor, or the butt of jokes at fancy parties feasting on biscuits with goose liver, fish eggs, and Grey Poupon.

They came out to the ranch the next day, and we all visited around our kitchen table over coffee and delicious cinnamon rolls my wife had made for the occasion, getting to know one another. Shaimaa was very sharp and asked a lot of questions to just get an idea for our view of the world, asking about interests, what kinds of books I read, and as a Muslim, she was especially interested in my Quranic studies, and we had some very interesting conversation throughout the afternoon

on that subject. The cattle fascinated them both; we drove through the calving heifers and Shaimaa was, of course, eager to get hands on one of the babies, which we all got ample pictures of.

But the lady was on task, in spite of all the distractions, and my critique of "big media," in the face of the "biggest" media microphone I was presently speaking into, and very professional, yet personable. I liked her, and I think she enjoyed the afternoon, as she worked through her objective of learning about the people who had elected, possibly, the most controversial president of modern times.

A little over three hours later and a few video "takes," they were satisfied, and I was anxious to see what they would do with my commentary. As promised, Shaimaa sent me a link to the resulting product, and I was

very surprised to see how well-done, and fair the whole piece was, leaving my major points intact. She is a true journalist.

After they left, I poured myself a cup of coffee and went to the living room and took a seat on the couch, just looking out the picture window of our living room. After a few minutes of contemplating what just took place, I started laughing out loud. My wife came in and asked what I was laughing at. I said, "This whole thing! A Muslim Egyptian woman from the British Broadcast Corporation comes to Kansas to interview Kirk Sours about Donald Trump! You can't even make that up!"

Kirk Sours is a ranch manager in northeast Kansas, shaped and molded by the Kansas prairie since the age of eight. His major hobby is writing commentary, short biographical stories, and he is active in the community. Email him at: sours.kirk@yahoo.com.

Tight labor market challenges farm employers to rethink compensation

Today's tight labor market makes it harder for farm employers to compete for workers, says Ryan Milhollin, University of Missouri Extension agricultural economist.

Farm laborers work long hours, sometimes in inclement weather. Workers may need diverse skills to fill roles such as truck driver, mechanic, nutritionist, forage specialist, veterinarian, babysitter and weather forecaster. For this demanding work, farmworkers often receive pay and benefits below those of-

fered in other industries.

To help farms attract and retain workers in this environment, Milhollin recommends considering nonmonetary compensation.

"Farm employers can use nonmonetary compensation to tap into what makes working on a farm unique and provide an inexpensive yet meaningful benefit to farm employment," says Milhollin, an author of MU Extension's Missouri Farm Labor Guide.

Benefits could include free housing, hunt-

ing privileges on farmer-owned land and continuing education opportunities. Milhollin says the key is getting to know your employees and what they enjoy. Choosing benefits you know the farm team will value will have a greater impact on retaining team members.

Lynn Fodge of Hopewell Farms in Monroe County, Missouri says she, her husband and their two sons and their spouses try to show their deep appreciation for their two farm employees, Trevor Cockrell and Dakota Beckfield. The Fodges farm about 5,000 acres of row crops

and pasture and have 550 head of fall- and spring-calving Angus cows.

The Fodges communicate their appreciation by thanking the workers for their many efforts, giving bonuses when sales are good and offering meat and other products of the farm. They also provide some insurance benefits and a retirement plan.

Other perks include being able to borrow farm equipment, trucks and tools for personal use. The farm allows flexibility in work hours to accommodate family time, school schedules and community events.

Hopewell Farms' two employees came to them by chance meeting and word of mouth. Neither had extensive agricultural backgrounds, so the Fodges trained them. Cockrell has worked on the farm for 12 years, and Beckfield joined the team eight months ago.

"We know there is too much work for the family without them," says Lynn Fodge. "We depend on them, and we are grateful for them."

Farmhands once were a fixture of farmsteads. Now, like farmers, they are a vanishing breed, she says. Fewer young people want to return to

the farm, and there are financial obstacles to entering the industry.

Wages for farmworkers are rising at a slower pace than nonfarm wages, according to the USDA Economic Research Service. In 2020, the average farm wage was \$14.62 per hour, just 59% of the non-farm wage (\$24.68). And the hired farm workforce is aging — another obstacle for those seeking employees.

For more information on how to attract and retain farmworkers, download the free "Missouri Farm Labor Guide" at extension.missouri.edu/m199.

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And once again, the Little Elves have let me down.

Last Sunday I arrived at Dwight D. Eisenhower Airport in Wichita and drove to Salina to spend the night with daughter and the littles. On Monday evening, I arrived home for the first time since September 20.

My neighbor kindly checks on things for me, tosses the mail inside and just generally makes sure the place is secure. Without her, my travel would be much more worrisome. I am blessed.

I dragged my bags inside and looked around. Hmm, this place is interesting. I really like the art. It is comfy and cozy. I think I'll like this place.

Then, I noticed the piles of paper on the table, the clothes piled on the dryer, and various other things that I had left undone weeks ago.

Oh yeah, I do live here after all.

My home is small, and it is full, and it suits me well. There is a front

porch where I can watch the world go by (or at least Oakley). In the short time I have been here, the house is full of memories of Christmases and summers of grandchildren and friends. It is a happy place.

I do need to clear items from storage and from the garage and just do some general downsizing, like most of us of a certain age. But there is a comfort in familiar and meaningful things, artwork from gifted and talented friends, a keepsake from a special trip, a dish passed down from my Granny.

And even though the Elves did not take advantage of my absence to tidy up, I do not resent them. The messes are mine and remind me I am home.

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Great Plains Grassland Initiative Workshop to be held November 10

It is widely known that grasslands are vital resources. They offer important habitat for a variety of animals that call them home; like both Greater and Lesser Prairie Chickens, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Bobwhite Quail just to name a few. Grasslands are also excellent at sequestering carbon in a more reliable and less volatile manner than forested areas, due to storing most of their carbon below ground. Finally, grasslands are also important in the production of livestock. However, although being a resilient system, this important resource is not impervious to threats.

In recent years, it has been noted that the encroachment of woody plants poses the greatest threat to degrading our native grasslands and ultimately altering them to a different state. With the unchecked encroachment of woody plants, much damage can be done. For one, our working rangelands will decrease in livestock production due to decreased amounts and/or quality of available grass. Habitat that is important to many birds and other wildlife that depend on grassland systems will decrease in abundance and quality, leading to the decrease in such wildlife populations and overall biodiversity present on the landscape. The increase in woody encroachment can also increase the likelihood of having intense wildfires that can be more difficult to control and cause more damage. This has already been seen in our state through instances like the Anderson Creek Wildfire that occurred in the Red Hills back in 2016.

Through proper management, understanding, and planning, grassland vulnerability to woody encroachment can be lowered and resilience can be maintained. If you are a landowner or manager and are interested in learning what you can do to curb the effects of woody encroachment, join us in an informal discussion of rangeland health/protection, with an emphasis on tree encroachment and how to handle it. We will meet on the Downey Ranch in one of their fields located in Wabaunsee County at the intersection of Silverbell Road and 6400 Rd/Far West Rd on November 10th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The entrance to the field is a quarter mile east of the intersection on the south side of the road, across from the water tower. There, we will focus on how to identify, and tackle, tree encroachment issues; along with how to identify woody encroachment phases on the landscape. We will also touch on programs available that offer financial assistance, along with how woody encroachment has progressed through the years and what that means for landowners and producers.

A brown bag lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by November 7th with either Roxann Maiké (785-765-3329 Ext. 3, roxann.maiké@ks.nacdn.net) or Davis Ostermeyer (757-412-7257, dostermeyer@pheasantsforever.org), so that attendance can be estimated. Feel free to bring a chair if you would prefer to sit. If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please specify so with your RSVP.

Dusting it in: Kansas wheat producers plant with hope for future moisture

By Julia Debes

Despite continued drought and delays in fieldwork and fertilizer delivery, Kansas producers are no strangers to dusting in the next year's wheat crop — planting behind failed fall crops, capitalizing on the smallest increments of rainfall and keeping their faith in the seeds going into the ground.

"There's lots to worry about, and I haven't figured out how I can affect any of it," said Mike McClellan, who farms near Palco in Rooks County.

