

# Kansas Hay Market Report

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY THIS WILL BE THE LAST REPORT OF THE YEAR. THE NEXT DIRECT HAY MARKET REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED JANUARY 10TH.

Compared to the last report demand remained strong and prices strengthened, in all regions, ahead of the Christmas holiday and the anticipated winter storm. Producers and brokers continue to report that there is a lot of hay moving and that was reflected in the amount of total hay bought or sold last week. A little rain was received across the state but once again, for those in Southwest Kansas, conditions remain dire with little moisture received. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for December 13, heavier rains accumulated Monday night into early Tuesday in parts of southeast Kansas, leading to some improvements in the drought situation there as precipitation deficits lessened. Dry weather continued in parts of northwest Kansas, where soil moisture deficits and long-term precipitation deficits continued to worsen. Currently, categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions (D0) remained near 14%, moderate drought (D1) decreased to 17%, severe drought (D2) increased to near 13.5%, extreme drought (D3) decreased to near 19%, and exceptional drought (D4) remained near 37%.

## Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady to .10 higher, grinding alfalfa steady, ground and delivered steady, movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, supreme small squares 12.00-14.00/bale. Dairy, 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow 290.00-300.00. Grinding alfalfa, large rounds, 300.00-315.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's 305.00-315.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies

340.00-350.00. Alfalfa/grass hay mix ground and delivered 280.00-290.00; Grass Hay: CRP, large square 3x4's 145.00-155.00. Corn stalks: large 3x4's 130.00-140.00 delivered. The week of 12/11-12/17, 5,529T of grinding alfalfa and 875T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

## South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady to .10 higher, grinding alfalfa steady to 5.00 higher, ground and delivered steady to 10.00 higher, and alfalfa pellets mostly steady, movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, 290.00-305.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 285.00-295.00, 3x4 and 4x4's 285.00-295.00. Ground and delivered 290.00-310.00. Alfalfa/Soybean: ground and delivered 285.00-300.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 320.00-335.00, 17 pct protein 325.00-335.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 375.00-385.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large rounds 140.00-150.00, large square 3x4's 170.00-180.00. Grass Hay: CRP 120.00-130.00. Sudan: 3x4 and 4x4's 200.00-210.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 130.00-135.00; Soybean stalks, large rounds 115.00-125.00. Failed Soybean bales, large round and large squares, 195.00-205.00. Soybeans ground and delivered, 220.00-225.00. Milo: large rounds 115.00-120.00; Wheat straw: 115.00-125.00. The week of 12/11-12/17, 6,333T of grinding alfalfa and 242T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

## Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady to .10 higher, grinding alfalfa steady, bluestem grass hay steady, movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 260.00-270.00. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV Good, stock cow 265.00-275.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 200.00-230.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 140.00-165.00, good 3x4 squares 150.00-165.00, large round 130.00-140.00, Brome, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 170.00-180.00. Cornstalks: large round 100.00-110.00. The week of 12/11-12/17, 1,573T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

## Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady to .10 high, grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares

Dairy alfalfa steady to .10 higher, grinding alfalfa, and bluestem grass hay steady, ground/delivered mostly steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.50-13.50/bale, 3x4's 290.00-300.00.; Stock Cow 3x4's none reported. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 230.00-240.00, large square 3x4's 245.00-255.00; Alfalfa ground and delivered 275.00-300.00; Alfalfa/Prairie grass mix ground and delivered 270.00-275.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, large 3x4 squares 190.00-200.00, good large rounds 140.00-150.00. Brome: small squares 9.00-9.50/bale. Sudan: large rounds 125.00-135.00, large square 3x4's 160.00-170.00 delivered. Wheat straw: small squares 6.00/bale, large rounds 95.00-105.00, large squares 110.00-120.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 95.00-105.00, corn stalks ground and delivered 145.00-155.00. The week of 12/11-12/17, 991T of grinding alfalfa and 511T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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

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

\*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

\*\*TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage). Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas, Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709.

# K-State researchers on the lookout for southern flying squirrel

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

Their name may imply it, but southern flying squirrels don't actually fly. They only seem to do so.

"They have a specialized membrane (called a patagium) that extends between their front and back feet and allows them to glide from tree to tree," said Kansas State University wildlife ecologist Adam Ahlers. "They will commonly glide more than 20 feet while using space within their home ranges."