McClellan is just starting to plant wheat in mid-October. Everything seems to be behind this fall — a welcome little bit of rain recently greened the soybeans back up, delaying harvest, and the drought's impact on the Mississippi River, making it hard to obtain needed fertilizer. He is trying to pre-purchase fertilizer and diesel but admits the totality of the drought, delays and increased input costs make him nervous.

USDA's recent summary of the 2022 wheat crop was also not encouraging. In the Small Grains 2022 Summary released on September 30, USDA slashed Kansas wheat production to 244.2 million bushels, compared with 364 million bushels last year. As a result of the persistent drought, USDA reported 700,000 acres were planted to wheat, but not harvested, and yields plummeted to an average of 37 bushels per acre, well below 52 bushels per acre in 2021 and 45 bushels per acre in 2020.

And McClellan isn't the only one feeling the effects of a delayed fieldwork at the start of this year's growing season. For the week ending October 9, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service reported half of the Kansas wheat crop has been planted, slightly behind the five-year average of 54%. Emergence, however, remains well behind at 19%, compared to 29% last year and 31% for the five-year average.

Brian Linin is one whose wheat has started to come up near Goodland, and he's excited that he might get a good stand. After initially completing planting on his summer fallow ground, his crew noticed a field of not-so-great corn was a little wet following a rain a week ago, so he hopped back in the tractor and planted it to wheat.

"This may be our best field because we actually got moisture," he said, noting that the extra field means his own acreage is now up for the year.

A lot of wheat is going into the ground in his area, thanks to higher prices and continued dry conditions that make wheat a more appealing planting option. While Linin is positive right now, he recognizes the drought is far from busted. For the last two years, his area has had a cumulative moisture deficit of 12 inches — which will make it hard on this year's wheat crop, even with a good start.

The most recent NASS

crop progress report also detailed the driving drought concerns. Topsoil moisture was rated at 81% very short to short. Even more concerning, subsoil moisture was rated at 86% very short to short.

Ron Suppes, who farms near Dighton, is particularly concerned about subsoil moisture. He just finished up wheat planting and estimated three-fourths of his crop will emerge, thanks to the dribbles of rain he received recently, but the remaining fourth will likely not come up. He questioned whether stands will have enough moisture underground to make it to the cooler temperatures that signal dormancy and sustain the crop through winter.

Only time will tell what Mother Nature has in store for this year's growing season, but Kansas farmers continue to do what they do best — dust in the crop, pray for rain and hold out hope that next year's harvest is better than the last.

Ag and farmland outlook indicates a price plateau

By Jason Burbage, President, National Land Realty

Farmland values have hit record-breaking prices this summer. For example, some land in Iowa hit roughly \$26,000 per acre. Very few independent land buyers are willing to pay that price, and even fewer have the actual means to do so. It's creating a barrier to entry for new, young farmers and making land loans much more critical in the marketplace.

But as we begin the transition into autumn, however, the farmland market is explicitly headed toward a plateau. One of the main reasons for this development is the unsustainable nature of these prices. The other factor in stabilizing prices is the recent increase in interest rates. As a result, we are keeping an eye on the debt-to-income ratio in the current ag market as a possible risk area, primarily through the end of Q3, where we hope for some stability.

Farmland overvalued

According to a survey conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, roughly 3/4ths of respondents in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa believed their farmland to be overvalued. That same survey reports that 25% of respondents anticipated farmland values to continue rising, while 71% thought the values had stabilized.

This reflects what we've been seeing in farmland as a whole. Stressors such as ongoing supply chain shortages from COVID-19 and the inflation of gas and oil prices due to the war in Ukraine are causing sharp land value increases. While some institutes like FarmDoc Daily report sound economics when examining ag income vs. land values, we expect prices to

level and proactively monitor any hints of market correction in land.

Drought hurting pastureland, cattle slaughter at 36-year highs

Aside from farmland, pastureland has taken a significant hit recently due mainly to the severe droughts that have swept through the southern and western states. In a recent report, the USDA stated that roughly 60% of all cattle in the U.S. are experiencing some form of drought. As a result, ranchers are being forced to slaughter them at unprecedented rates. July saw the highest-paced beef slaughter since the USDA reported these numbers in 1986.

All these factors have contributed to the rise in prices of beef, steak, and chicken at the gro-

cery store. Unfortunately, this issue is unlikely to disappear, as this year's increased slaughter will leave fewer cows to birth calves for next year and likely impact available beef/steak in 2023.

Outlook for 2023: market should be strong, stable

Looking ahead to 2023, we're hoping to see some drought relief for the states that need it, which should help the market level out,

at least in farmland and pastureland. The current market is skewed due to various pressures like climate change, the war in Ukraine, and the lasting effects of COVID-19. If some of these pressures are remedied in 2023, we should look at a strong and stable land market. No one is making more land, and people and animals will always need to eat.



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Husker study shows Brazil can grow more soybeans without deforesting the Amazon

Developing countries around the globe face a challenge that pits economic growth against environmental protection. As they expand their agricultural production, they often convert forest into cropland and pasture. But the large-scale removal of trees weakens the world's ability to prevent further climate deterioration and biodiversity loss.

Brazil presents a key example. The country is home to the world's largest area of rainforest — some 1.2 million square miles, an area more than 16 times the size of Nebraska. The Amazon contains large tracts of rainforests that, when converted to agriculture, release a huge amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, exacerbating climate change.

Increasing agricultural production is a national priority for Brazil, the world's largest soybean exporter. Since the 1990s, agricultural encroach-

ment has eroded major areas of the country's rainforest. During 2015-19, the Amazon basin accounted for a third of the land converted for Brazilian soybean expansion.

A newly released four-year study by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and its research partners in Brazil identifies a path forward that would allow Brazil to strengthen its agricultural sector while safeguarding the rainforest. The scientists' recommendations have broad applicability to other developing countries facing a similar challenge.

"In the current context of high grain prices and food supply disruptions, we believe there is a critical need for major crop-producing countries to reassess their potential to produce more on existing cropland," the authors wrote in an article published Oct. 10 in the journal *Nature Sustainability*. "Without an emphasis on intensifying

crop production within the existing agricultural area, coupled with strong institutions and policies that prevent deforestation in frontier agricultural areas, it would be difficult to protect the last bastions of forests and biodiversity on the planet while being sensitive to the economic aspirations of countries to develop."

Since 2000, moratoria and incentives have been used to slow deforestation in Brazil. However, sharply increased commodity prices and political pressure to quickly recover from combined impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and war in Ukraine have placed the Amazonian rainforest under heightened threat. If current trends continue, Brazil will convert about 57 million acres to soybean production in the next 15 years, with about one-fourth of the expansion occurring in environmentally fragile lands such as rainforest and savannah.

Yet prohibiting cropland expansion would cost Brazil an estimated \$447 billion in lost economic opportunity through 2035.

The study led by Patrio Grassini, Sunkist Distinguished Professor in Agronomy and associate professor in the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture at Nebraska, shows how it could be possible for Brazil to expand its agricultural production without converting more rainforest and savannah to crops. With a carefully managed strategy to intensify production on existing acres, the country could increase its annual soybean output by

36% by 2035 while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 58% compared to current trends.

Grassini and his co-authors describe a three-pronged "intensification" strategy that calls for:

- Significantly increasing soybean crop yields.
- Growing a second crop of corn on soybean fields in certain areas.
- Raising more cattle on smaller pastures to free up more land for soybeans.

Brazil's tropical and subtropical climates make it possible to cultivate two crops on the same land during the growing season in most regions, Grassini said. Plus, "livestock production is huge in Brazil," he said, "and our study shows there is a big opportunity for Brazil to increase livestock-based production systems and by doing so, free up some of the area currently used for livestock production and use that land for producing more soy."

Detailed modeling for the project indicates that by 2035, the strategy could boost Brazil's soybean production by 36%. At the same time, Grassini said, Brazil could "eliminate deforestation completely and essentially reduce the amount of carbon dioxide equivalents released into the atmosphere, helping to mitigate climate change."

"This approach strengthens agriculture while protecting fragile ecosystems that are important from a perspective of climate change mitigation as well as biodiversity conservation," he said.