Ahlers has a hunch that this unique mammal exists in populations much greater than biologists know, and he's out to find out more. He and a colleague - Andrew Hope, an assistant professor in K-State's Division of Biology - have launched a three-year project funded

by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to determine how prevalent the southern flying squirrel is in Kansas, and where they are actually found.

Ahlers said while it's thought the southern flying squirrel will be found in thick forested areas of the state, they may also be found right in homeowner's backyards.

"They are nocturnal, unlike other squirrels that people see in their yards," Ahlers said, "so unless someone is actively looking for them at night, there is a good chance you may never see them."

In urban areas, he adds, southern flying squirrels feed on seed in backyard feeders at night. In all other areas where they're found, they eat nuts, berries, bird eggs, insects, and are mostly omnivorous. They are the smallest

squirrels in North America.

"A really interesting fact about all flying squirrels, discovered just recently, is that they glow hot pink under ultraviolet light," Ahlers said. "Mammalogists still are not sure why this crazy trait exists in nature."

Hope said the K-State researchers' work is particularly important because, in this region, the southern flying squirrel is recognized as a species in need of conservation, a term recognized by biologists as SINC.

"One of the biggest issues with southern flying squirrels, as well as some other SINC species in Kansas, is that we have very little information to determine how healthy the populations are," Hope said. "A major focus of this project is to gather baseline

data to compare these populations with other parts of eastern North America, and from which we can track changes in the future."

Just as important, Hope notes, is that biologists will also be able to understand how southern flying squirrels are important for other species, wildlife communities and forest health.

"Flying squirrels are cool critters and scientists elsewhere are working with them to answer all sorts of questions, including what they eat, population and community dynamics, genetics, gliding mechanics, and other questions," Hope said.

"But the vast majority of work is occurring farther north and further east. Kansas is both drier and warmer than most other areas where flying squirrels occur and as such should provide an important perspective for their biology."

He adds: "The presence of flying squirrels generally reflects healthy forests. Kansas is famous for its prairies and grasslands, but maybe less well-known for its hardwood forests. However, forest communities are important through eastern Kansas, and this work will provide more perspective on the role of forest habitats in Kansas."

Ahlers said southern flying squirrels are "a key

part of our state's biodiversity," and the three-year project will help the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks with its conservation efforts for southern flying squirrels.

"I also hope our research will generate interest among Kansans that we have a super-cool mammal in our state, and that they may even exist in our own backyards," he said.

More information on this project is available online from the Ahlers Wildlife Lab, as well as on Hope's own website.

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- 7 blk bwf 2nd calf hrs w/ blk 60 day Ang sired calves. Herf bull turned in Dec. 1. Cows & calves all worked.
- 32 Herf (30) & bwf (2) reputation home raised quality cows, 3-6 yrs, bred Polled Herf bull for Jan.-end Feb. calving. Vacc up to date, poured, 1 rd Scourguard.
- 22 Ang Gelv mix 1st calf OCV hrs bred to Circle S Ranch purebred Gelv calving ease bull for Feb. 1 calving, pelvic measured.
- COMPLETE ESTATE DISPERSAL CONSISTING OF: 115 blk (55) & Red (60) Ang cows, 4-8 yrs, Nelson blk Ang bulls turned in May 1 for Feb.-March calves.
- 5 Red Ang cows, 2-4 yrs w/ 2 week to 30 day calves by side.
- 3 Red Ang bulls, 3 1/2 yrs.
- 100 blk & Red cows, 4-6 yrs w/ blk & Red calves. Calves worked. Cows exposed back to blk & Red bulls.
- 5 blk cows, 2-5 yrs w/ Nov. blk calves by side. Calves all worked, cows exposed to Downey T7 Reserve Ang bull since Dec. 15.
- COMPLETE DISPERSAL CONSISTING OF: 120 Blk, BWF, few Red Spring calving cows, 3 to SS, Blk Woody Angus bull, to start calving Mar. 1 for 90-day calving period.

**EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JAN. 6:**

- 100 blk bwf str, long weaned, 750-850#
- 50 mostly blk hrs, long weaned, 700-775#
- 27 Red str & hrs, 2 rds shots, weaned 60 days, 500-600#
- 45 Angus & Ang cross str & hrs, weaned 60 days, 2 rd shots, 500-700#
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- 24 blk Ang cows, 4 yrs, bred Registered Angus for Spring calving.
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- 14 older blk cows, some with calves, balance Springers.
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As I was sitting down to write, my friend Dee Cordry was messaging me. He was having breakfast with Melvin and Larry Roman Nose and they wanted to say, "Hi!"

What a wonderful interruption!

When we unveiled our lifelike sculpture of the Cheyenne warrior, Roman Nose (by Melissa Rau and Ken Weidner) at the Fort Wallace Museum, we invited Quenton Roman Nose to speak. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne Arapahoe Tribe, Quenton has dedicated most of his career in the Indian education field "to promote and develop educational initiatives and opportunities to improve the educational levels of Native American students and tribal members."

Quenton said, "My brother, Melvin, is coming, too."

When Melissa was sculpting the face of the legendary warrior, she studied Cheyenne faces from the 19th Century and the written descriptions of him. She created an amazing face.

When Melvin arrived at the museum, jaws dropped. He was the spitting image of the figure. It was absolutely uncanny.

That was a very special weekend. We formed bonds that will live beyond our lifetimes.

Dee has authored an amazing and important book, *Children of White Thunder*, which chronicles the family of this important Cheyenne leader and by extension, so many of the leading players in the 19th Century drama of the Plains.

Dee and Melvin were messaging me from Oklahoma. That's where they live. Their ancestors, however, called western Kansas and eastern Colorado home.

At the Fort Wallace Museum, we do our best to make people aware. Our shared past is complex.

There are so many stories and so many perspec-

tives.

Thank you, my friends, for including me.

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## Angus Foundation to host 150 Years of Angus Celebration in Oklahoma City

The year 2023 marks 150 years since the first Angus bulls arrived in America. In 1873, George Grant settled in Victoria, Kansas with four Angus bulls from Scotland. To kick off this historical milestone, the Angus Foundation will host a 150 Years of Angus celebration during Cattleman's Congress at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 6. The doors to the Cattleman's Bar in Barn 3 at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds will open at 4:30 p.m. for the event.

The evening of Angus fellowship will feature door prizes and auction items to benefit the Foun-

dation's mission, food and refreshments and the announcement of the 2023 Angus Herdsman of the Year. All are welcome to join the celebration and enjoy time spent with the Angus family. There is no RSVP required or ticket necessary.

"We are excited to host Angus breeders and friends for an evening to celebrate the great history of our breed at Cattleman's Congress," said Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "We're proud of the Angus legacy built over the past 150 years, and we know through the work of the Foundation and our sup-

porters, the future looks just as promising."

The evening's auction will feature several exciting lots, including an African Hunt donated by Numzaan Safaris, a Two-Night Wine Country Getaway for Six donated by Little Vineyards Family Winery and a Live Oak Plantation Experience and Quail Hunt donated by Circle G Angus Ranches. Funds raised through the auction items will benefit the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted support for the Foundation's mission of furthering Angus education, youth and research. The Foundation supports

a diverse set of efforts focused on ensuring a bright future for the breed. Academic scholarships, leadership conferences, cutting-edge research and funding for the National Junior Angus Board are among the many programs sustained by the Angus Fund. For more information about the Angus Foundation, visit [www.AngusFoundation.org](http://www.AngusFoundation.org).

The Foundation encourages the Angus family to join them for this enjoyable evening celebrating the breed. To read more about the event and featured auction items, visit [bit.ly/150YearsofAngus](http://bit.ly/150YearsofAngus).

## Nebraska U Clinic boosts state's security against plant diseases, pests

Big stakes are involved in keeping plants safe from disease and pest assault. Each year in the United States, the damage and control costs from non-native plant pathogens total an estimated \$21.5 billion. Meanwhile, the volume of plants entering the U.S. via ports is staggering — an estimated 2.8 billion arriving yearly.

At the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic provides inspections vital to protecting the state from plant- and insect-related threats. In 2021, the clinic received more than 1,700 physical samples involving plant diseases, insect infestation or nematodes. Phone and email questions to the clinic totaled 674.