To determine how much yields could be im-

proved on existing Brazilian farm ground, the scientists examined soybean production in four key regions: the Pampa and the Atlantic Forest regions along the Atlantic coast, where soybean cultivation has been under way for about 50 years, and the Amazon and the Cerrado regions in Brazil's interior, where soybean production began after the turn of the 21st century. The analysis made extensive use of the Global Yield Gap Atlas previously developed by Grassini and colleagues at Nebraska. The atlas is the world's leading database on high-quality agronomic data, covering more than 15 major food crops across more than 75 countries.

"By showing that it is possible to produce more on existing agricultural land," the scientists wrote, "this research study is bringing real solutions to the table and can have a massive impact to help Brazil produce more while protecting the environment."

Success on the dual goal of agricultural expansion and protecting the forest will require strong institutions, proper policy and enforcement to make sure those productivity gains effectively translate into forest preservation, Grassini cautioned. Still, the intensification approach can help achieve a reasonable balance between crop production and the protection of fragile ecosystems.

Grassini's team calculated three scenarios in the four key regions: "business as usual," where existing trends would continue; "no cropland expansion," where additional land conversion

would be prohibited; and "intensification," where steps would be taken to increase yields, encourage second cropping and concentrate cattle production. They concluded the intensification strategy would enable Brazil to realize 85% of the projected gross income from soybean and second-crop maize, compared to current trends, while reducing global climate warming by 58%.

The four-year project involved collaboration between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and universities in Brazil, including the University of Sao Paulo, Federal University of Santa Maria and University of Goias, as well as Embrapa, the leading agricultural research organization in Brazil. Coauthors on the project included Juan Pablo Monzon and José F. Andrade, former research assistant professors in agronomy and horticulture at Nebraska. The project was funded by the International Plant Nutrition Institute, Research Foundation of the State of São Paulo, Brazilian Research Council, Research Foundation of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, and the Global Engagement Office in Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources through the FAPESP-UNL SPRINT program.

Fabio R. Marin, a Brazilian scientist who was the main author of the paper along with Brazilian scientist Alencar J. Zanon, received financial support from the Fulbright program to support a six-month stay at Nebraska.

U.S. beef exports top \$1 billion again

August beef exports were slightly above last year's large volume, topping \$1 billion in value for the seventh time in eight months this year.

According to data released by USDA, August beef exports totaled 133,832 metric tons (mt), up 1 percent year-over-year and the second largest volume on record — trailing May 2022. Export value was just under \$1.04 billion, slightly below the then-record total achieved in August 2021, which was the first-time monthly exports topped the \$1 billion mark. For the first eight months of 2022, beef exports increased 5 percent within a year to 1.004 million mt, valued at \$8.23 billion — a remarkable 24 percent above last year's record pace.

August beef exports to China/Hong Kong were record-large and shipments to leading value market South Korea exceeded last year's large volume. Exports also achieved robust growth in the Middle East, Canada

LAND AUCTION

156.87 +/- Acres of Cropland, Hay, Rec. in Lyon County

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 - 6:00 PM

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302.42 taxable acres m/l located in Marshall Co., KS - S27 & S28, T02, R09, Guittard Township

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022 — 10:00 AM

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USDA provides payments of nearly \$800 million in assistance to help keep farmers farming

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that distressed borrowers with qualifying USDA farm loans have already received nearly \$800 million in assistance, as part of the \$3.1 billion in assistance for distressed farm loan borrowers provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

The announcement kicks off a process to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers using several complementary approaches, with the goal of keeping them farming, removing obstacles that currently prevent many of these borrowers from returning to farming, and improving the way that USDA approaches borrowing and servicing. Through this assistance, USDA is focused on generating long-term stability

and success for distressed borrowers.

"Through no fault of their own, our nation's farmers and ranchers have faced incredibly tough circumstances over the last few years," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The funding included in today's announcement helps keep our farmers farming and provides a fresh start for producers in challenging positions."

Work has already started to bring some relief to distressed farmers. So far, over 13,000 borrowers have already benefited from the resources provided under the Inflation Reduction Act as follows:

- Approximately 11,000 delinquent direct and guaranteed borrowers had their accounts brought current. USDA also paid the next scheduled annual installment for these direct loan borrowers giving them peace of mind in the near term.

- Approximately 2,100 borrowers who had their farms foreclosed on and still had remaining debt have had this debt re-

solved in order to cease debt collections and garnishment relieving that burden that has made getting a fresh start more difficult.

In addition to the automatic assistance already provided, USDA has also outlined steps to administer up to an additional \$500 million in payments to benefit the following distressed borrowers:

- USDA will administer \$66 million in separate automatic payments, using COVID-19 pandemic relief funds, to support up to 7,000 direct loan borrowers who used FSA's disaster-set-aside option during the pandemic to move their scheduled payments to the end of their loans.

- USDA is also initiating two case-by-case processes to provide additional assistance to farm loan borrowers. Under the first new process, FSA will review and assist with delinquencies from 1,600 complex cases, including cases in which borrowers are facing bankruptcy or foreclosure. The second new process will add a

new option using existing direct loan servicing criteria to intervene more quickly and help an estimated 14,000 financially distressed borrowers who request assistance to avoid even becoming delinquent.

More details on each of the categories of assistance, including a downloadable fact sheet, are available on the Inflation Reduction Act webpage on farmers.gov.

Similar to other USDA assistance, all of these payments will be reported as income and borrowers are encouraged to consult their tax advisors. USDA also has resources and partnerships with cooperators who can provide additional assistance and help borrowers navigate the process.

The announcement is only the first step in USDA's efforts to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers and respond to farmers and to improve the loan servicing efforts at USDA by adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions.

Additional announcements and investments in assistance will be made as USDA institutes these additional changes and improvements.

This effort will ultimately also include adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions through assistance made possible by Congress through the IRA. Further assistance and changes to the approach will be made in subsequent phases.

Background

USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans, which do not include farm storage facility loans or marketing assistance loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of IRA, USDA is taking action to immediately provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers whose operations are at financial risk while working on making transformational changes to how USDA goes about loan servicing

in the long run so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations and remain in good financial standing.

In January 2021, USDA suspended foreclosures and other adverse actions on direct farm loans due to the pandemic and encouraged guaranteed lenders to follow suit. Recently, USDA reiterated this request to guaranteed lenders to provide time for the full set of IRA distressed borrower assistance to be made available before lenders take irreparable actions.

Producers can explore available loan options using the Farm Loan Discovery Tool on farmers.gov (also available in Spanish) or by contacting their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also call the FSA call center at 877-508-8364 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central. USDA has tax-related resources available at farmers.gov/taxes.

Food security at risk as U.S. becomes net importer of food and fiber

An Op-Ed from Farm Policy Facts

Amid the daily onslaught of news, you might not have dug into the August Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. But this report contains an alarming prediction: U.S. exports of agricultural products in Fiscal Year 2023 are expected to fall from current projections to \$193.5 billion, while projected imports of agricultural products are expected to increase to a record \$197 billion.

In other words, the United States is projected to become a net importer of food and fiber.

America's food independence is an invaluable strategic asset and one that we absolutely cannot take for granted. Domestic

food and fiber production strengthens our national security, and we never want to be dependent on other nations for supplies of critical foods.

As Texas representative and Air Force veteran August Pfluger recently told our Groundwork podcast: "We in the United States have to be extremely vigilant to... make sure that we can still produce our own food and not be reliant on actors in the international community who want to take us down."

So, USDA's forecast that our long-standing status as a net exporter is set to change warrants immediate attention on Capitol Hill. Especially as economic conditions and ongoing conflict put the global food supply in jeopardy.

Antônio Guterres, Sec-

retary-General of the United Nations, issued a dire warning when speaking to the Security Council on the destabilizing effect that Russia's war has had on global fertilizer markets.

"If the fertilizer market is not stabilized, next year could bring a food supply crisis. Simply put, the world may run out of food," Guterres said.

Thanks to America's hardworking farm and ranch families, America still enjoys a robust supply of food. Our shelves here at home are stocked, and America's farmers are

quick to share their bounty with our global neighbors in need. However, our farmers have faced a cascade of challenges in recent years. If we want to maintain our food security, we must put our full support behind a robust farm safety net.

A North Dakota farmer and a Texas farmer recently teamed up to pen an opinion piece in The Hill, writing that "inflation and other threats to agriculture are putting our farms and our food security at risk... The stakes have never been higher."

"Like all of America's

farmers, we're willing to do what it takes to get the job done and feed people across our nation," the farmers continued. "But as the number of farmers in America continues to dwindle, we need to take our food security seriously, especially as other nations are confronted by growing food scarcity and

hunger." With a Farm Bill on the horizon, Congress has an opportunity to advance strong farm policies that support production agriculture. Because as we have said many times before: Food security does not happen by accident. It is a blessing that is fostered by smart policy.

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Cougar's Den, 101 Main St. — MORROWVILLE, KANSAS

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TRACT 1 LEGAL: N 1/2 SE 1/4 & S 1/2 SE 1/4 29-3-2 East of the 6th P.M. WS Co Appraiser Info: 142.1 Crop, 16.7 Tame Grass. FSA Information: FSA Farmland = 157.42 Acres with 149.41 Cropland Acres.

- **Base Acres:** Wheat 45.11, Grain Sorghum 74.20, Soybeans 18.25, Corn 10.37. Total Base Acres 147.93
- Enrolled in PLC Program; Wheat, Grain Sorghum, Corn, Soybeans
- **Taxes (2021)** \$3100.

TRACT 2 LEGAL: SE 1/4 30-3-2 East of the 6th P.M. WS Co Appraiser Info: 80.6 Crop, 77.5 Native Grass. FSA Information: FSA Farmland = 156.82 Acres with 94.09 Cropland Acres.

- **Base Acres:** Wheat 37.45, Grain Sorghum 18.32, Soybeans 19.21, Corn .85
- Enrolled in PLC Program; Wheat, Grain Sorghum, Corn, Soybeans
- **Taxes (2021)** \$1907.21

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FARM EQUIPMENT, SHOP TOOLS, ANTIQUES AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022 * 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 112 S Iowa St., NESS CITY, KANSAS

TRACTOR, PICKUP, CAMPER: 1974 Case 1070 tractor, 3 pt. pto, shows 5,989 hrs., all new tires; Hugh payload w/backhoe; 2008 Ford F-250 Super duty pickup, ext. cab, automatic, 6.8 V-10 motor, 4x4, w/Knapheide utility box, 280,000 miles, hard starting; 2003 Surveyor 24ft. camper trailer, bumper pull, bath, ac, new awning, clean trailer, needs new floor.

HAY EQUIPMENT: Heston 620 hydro self-propelled swather; New Holland 276 hayliner, small square baler; New Holland 258 hay rake; Vermeer 605F round baler; Five Star 3 pt. bale mover.

TOOLS & SHOP EQUIPMENT: Craftsman radial arm saw; Large DeWalt commercial radial arm saw, 220 volts; Rockwell radial arm saw; Lots of scaffolding & scaffolding planking; Banding machine; Skill drill press; Bench vise; Rigid ratchet pipe threaders; DeWalt cut off saw; Hobart wire welder 135; Portable air compressor w/gas motor; Portable generator; DeWalt portable work bench; Cement tools; Sherwin Williams paint sprayer; Rockwell saw horses; Battery operated hand tools; Air tools; Hand tools, socket sets, screw drivers, wrenches, etc.; Anvil; Electric hand tools; Transit & tripod; Wood clamps; Porta power; Ratchet straps; Propane bottles; 3 pt. cement mixer; Tool boxes; Several fiberglass ladders; Belt splicing tool; Bosch router & router table, commercial; Grizzly 24" commercial sander machine; Dunlap table saw; Belt & disc sander; Atlas 4" jointer; Atlas wood band saw; Craftsman 10" table saw; Atlas grooving machine; Craftsman 6" jointer; Wet file saw; Impact sockets; 3/4" socket set; Shop lights; Lots of miscellaneous carpentry supplies; Plumbing, heat & air supplies; **Lots of other tools.**

OTHER FARM ITEMS: Large post hole digger bit (new); Small seed cleaner; Small 2-wheel trailer; 300 gal. 2-wheel spot sprayer; JD 16x10 disc drill; Liquid Tordon.

ANTIQUE ITEMS: Galvanized bath tub; Large butcher block w/ metal legs; Brass Tyler standard grain screens; Wooden dough bowls & troughs; Baskets; Old bottles; Old tools; Old windows, few stained glass; Few dishes.

OTHER ITEMS: Lots of new & used lumber; Amaco LT3 ceramic kiln; New doors; Glass leading tools; Several cabinets, like new; Roll of copper sheeting; Weather King furnace, less than 5 years old; Some furniture; **Lots of other items.**

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Farm transition program links farmers with younger counterparts

In Kansas, the average age of an agricultural producer is 58.1 years old, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture. The same report indicates 66% of those who farm in the Sunflower State are more than 55 years old.

What that means, says Ashlee Westerhold, is that "Most of our farmers or ranchers could retire sometime in the next ten years."

As director of the Office of Farm and Ranch Transition at Kansas State University, Westerhold is keenly aware of

the emerging issues in Kansas farm ownership.

"A 2012 study from the Harvard Business School found that 70% of family-owned businesses fail to transition (to new owners) successfully," she said. "In Kansas, 84.6% of Kansas farmers are family owned."

The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition recently led a series of ten focus groups in the state that could help create a link between older farmers and ranchers wanting to leave the business, and younger producers needing help getting started.

"A common issue discussed within the focus groups was the lack of land access," Westerhold said. "Unless (aspiring farmers) have an inheritance or benefactor, being able to create an agricultural operation is extremely difficult."

Westerhold said the office she leads – also often called AgKansitions – pairs older farmers with younger counterparts in a program called the Kansas Land Link.

"Land Link provides the opportunity for a landowner who does not have anyone coming back

to the farm to be matched with a beginning farmer or rancher who is interested in the opportunity," Westerhold said.

The online application costs \$100. Producers list key components of the current operation, who is involved, goals they have for the future and characteristics of a young farmer they may be looking at to complete transition of the farm. All information is confidential.

The young farmer or rancher must list their goals for getting into the business, areas of the state to which they are

willing to locate and the type of farm or ranch they are interested in.

"My office collects all the information from applicants (and) determines if we think there is a suitable candidate for a match," Westerhold said. "We may call the landowner and give them the application of the land seeker to determine if they are, indeed, a potential match."

Westerhold said there are also opportunities for the landowner to mentor the younger farmer in such areas as record keeping, grain marketing

decisions, inputs, how they have remained profitable, and more.

"Some landowners have even been willing to work with beginning farmers and ranchers in procuring capital, such as FSA loans or conventional loans," Westerhold said. "The landowners see these land seekers as an apprentice, and in a testing period to see if this (transition) could be a fit."

More information about AgKansitions and the Land Link program is available at <https://www.agkansitions.org>.

Tar Spot found in five northeast Kansas counties

By David Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension Agent, crops and soils/horticulture

As corn harvest winds down, 2023 planting plans are already taking shape. The end of the growing season added yet another

potential variable for next growing season: Tar Spot. Found in five northeast Kansas counties (so far) for the first time this year, Tar Spot has been a disease of focus since it was first discovered back in 2015. What we've learned

is concerning.

For starters, the disease prefers mild temperatures up to the mid 70s. Like most fungal diseases, it also likes high humidity and long periods of leaf wetness. Prolonged

probably what resulted in it showing up here this season, and is likely to be a contributor to potential issues in irrigated corn moving forward. It also tends to survive in corn residue, with continuous corn being another potential 'hot spot.'

There's no guarantee 2023 levels will warrant concern, but the fact the disease is here increases those chances and the need for proactive action. Start by evaluating rotations and selecting hybrids

to help combat potential infections. University of Illinois studies in 2018 indicated a 'significant response to Tar Spot' with hybrids in the same trial exhibiting severity ratings from two and a half to over forty percent. There is some promising work to help combat Tar Spot from the genetics side, but to date, no hybrids are known to have genetic.

Looking ahead, start thinking about irrigation timing, fungicide applications, and focused scouting

during the next growing season. Even slight changes to an in-season management program could help a great deal towards preventing further pressure from this disease.

For more tips and a summary of disease findings, check out the newest KSU Agronomy eUpdate: https://webapp.agron.ksu.edu/agr_social/article_new/tar-spot-of-corn-is-now-confirmed-in-five-counties-in-kansas-516-5 or contact any District Office.