Samples to the Husker diagnosticians cover a remarkable range. On one day, the clinic may receive corn leaves from a multimillion-dollar agribusiness needing to meet a tight sales deadline. On another day, a worried homeowner may bring in his struggling tomato plant. Some inspections are needed under regulations from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture; others, for a business order to proceed.

The clinic's work makes a difference in multiple

ways. Once the findings are complete, Nebraska farmers can make informed decisions on pesticide use. Large-scale plant shipments can move forward to meet business deadlines. Nebraska export sales can proceed to foreign markets. Nebraska agencies can be alerted to potential encroachment of plant diseases and destructive insect pests from other states. And a homeowner can receive answers about the leaf blight on her strawberry plants.

"I have a great group of scientists I work with," said Kyle Broderick, the clinic's coordinator and an assistant Extension educator in plant pathology working out of Plant Sciences Hall. "It's very important that I have a network I can reach out to," given the need for specialized knowledge in scrutinizing particular samples.

The clinic's transdisciplinary team includes Broderick in plant pathology; Kyle Koch, entomology; Chris Proctor, weed science; Terri James, horticulture; and Cheryl Dunn, UNL Herbarium. In addition, the clinic works with Nebraska Extension specialists and Husker scientists, including Tom Powers for nematode identification and Hernan Garcia-Ruiz for virus de-

tection.

A webpage for the clinic describes the requirements for appropriate samples to be submitted. Another webpage has information about the submission form as well as the standard \$20 fee and fees for specialized testing.

The Husker clinic is part of the National Plant Diagnostic Network, made up of a set of regional groupings. Nebraska is in the Great Plains Diagnostic Network, which includes an area from Montana south to Oklahoma. But because Nebraska's environment varies so significantly from west to east, Broderick also stays in contact informally with the North Central Plant Diagnostic Network, which includes an area from Iowa eastward to Ohio.

"While not an official member of the North Central Plant Diagnostic Network, I'm invited to sit in on a lot of their conference calls," he said. "When they say, 'Hey, we're seeing this disease in corn show up,' I know to be on the lookout for it."

An example is tar spot, which afflicts corn. The disease was first identified in 2017 in Indiana and has been moving west across the nation's Corn Belt.

"Because I was hooked up with the North Central Network, I was better able to track some of that movement and talk to the different diagnosticians about where it is found," Broderick said. "Last year, we finally confirmed it in Nebraska, and I was able to reach out to my counterparts at Iowa State. I told them: 'This is what I'm seeing under the microscope. I really think this is tar spot. Can you confirm?' They were very quickly able to say, yes, it is."

Another important monitoring tool are the samples of insect pests collected via Nebraska Department of Agriculture surveys. The clinic's analysis of the samples helps determine Nebraska's potential for new plant disease encroachment. For example, Nebraska does not yet have any confirmed instances of thousand cankers disease, a serious fungal threat to black walnut trees, but the Department of Agriculture's pest traps have provided insects the Husker clinic has identified as the vector leading to the disease.

The majority of samples sent each year to the clinic are relatively straightforward crop-related items, such as spotted leaves on corn or soybean. But that still leaves room for oc-

casional surprises. Sometimes requests arise from heartfelt personal concerns.

Years ago, a man brought the clinic large branches from cherry trees that were in bad shape and near the end of their lifespan. Broderick was struck by the man's intense dedication to the plants. The man explained why: During the late Soviet era, he had fled Ukraine in the middle of the night. In one suitcase, he included three seedling trees.

"He smuggled these trees out of Soviet-controlled Eastern Europe into the United States and planted them," Broderick said. "They were one of the few things that he had from back home."

Another time, a woman brought in a rhubarb plant suffering from bacterial soft rot. The woman had received the rhubarb from her grandmother.

"It was from her grandmother's rhubarb patch that had been going for probably over 60 years," Broderick said.

The struggling plant "was one of the few things she had left from her grandmother."