Sens. Moran, Tester push to expand VA telehealth services for rural veterans

On the two-year anniversary of the signing of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act (Hannon Act), U.S. senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Jon Tester (D-Mont.) – ranking member and chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs (SVAC) – urged the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to expedite its efforts to establish a telehealth grant and access point program to better care for rural veterans as directed under the law.

The senators' bipartisan Hannon Act, signed into law on October 17th, 2020, required the VA to increase the number of locations where VA telehealth care is available at non-VA facilities through a grant funding program.

"While not a replacement for in-person care in every situation, telehealth is essential for reaching veterans in rural and remote areas and who live far distances from the nearest VA facility," the senators wrote in a letter to VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Telehealth has become an even more important care option during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing VA to safely provide routine care to veterans without needing to travel... Given the unprecedented increase in telehealth demand and the historic level of investment in VA telehealth funding, we are concerned VA has yet to publish a proposed rule to enact the telehealth grants program from the Hannon Act."

Moran and Tester further highlighted how the new grant program would allow non-VA facilities, including Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), nonprofits or businesses, to become a telehealth access point for local veterans living in rural or remote areas to receive care closer to home. VSOs in particular have been consistent supporters of increasing telehealth access for veterans in rural and remote areas and would be able to utilize the program to help bolster veterans' access to care.

"Please provide an update on the status of the telehealth grant program development, steps taken to expedite implementation, and a timeline for VA to publish a proposed rule, final rule, and award grants in accordance with Section 701 of the Hannon Act," the senators continued. "VA must take action to ensure veterans in rural and remote areas have timely and convenient access to care and telehealth services."

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68.71 +/- Acres in S½ SW¼ 2-7-14, Osborne Co. Kansas

The farm is located 3 ½ miles West of Bloomington, KS on Highway 24 & 200 th Ave. There are 66.83 farmland acres, with 40.33 irrigated acres & 25.58 dry acres. The farm has a 26'x30', 14' side wall Kent building with a concrete floor, sliding door and walk in door. There is irrigation pipe and trailer that will go with the land. Irrigation source is by canal water from the Webster Irrigation district. The bases are wheat 24.02 with 62 bu yield, corn 19.44 with 128 bu yield, soybeans 19.44 with 43 bu yield, for a total of base acres of 62.9. **2021 taxes were \$4,303.52.** (\$2,220.00 water tax, \$90.00 irrigation fee, \$1,993.52 land tax). Seller will pay 2022 taxes. Purchaser will pay 2023 taxes.

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GEARY COUNTY LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022 — 7:00 PM
White City City Hall, 118 W. Mackenzie Street - WHITE CITY, KANSAS

DESCRIPTION: 103.24 acres of native grass pasture. This pasture has been well maintained with very little brush and has not been over grazed. Spring fed pond for ample water and adequate fence. Good access with road frontage on 2 sides and less than 1 mile from a paved county road. Rural water line a ½ mile west of the property. Located at the intersection of Old Hwy 13 and Lynch Rd. Approximately 20 miles from Junction City and 25 miles from Manhattan.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 13 South, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Geary County Kansas.

TAXES: \$393.16. 2022 taxes and all previous years paid by the Seller.

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October 24 — Live & Online Land Auction with 420 acres m/l. T1: 220 ac. m/l with 34.5 ac. m/l tillable, balance pasture; T2: 40 ac. m/l with 13 ac. m/l tillable, balance in trees & brush; T3: 80 ac. m/l heavy timber & grass; T4: 80 ac. m/l native grass, trees, pond; T5: Combine of all tracts. Held Live at Osage City with online bidding at www.Superiorlandgroup.hibid.com for Green Family Trust. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions & Superior Real Estate & Land Group.

October 25 — Survey equipment including trucks & electronics, trailers, scissor lift, trucks, trailers, shop items, construction & misc. & more. Both days held at Topeka for Altmar, Inc. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

October 25 (Online Simulcast bidding starts October 17, 10 AM) — Land auction: 236.30 acres m/l of Dickinson County land consisting of good quality upland farmland, large stocked pond, all-season cabin, excellent hunting & more held Live at Abilene with online simulcast bidding at www.FNCBid.com. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Fred Olsen, AFM/agent.

October 28 — Butler County Flint Hills Ranch Land Auction consisting of 1,345 Acres to be sold in 4 Tracts. T1: 320 ac m/l, farm house, building, native pasture, large pond, trees & more; T2: 465.7 ac. m/l with 10-ac. watershed lake, native pasture, good fence; T3: 240 ac. m/l native pasture, brome grass, pond; T4: 320 ac. m/l native pasture, brome grass, large pond, windmill. (All tracts located between Cassoday & Burns) to sell Live at El Dorado with Online Bidding available for the Biby Family. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Land Brokers (www.sundgren.com).

October 28 & 29 — 4-State Horse, Mule & Carriage auction inc. (10-28): Pony carts, horse drawn equip., buggies, box wagons, new

& used harnesses & tack & many more horse-related items; (10-29): New tack, horses & mules, donkeys, ponies all held at Miami, Oklahoma. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

October 29 — Antique store liquidation including antiques, tools, outdoor items, furniture, household & more held at Wamego for JR's Furniture, Rick & Joyce Smith. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

October 29 — HVAC Business Liquidation inc. lots of HVAC tools, 2016 Weaver semi auto tire changer, 2016 Weaver computer wheel balancer & more, PVC, pipe fittings & misc. items related to the trade, many parts & pieces held at Holton for Arnold's Refrigeration, Rich Arnold. Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 29 — 7 guns, ammo, large selection of baseball cards (1980s), power chairs, mowers, antique furniture, 1982 Camaro Hot Rod, Dune Buggy, yard art, hand & shop tools, welding items, air tools, craft items, sewing, furniture & much more held at rural LeCompton for The late Larry Hunter, Linda Hunter. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions, Elston Auctions.

October 29 — Tractors inc.: 2010 JD 3520, 2007 JD 3520, 2007 JD 3520; Trucks inc.: 1996 IHC 4700, 2006 Peterbilt 386 semi, 2011 GMC Yukon SLT, 1978 Kawasaki 650KZ motorcycle, trailers, lots of nice equipment, lawn care items & more held at Leoti for C&L Custom Services, Inc. Online bidding available at equipmentfacts.com. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

October 29 — 1999 Chevy Prizm vehicle, Guns, furniture, household, shop & collectibles including farm toys, cast iron toys & more held at Hillsboro for James (Jim) W. & Maryetta (Mary) M. Regier Rev. Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

October 29 — IH 707 gas w/ Case #70 loader tractor, IH 460 utility tractor, Bush Hog 207R rotary mower, riding mower, Starlite flatbed trailer & other trailer, engines inc. hit & miss, tools & collectibles, Signs inc. Coca-Cola, Cop & others & much more held near Westphalia for Don & Shirley Miller Estate. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions, Lester Edgecomb & Brady Altic.

October 29 (New Date) — 31st Annual Bull sale held at the ranch near Wheaton for Moser Ranch.

October 30 — Consignment Gun auction to be held at Salina. Online bidding available at Proxibid.com. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 30 — Large Estate Auction including Antiques & Collectibles, Collectible Farm Toys & other toys inc.: Matchbox cars, lots of Barbie dolls & more, crocks, churns & lots of other items held at Seneca for Waymer Esslinger Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 2 — Land auction consisting of 80 acres m/l & 70 acres m/l native & tame grass in Allen County for Tidd Estate. Auctioneers: Vaughn Roth Land Brokers.

November 2 — Real Estate Auction consisting of 427 acres m/l of Osage County land in 5 Tracts including Salt Creek land, tillable, wildlife havens & more held LIVE at Lyndon with online bidding at www.Superiorlandgroup.hibid.com for Raymond Goldsmith Estate. Auctioneers: Superior Real Estate & Land Group, Wischropp Auctions.

November 3 — Land Auction consisting of 156.87 ac. m/l of Lyon County cropland, hay, recreational; 44.94 ac. grass, 111.93 dryland acres & more held at Americus for The Linda Dix Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

November 3 — Unreserved Online Auction for Bieler Farms Retirement (Herington). Selling 1995 JD 9500 combine, 2006 JD 4895 swather, 2008 JD 8230 tractor & more farm equipment held online at www.bigiron.com. Auctioneers: Big Iron Auctions.

November 3 — Butler County Land & Farm Equipment auction consisting of T1: 315 ac. diversified farm (pasture, crop ground, meadow, river, timber, homestead); T2:

158 ac. (pasture, ponds, crop ground, 3BR house, metal building). Also selling farm equipment held at onsite near Burns. Auctioneers: Sun Group Real Estate.

November 4 — Cropland Auction consisting of 160 acres m/l of Marshall County land (SE1/4 in 35-4-10, 4 mi. south of Vermillion) held at Centralia for John D. & William D. Mason. Auctioneers: Rob & Tom Olmsted, brokers/auctioneers.

November 5 — Selling approx. 320 lots of Coins inc.: double set PR sets, mint sets, lots of silver blue Ikes & brown Ikes, Prestige sets, IH & Wheat cents, nickels, large cents, Morgan & Peace dollars, several 2500 grain sterling silver pres. bars & more held at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

November 5 — 4 older guns, 50+ antique to modern typewriters & adding machines, collection vintage cameras, appliances, Large selection of Antiques & Collectibles, glassware & much more held near Waverly for Lloyd D. & Karen E. Crumb Estate. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions, Superior Real Estate & Land Group.

November 5 — K-14 Consignment auction consisting of tractors, vehicles, trailers, farm equipment, mowers, Open carriage buggy collection, vintage collector tools, lumber & much more held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

November 5 — Tractor, farm equipment, pickup, camper, tools & shop equipment, hay equipment, other farm items & antiques held at Ness City for Robert Metzker Estate. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

November 5 — Antique cars inc.: 193 Chev. Touring, 1954 Chev. Bel Air, 1968 Ford 100 truck, car parts for both car, Equipment, tools, antiques, household & more held at Hillsboro for Estate of Duwane & Jane Miller. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

November 5 — Farm Auction including JD 4400 combine, 2011 Red Rhino gooseneck flatbed trailer & more farm equipment, collectibles & misc. including Vintage JD 3 sp. Men's Touring bicycle, vintage toys, Hot Wheels, JD collectors, household decor & much more held at rural Linwood for Dave & Julie Downes. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

November 5 — Irvine Ranch Annual Production Sale held at the Ranch, Manhattan, 1 PM.

November 10 — Land auction consisting of 945 acres m/l selling in 4 tracts inc. Lyon & Waubesa County land (east of Council Grove) for Buster Wheat Cattle Co./Bonnie & William Martin Trusts. Auctioneers: Vaughn Roth Land Brokers.

McPherson Glass Online Only (Bidding opens 8 am, Nov. 10 & soft closes 8 pm, Nov. 16) — Storage unit of glass cutting equip., shelving, glass graph air table, wrenches & power tools. Go to hollingerauction.hibid.com/auctions/current to bid. Auctioneers: Hollinger Online

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November 10 — Real Estate consisting of a 3BR, 1BA home with easy access to Hwy. 24. Storage shed, storm shelter & more held at Wamego for John Habluetzel Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 10 — Geary County Land auction consisting of 103.24 acres of Native grass pasture, spring fed pond, good access & more held at White City for Connie M. Robidou. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 10 — Land Auction consisting of 74.6 acres m/l of Lincoln County land: excellent pasture held at Lincoln (online bidding available) for Gary Peterson Estate. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Clint Heller, agent.

November 12 — Tractors & farm equipment, 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 like new, other trucks, trailers & livestock equipment, lots of iron, shop items, household & more held near McFarland for LeRoy Schweir Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction Service.

November 12 — 1994 Toyota Camry LE sedan, Vintage Fiesta, Collectible Pottery, Collectibles inc.: 1900s The Oliver #9 Bat Wing typewriter, antique furniture, quilts, vintage glassware, tools, household & garden items held at Lawrence for Mrs. Madelyn (Don) Moss. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

November 12 — Land Auction consisting of 316.9 acres m/l of Washington County farmland, cropland, native grassland sold in 2 tracts held at Morrowville for Goebel Farms. Online bidding available at www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

November 12 — Large Farm Toy auction consisting of Pedal Tractors, Collector Farm tractors: Case/Case IH, IH/Farmall, Ford/Versatile, Massey, Joe Ertl, WFE, Oliver, M-M Cockshutt, AC; combines, other toys & banks, 50+ farm manuals & more held at Beattie for Sam Cassidy. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

November 12 — Tractors inc.: 7240 Case/IH, 5288 IH, AC, Farmall A, Ford 8N & more, 2011 Buick Lucerne CLX car, grain truck, equipment, collectibles, Guns, primitives, household & more held near Ottawa for Donald (Donny) & Nancy Johnson Trust. Auctioneers: Hamilton Auctions.

November 12 — Land Auction consisting of 148.6 acres m/l of Washington County acreage with 137.6 ac. m/l dry crop, 1.8 ac. m/l native grass and 9.2 ac. m/l tame grass held at Marysville for Raymond Pacha. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 14 — Land Auction Live & Online consisting of 230 acres m/l of Coffey County land; selling home & 5 acres m/l & 225 acres m/l mostly tillable in 4 Lots held near Waverly for Lloyd D. & Karen E. Crumb Trust. Auctioneers: Superior Real Estate & Land Group & Wischropp Auctions.

November 15 — Real Estate auction consisting of a 1/3-acre parcel in the heart of Paxico: previously the USD #329 middle school. Multiple classrooms, office space, storage & bathrooms, connected to a newer building with over 3,000 sq. feet & more held

at Paxico. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 15 — Real Estate Auction consisting of 68.71 acres m/l of Osborne County land inc. 66.83 farmland ac. with 40.33 irrigated ac. & 25.58 dry ac., Kent building, irrigation pipe & trailer held at Osborne for John W. Bergman Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 15 — Land Auction consisting of 240 acres m/l of Lincoln County land: excellent tillable, pasture, CRP held at Lincoln for The Elmer L. & Goldie C. Wiebke Family Trust. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Clint Heller, agent.

November 16 — Land auction consisting of 2,500 acres m/l sold in 5 tracts & combinations of Chase & Lyon County land (SW of Emporia) for Lima Whiskey, LLC. Auctioneers: Vaughn Roth Land Brokers.

November 16 — Land auction consisting of 171.88 ac. m/l offered in 4 tracts or together: recreational land, 2 building sites, irrigated farmland & more held at Junction City. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate, Crossroads Auction & Realty.

November 17 — 63.4 acres m/l of Pasture in Marion County with native & mixed grass, great access, good fence & more held at Lincolnville for Pritz Joint Family Trust (Maurice Pritz & the Late Twila Pritz). Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

November 17 — Land Auction consisting of 1,100 acres m/l in McPherson & Rice counties offered in 3 tracts (Excellent tillable & pasture); T1: 400 ac. m/l Rice Co. pasture; T2: 75 ac. m/l McPherson Co. pasture; T3: 325 ac. McPherson Co. creek bottom tillable, 233 ac. pasture, 42 ac. timber/creek held at McPherson for The Heirs of Letha Ione Johnson Trust. Online bidding available (www.horizonfarmranch.com). Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

Max Alber Online Only (Bidding opens 8 am, Nov. 17 & soft closes 8 pm, Nov. 23) — Shop equipment, tools & personal property. Go to hollingerauction.hibid.com/auctions/current to bid. Auctioneers: Hollinger Online Auction.

November 17 — Tractors inc.: 1985 JD 4250, 1980 JD 4640, Case 1370, 1949 Ford 8N & others, machinery, combines & trucks, 3-wheeler, shop equipment & more held West of Concordia for Alvin Cook Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 18 — Land auction consisting of 419 acres m/l sold in 3 tracts of Coffey, Woodson & Osage County land for Calvert Family Partnership. Auctioneers: Vaughn Roth Land Brokers.

November 19 — Farm auction including Kubota L4701D HST tractor, Utility vehicle, commercial zero turn mower, other equipment, produce & vegetable equipment, canning supplies, garden supplies, High-Tunnel items, tools & more held at Baldwin City for Richard P. Taylor. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

November 19 — Consignment Auction consisting of tractors, equipment, trucks, cars, trailers,

boats, ATVs, cattle equipment, tools, farm related items & misc. (no household) held at Leon. Auctioneers: Wedel Auction & Real Estate.