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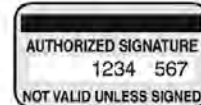
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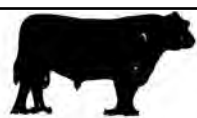
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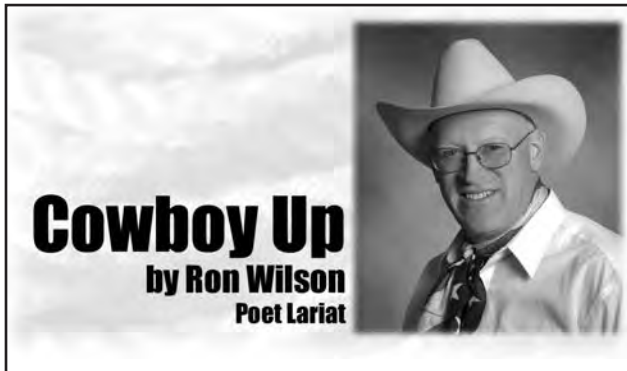
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There have been cowboys in Kansas since before Kansas was a state, so you might think that they've had a hall of fame for a long time. After all, the national baseball hall of fame began in 1936. The Kansas newspaper hall of fame began in 1931. Actually, Kansas cowboys were late to the party. This hall of fame only began in 2002. Don Goodnight, a descendant of pioneer cattleman Charles Goodnight, passed away at Meade in

2000. Don had been instrumental in keeping the history of the cattle trails alive and there was a desire to honor him. He was the first inductee into the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame. In the years since, people have been inducted in several categories each year.

In 2022, there were five categories of cowboys in which people were inducted: Historian, Rancher/Cattleman, Rodeo Cowboy, Working Cowboy, and Entertainer. I was nominated in the entertainer category, I guess because I've been at this a while. Huge thanks to my friends in the International Western Music Association - Kansas chapter for submitting my nomination. Those in the other categories certainly were distinguished. I was the only one still living.

Van Haines was a longtime working cowboy in Butler County. Arlene Lamar appeared on television shows and movies as a rodeo trick rider. George Henrichs promoted cowboy history as the longtime director of the Boot Hill Museum. Rosie Rezac Clymer was a rancher, teacher and horsewoman. As a friend of the Rezac family from

**Pork Checkoff rate adjustment effective January 1**

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, the Pork Checkoff rate will reduce by five cents to \$0.35 per \$100 of value. This change is a result of a resolution passed by voting delegates at the 2022 Pork Industry Forum.

Pork Checkoff payments are collected for all pigs sold with a change of ownership. This includes sales of weaned pigs, breeding age animals and at the final market destination. The Pork Checkoff is mandated by the Pork Promotion, Research, Consumer Information Act.

Payments received by NPB for pigs sold on or after the first of the year will reflect the reduced rate.

The rate change was a recommendation of the Pork Industry Vision Task Force - a group of 19 leaders from NPB, NPPC and various state associations - to ensure the pork industry's long-term success.

Other recommendations from the task force included:  
• Create a joint producer-led working group of state leaders (NPB and NPPC) that conducts annual industry planning, prioritizes issues, identifies risks and develops

**Pettijohn receives Administrators Award for Service to Agriculture**

Kansas Farm Service Agency is proud to announce Chuck Pettijohn as a recipient of the Administrators Award for Service to Agriculture. This national level award recognizes employees for their substantial and noteworthy accomplishments for our farmers, ranchers, producers, and agricultural partners. The recipient represents our core values of ethics, customer service, teamwork, fiscal responsibility, and outstanding service to staff and employees across USDA.

During the period of March 1, 2021 to February 14, 2022, Chuck served not only as a District Director for Kansas FSA, but as the Acting state executive director until our new state

executive director joined the team in February 2022.

At the start of Chuck's tenure as the acting SED for Kansas FSA, he had the duty and responsibility to lead the state office in Manhattan. Chuck's goal was to ensure that the state office set the highest example for the county offices and to ensure that the State Office staff continued to support the most important resource that we have: our County Office Farm Program and Farm Loan Program employees.

During his tenure, Chuck faced several challenges to keep the mission ongoing within the organizational structure. Kansas FSA has seven district director boundary areas and during this period four of

**Separating heifers and cows in the months before calving**

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

Metabolisms change throughout life and consequently so do one's nutritional needs. This is not only true for people, but for animals as well, said the veterinarians at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

In the case of cattle, they advise that producers group first-calf heifers away from the mature cows in the months before calving.

"It is important to separate heifers and cows because of their different nutritional needs," veterinarian Bob Larson said. He explained that bred heifers are about 80-85% of their mature weight, giving them a 200-pound disadvantage when grouped in with the cows.