November 19 — Land Auction consisting of 144.86 acres m/l of Marshall County farm & crop land held at Marysville for Heirs of Orville & Darlene Holle (property known as the Henry & Sophie True Farm). Online bidding available: www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

November 19 — Antiques & collectibles inc.: furniture, trunks, Blanche Horak paintings, linens, glassware, belt buckles, jewelry, Guns & Tools & more held at Belleville for Gene & Geraldine Hiatt Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC

November 19 — Land Auction consisting of 302.42 acres m/l of Marshall County acreage (2 tracts sold together): 259.66 ac. m/l dry crop, 28.39 ac. m/l native grass, 14.37 ac. m/l tame grass held at Beattie for Robert E. Ferguson Farm Trust. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 21 — Land Auction held Live & Online consisting of Flint Hills Native Grass pasture held live at Allen for White Family Rev. Trust, Rose Ann White, trustee. Auctioneers: Superior Real Estate & Land Group & Wischropp Auctions.

November 29 — Real Estate auction consisting of Republic County farmland & crop acres held at Belleville for Jesse Jearod & Jane Jearod. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 1 — Land auction consisting of 320 acres m/l sold in 2 tracts & combination of northern Greenwood County land for Gilbert A. Soule Rev. Trust. Auctioneers: Vaughn Roth Land Brokers.

December 3 — Tractors inc.: 1974 IHC 966, 1974 AC 7040, 1969 AC 190, 1956 AC HD6-G crawler tractor, 1953 IHC Super M, 1949 IHC H, 1978 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe 30 Camper Special pickup & other machinery held near Clifton for Bob Gilbert. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 3 — St. James Catholic Church Consignment auction accepting consignments for farm equipment, construction equipment, vehicles, hay, farm supplies, hedge posts, livestock equip., estates, etc. held at Wetmore. Proceeds support St. James Church. To consign contact Bill Burdick, Ron Burdick.

December 6 — Real Estate Auction consisting of Mitchell County land including 145.34 farmland acres with 81.53 crop acres held at Randall for Debbie Galloway, Mike Plowman, Kathy McMahon, Marcia Koch. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 12 — Real Estate Auction consisting of Smith County land: T1: 154.43 ac. farmland with 89.01 crop acres, 65.40 acres pasture; T2: 157.70 farmland acres, 69.90 crop acres, 87.80 pasture held at Smith Center for Higby Farms. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 8, 2023 — Fink Beef Genetics 37th Annual Sale held at Randolph.

LAND AUCTION

160+/- ACRES MARSHALL CO., KS CROPLAND

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022 — 10:00 AM

Auction Held at Centralia Community Center,
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TRACT: SE 1/4 in Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 160 acres m/l (Noble Township).

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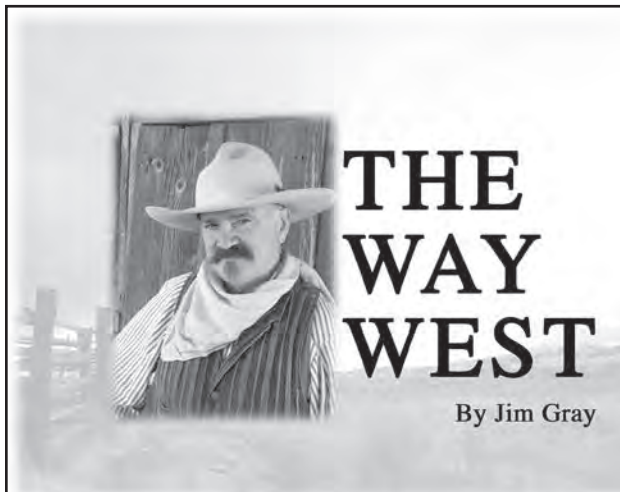
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To The Forks!

In October, 1869, Robert McBratney led a team of men on an inspection tour of the Solomon Valley. McBratney was the president of the Junction City, Solomon Valley, and Denver Railroad. The railroad only existed on paper, but promoters were convinced that a line up the Solomon River valley would be a profitable venture.

U. S. Senator Edmund G. Ross; Benjamin Franklin Mudge, professor at the Agricultural College and former state geologist; and Richard Mobley, state agent for the sale of railroad lands, joined McBratney to evaluate the prospects of laying track all the way to Colorado.

The party met at Solomon City, the point where the Solomon River joins

the Smoky Hill River. From there the river courses to the northwest. They passed through the frontier village of Minneapolis and the prairie post office of Delphos. They arrived at the camp of Captain I. N. Dalrymple, Second Battalion Kansas State Militia, at noon on October 18, 1869. McBratney described two salt springs flowing out of opposite sides of the river near the camp.

Kansas Governor James M. Harvey had ordered one hundred state troops to accompany the inspection party for protection from Indian attack. Over the past fourteen months the Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Sioux had twice raided the new settlements from the Saline River to the Republican River.

Settlers had been killed, captives taken, cabins and barns burned and the Solomon Valley was right in the middle of the conflict. Elements of the Second Battalion were stationed all along the northern frontier. Capt. Dalrymple detailed ten men under Sergeant Lyon to escort McBratney's party to the Solomon Forks. The party would be joined by other state troops as they proceeded farther up the valley.

A cold rain set in and turned to snow the morning of October 19th. As they left the camp on Fisher Creek (west of present-day Glasco) wind-blown snow swirled over the "whitened" landscape.

Wet snow made travel difficult. The mule's hooves "balled" with snow which interfered with their footing. Fifteen miserable miles brought them to Plumb Creek (southeast of present-day Beloit). Company C of the state troops under the command of Captain W. A. Winsell was stationed in a relatively comfortable camp for men and horses. Winsell also provided men for escort. According to McBratney, "All of them have old scores to settle... and are ready for it." Winsell had intended to personally command the escort, but his wife who was in

camp with their children became "suddenly and severely ill." First Lieutenant Joseph Becock was assigned to the task. McBratney bought sixteen bushels of corn locally and employed a hunter to carry half the corn at least to the Solomon Forks. McBratney wrote, "Our cavalcade of 40 men and eight wagons (including three hunters) make quite a formidable appearance."

Four miles brought them to the steep banks of Mulberry Creek. The wagons were manually pulled over the banks by twenty men with lariats. The whole operation was repeated at the equally steep banks of Brown's Creek just two miles west.

Eight more miles brought them to Limestone Creek and the wide valley of the Solomon Forks. Today Glen Elder Reservoir (Lake Waconda) covers the confluences of the North and South Solomon Rivers. The trail led over the uplands. "The soil was of the richest vegetable mould." To satisfy their curiosity McBratney's team dug twenty inches into the deep black loam "On the highest point," without reaching the subsoil or getting below the roots of the prairie grass. McBratney found the valley not less than six miles in width. "I have never, any-

where, seen a valley that would compare with this for breadth and fertility, or... more attractive to the farmer. It cannot be beaten."

While at The Forks the team was eager to visit the legendary Waconda or Great Spirit Springs. McBratney called the spring "the great natural curiosity of Kansas." It was situated on one of the bends in the South Branch of the Solomon River. It rises above a ravine that extends entirely around the mound. The mound of lime and sandy shale rock was an oval, three hundred feet across in one direction and nearly four hundred sixty feet across in the other direction, rising to a height of thirty feet. The salty water "with a decided flavor of lime," was equal to the level of the high prairie that surrounded the mound and oozed over and through the rocks covering the mound with salty incrustations. The team found that, "In the rocks are found some fine deposits of carbonate of lime, out of which the Indians sometimes manufacture very pretty beads."

The State Militia forces engaged by Governor Harvey to protect McBratney's inspection party were camped at the Forks and ready to go, but to McBratney's dismay none of them

had ventured beyond the Solomon Forks. The next morning, October 22nd, the entourage would take up their march along the North Fork. There would be no road, no guides, except the river with its branches, "and with hourly prospects of encountering Indians - but we are going."

After all, venturing into the unknown was the way of the Kansas pioneer as he looked toward new horizons on The Way West. (Next time - Into the Unknown)

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500-600	\$198.00 - \$209.50
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700-800	\$175.00 - \$186.50
800-900	\$175.00 - \$185.25
900-1,000	\$170.00 - \$181.00

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400-500	\$166.00 - \$177.00
500-600	\$161.00 - \$171.50
600-700	\$160.00 - \$171.00
700-800	\$158.00 - \$167.50
800-900	\$152.00 - \$163.50
900-1,000	\$149.50 - \$160.00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

STEERS

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5 mix	Kanopolis	444@223.00
7 blk	Bennington	420@221.00
3 mix	Salina	477@215.00
8 mix	Kanopolis	359@213.00
9 blk	Valley Center	527@209.50
4 blk	Valley Center	505@205.00
11 blk	Bennington	509@192.00
4 blk	McPherson	533@190.00
11 blk	Minneapolis	722@186.50
6 blk	Burdick	655@185.50
56 blk	Barnard	800@185.25
3 blk	Ramona	735@183.00
24 mix	Gypsum	777@182.00
3 blk	Marion	780@181.00
63 blk	Barnard	915@181.00
66 mix	Hillsboro	753@180.50
54 blk	Hope	903@179.25
9 mix	Minneapolis	769@179.00
60 mix	Assaria	846@178.75
4 blk	Marion	701@177.00
62 blk	Benton	881@175.75
4 mix	Solomon	819@175.00
15 mix	Gypsum	848@175.00
3 blk	Marion	860@175.00
4 blk	Junction City	909@172.50

HEIFERS

6 mix	McPherson	243@202.00
20 mix	McPherson	246@196.00
5 blk	Concordia	412@184.00
6 mix	Salina	400@177.00
3 mix	Brookville	412@176.00
5 mix	Salina	567@171.50
8 blk	Gypsum	689@171.00
7 mix	Kanopolis	456@169.00
16 mix	Solomon	770@167.50
15 blk	Manchester	774@167.50
33 mix	Windom	720@167.00
8 mix	Gypsum	729@166.50
62 mix	Nevada, MO	779@164.00
28 mix	Windom	846@163.50
4 bwf	Junction City	949@160.00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

CALVES

2 red	Hillsboro	235@500.00
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1 red	Hillsboro	200@425.00
1 wf	Brookville	130@310.00
3 bwf	Okeene, OK	135@300.00
1 blk	Okeene, OK	155@300.00
1 grey	Ellsworth	85@285.00
1 blk	Miltonvale	55@260.00
1 blk	Miltonvale	65@260.00

BULLS

1 blk	Hillsboro	1950@112.00
1 red	Bennington	1800@105.50
1 rwf	Randolph	1700@105.50
1 blk	Abilene	2275@104.50
1 blk	Salina	2445@104.00
1 blk	Gypsum	2010@103.50
1 char	Nickerson	1790@103.50
1 blk	Assaria	1970@101.50
1 blk	Minneapolis	1855@101.00
1 red	Marquette	1840@99.00

COWS

3 blk	Salina	1540@82.50
2 mix	Salina	1798@82.00
1 blk	Tescott	1640@82.00
3 blk	Hillsboro	1517@81.50
1 blk	Bennington	1495@81.00
8 blk	Lorraine	1476@81.00
2 blk	Tescott	1565@81.00
1 red	Hillsboro	1290@80.00
1 blk	Salina	1890@80.00
4 blk	Assaria	1541@80.00
7 blk	Hillsboro	1397@80.00
2 blk	Holton	1470@80.00
1 blk	Hesston	1425@79.50
1 char	Peabody	1355@79.50
1 blk	Salina	1800@79.00
1 blk	Salina	1700@79.00
1 red	Abilene	1380@79.00
1 blk	Hillsboro	1740@79.00
1 char	Marquette	1340@78.50
4 blk	Okeene, OK	1294@75.00

SPECIAL COW SALE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

FALL COW PAIRS

5 blk	Manchester	young@1860.00
5 red	Salina	young@1825.00
5 red	Manchester	young@1785.00
5 blk	Hillsboro	young@1775.00
9 blk	Anthony	young@1775.00
4 blk	Manchester	young@1760.00
2 red	Manchester	young@1750.00
3 blk	Manchester	young@1750.00
3 blk	Hillsboro	young@1750.00
11 blk	Anthony	young@1750.00
1 red	Salina	young@1725.00
3 red	Salina	young@1675.00
2 blk	Gypsum	young@1625.00
3 mix	Wilsey	solid@1375.00
4 blk	Nickerson	solid@1375.00
5 mix	Bennington	solid@1375.00

SPRING BRED COWS

16 bwf	Hillsboro	young@1850.00
20 blk	Hillsboro	young@1825.00
11 blk	Meriden	young@1800.00
15 blk	Wilsey	young@1760.00
10 blk	Wilsey	young@1710.00
4 bwf	Meriden	young@1710.00
6 blk	Wilsey	young@1700.00

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MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY
Hogs sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

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16 blk	Gypsum	young@1685.00	4 red	Salina	young@1525.00
8 red	Cedar Point	young@1675.00	5 blk	Roxbury	young@1525.00
15 blk	Gypsum	young@1675.00	11 blk	Roxbury	young@1510.00
10 red	Gypsum	young@1675.00	8 blk	Assaria	solid@1475.00
5 bwf	Hillsboro	young@1660.00	8 mix	Manchester	solid@1335.00
8 blk	Tescott	young@1660.00	10 blk	Salina	solid@1235.00
4 blk	Cedar Point	young@1650.00	10 blk	Salina	broken@1080.00
15 blk	Bennington	young@1650.00	16 blk	Assaria	broken@1075.00
5 blk	Okeene, OK	young@1625.00	8 blk	Clay Center	broken@1025.00
2 red	Cedar Point	young@1600.00	9 blk	Wellington	broken@985.00
3 mix	Manchester	young@1575.00	12 blk	Manchester	broken@975.00
16 blk	Okeene, OK	young@1560.00	10 blk	Harper	broken@975.00
7 mix	Okeene, OK	young@1560.00	17 blk	Harper	broken@960.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27:

70 black steers, 550-700, fall vaccinations, home raised; 105 black steers & heifers, 550-700, fall vaccinations, home raised; 20 steers & heifers, 500-600, fall vaccinations; 65 mostly black steers & heifers, 500-650, home raised, spring vaccinations; 160 black steers, 950-975, off grass, S.D. origin; 60 black/red steers, 875-925, off grass, S.D. origin; 45 black steers & heifers, 600, home raised, spring vaccinations; 60 black steers, 850-900; 16 black/bwf/red steers & heifers, 600-900, fall vaccinations, home raised, knife cut; 10 black steers & heifers, 575, weaned September 28, 1 round fall vaccinations; 20 black steers, 900-1000, long weaned, vaccinated.

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

SPECIAL CALF SALE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 * 11 AM

80 black steers & heifers, 500-600; 66 black steers & heifers, 500-700, off cow, fall vaccinations; 100 char X, 400-600, fall vaccinations; 130 charX steers & heifers, 550-650, off cow, 1 round fall vaccinations, open; 140 black/bwf steers & heifers, 500-650, fall vaccinations, open; 65 mostly black steers & heifers, 500-650, fall vaccinations; 150 mostly black steers & heifers 550-650, fall vaccinations; 50 steers & heifers, 450-600, fall vaccinations; 140 charX steers & heifers, 500-600, off cow, vaccinations; 50 red/black steers & heifers, 450-550, off cow, vaccinations; 350 black/red/char steers & heifers, 500-600, fall vaccinations; 45 black steers, 600-700, home raised, 2 round vaccinations, 40 days weaned; 20 charX steers & heifers, 500-600, 2 round vaccinations, off cow, no creep; 20 black steers & heifers, 500-600, 3 rounds vaccinations; 15 black steers & heifers, 450-700, off cow, 2 rounds vaccinations.

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME

SPECIAL CALF SALE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 * 11 AM

16 black steers & heifers, 500-650, home raised, 2 rounds vaccinations, weaned September 20th; 56 mix steers & heifers, 650-700, home raised, 2 round vaccinations, weaned 40 days, open; 165 char X steers & heifers, 650-750, home raised, 2 round vaccinations; 60 black/bwf steers & heifers, 500-600, 2 round vaccinations, home raised.

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME

IN STOCK TODAY:

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