He said the reason that is worth noting is because of the dominance that cows place over heifers.

"A cow will often not let a younger animal have complete access to feed and water, so it is important to give the younger, smaller heifers their own space where they don't have to compete as much," Larson said.

There is also a difference in the type and timing of the feed supplementation between cows and heifers, said beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster.

"If I start feeding the cow herd like I would a growing replacement heifer, those cows are going to be over-conditioned going into the calving season,"

and riding we think of as cowboy work were probably enslaved black men.

In 2022, there was another special feature. The Hall of Fame recognized representatives of previously under-represented culturally historic cowboys: Native Americans, women, vaqueros, and African Americans. These cultures have contributed greatly to modern cowboy culture and all too often are forgotten or under-appreciated.

Michael Grauer, McCasland Chair of Cowboy Culture and Curator of Cowboy Collections and Western Art at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, made those presentations. He shared a fascinating perspective on the true history of the cowboy. Contrary to what we might expect from the portrayals in Hollywood, Michael made the case that the first people in North America to do the roping

and riding we think of as cowboy work were probably enslaved black men. It is so fitting that the Hall of Fame would recognize these additional cultures.

One other personal note. This honor was especially meaningful to me because my uncle, Fred Germann, had been inducted into the Hall of Fame in the Rancher category in 2010. Fred was a remarkable man and a past president of the Kansas Livestock Association. I had worked for Uncle Fred on his ranch when I was a kid and I held him in the highest regard, so it was extra special to follow in his footsteps in this way.

When I see the accomplishments of those in the hall of fame, past and present, I understand Mark Twain's sentiment. To even be mentioned in the company of these people was a high compliment. Thank you, Boot Hill Museum.

**Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame**  
By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Dodge City is the fitting home of the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame, Where the Boot Hill Museum shares world-wide acclaim. The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame's been there for 20 years, Honoring the cowboy way of life, advocates and pioneers. Each year they select five people to induct, In different categories which they've come to construct. I'm honored and humbled to share the amazing story That I've been inducted in the cowboy entertainer category. It's an honor which other awards cannot surpass, When we look at those in the 2022 class. So I'm pleased and surprised to be adding my name To those honored in the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame. Happy Trails!

action plans.

- Invest in shared resources (within the criteria of the separation agreement) to develop and implement a more fully coordinated marketing strategy and communications plan for the industry overall.

- Form a new joint industry task force in 2022 to ensure the industry is equipped to address issues and opportunities at the state, regional and grassroots level. The task force shall report annually to the voting delegates at Pork Forum.

- Establish a culture and operational framework that ensures the most efficient and effective use of producer funding.

NPB will provide a report on the progress of these recommendations to the delegate body before the 2023 Pork Forum, which is scheduled for March 8-10 in Orlando.

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the seven district directors either retired or resigned their positions. With Chuck's leadership, he utilized resources with the remaining district directors, county executive directors and farm loan managers to provide oversight in these districts. When approval was given by the national office, Chuck planned, organized, and worked to backfill these critical positions. His actions ensured that Kansas FSA was intact and set for future success.

Another example of Chuck's leadership centered around the resignations of employees that Kansas FSA experienced during the vaccination mandate. He called on FSA staff to develop

protocols to enhance and protect customer service. These task forces developed plans, compiled resources and provided a one-stop-shop for employees to implement. With this forward-thinking mentality, Kansas FSA was prepared to deal with employee losses as in one county in which all three employees resigned at the same time.

Chuck has been an instrumental leader for Kansas FSA. He deeply cares and is committed to the success of the agency and its employees. He has been a leader with the National Association of District Directors and has spearheaded continuing education for Kansas FSA staff.

Lancaster said. "Hopefully, those bred heifers will calve 30 days ahead of the rest of the herd so they will need to be switched to a lactation type of diet earlier than the cow herd will need to be."

From a health standpoint, veterinarian Brian Lubbers said cows and heifers should be grouped separately.

"Prior to calving, producers will need to increase their observations of the heifers to avoid complications and so for that reason they should be separated," Lubbers said.

**Calving in a barn versus a pasture**

The K-State experts also discussed the producer's decision on whether to calve cows in a facility or on pasture.

"Whether you calve the cows out on pasture or in a barn will depend on where you live and what the potential is for severe weather," Lubbers said.

Calving in a barn does increase the risks for sickness, said Larson, and therefore he recommends

letting the cows calve on pastures.

"While a warm calving barn is nice for people to work in, the potential for disease spread among the calves is great because of the air quality and concentration of fecal materials and mud," he said.

And calf loss at birth does happen on occasion, added veterinarian Brad White.

"Post-natal calf mortality is highest in the first 21 days after birth with most occurring in the first 72 hours after they are born," White said.

Rather than using a calving barn, Larson advised producers to adjust their calving season to avoid the greatest potential for severe weather; however, White cautioned that does mean a tradeoff due to breeding these cattle in the peak of the summer heat.

To hear the full discussion on these topics, listen to the Cattle Chat podcast online or through your preferred streaming platform.

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# Forecast for major beef importers, exporters in 2023

Global beef production is forecast to decrease slightly in 2023. Beef production decreases in the U.S. and European Union will more than offset increasing beef production in Australia and modest increases in Mexico and India. Changes in beef production and consumption will impact global beef

exports and imports in the coming year, *Drovers* reports.

Brazil is expected to remain the largest beef exporter with beef production increasing slightly in 2023. Brazil beef exports are limited by decreased beef imports in China. Australia, after a recent drought decreased cattle

numbers and beef production, is now in rebuilding mode. Cattle prices are falling from historically high levels in Australia, and beef exports are forecast to increase, helping Australia regain the number two spot. The U.S., the number two beef exporting country in 2022 with record or near-record ex-

ports, will likely see exports decrease with declining beef production, higher beef prices and a continued strong dollar. The U.S. will likely drop to fourth place. India is the remaining top four beef exporter with steady exports expected in 2023.

China/Hong Kong is the largest beef import-

country in the world since 2018 and will be the largest by a factor of two in 2023. Beef imports in China/Hong Kong may decrease in 2023 for the first time ever as the country struggles with a recession and continued zero-Covid controls. The U.S. may see beef imports increase modestly as beef

production falls and supplies of processing beef drop sharply. Rising U.S. beef prices and the strong dollar will further attract beef into the U.S. from other markets. The number three and four beef import markets, Japan and South Korea, are expected to see minor increases in beef imports in 2023.

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NOTE: Mrs. Heimerich attended auctions for years and bought nice things. This is a large accumulation. These items are currently in storage. About one-third of the contents will be sold on Thursday and the remainder Saturday. Most of the antiques and furniture will be sold on Saturday. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

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## USDA transitions from voluntary Cattle Contract Library pilot program to mandatory final rule

Recently USDA published a final rule to obtain additional information they believe is necessary to populate a Cattle Contract Library (CCL). The final rule will require packers that slaughtered an average of not less than five percent of the number of fed cattle slaughtered nationally during the immediately preceding five calendar years to submit contractual information for the purchase of cattle, meaning the rule will apply to Cargill, National, JBS and Tyson.

"Earlier this year, we clarified our policy to support and engage with USDA in the development of the CCL Pilot Program, with the understanding that it would be a voluntary trial to determine if such program would provide meaningful information to cattle feeders and not result in the unintended consequence of giving packers more data and insights into their competitors' marketing arrangements, potentially extending packers' and retailers' leverage over cattle feeders," said TCFA chairman Michael Bezner. "While it appears USDA considered and

incorporated much of the input we provided, it is unfortunate that USDA opted for a mandated regulatory approach which makes it difficult to revise and improve the CCL based on initial learnings from the pilot, especially if it is determined that the CCL is more advantageous for packers and retailers than cattle feeders."

In March, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 directed USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to create a CCL Pilot Program. The final rule, which goes into effect on Jan. 6, 2023, will require complete reporting of contractual information and volumes purchased against the contracts, including supplemental information on cattle requirements; associated schedules of premiums and discounts; delivery and transportation terms and payments; appendices and agreements of financing, risk-sharing or profit sharing; or other financial arrangements associated with such contracts, whenever new contracts are offered, or existing contracts are updated.

## Beef Cattle Update planned for January 19

K-State Research and Extension, Frontier District, will be hosting a Beef Cattle Update public meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. January 19th, at the

Overbrook Livestock Commission Company, 305 1st Street, in Overbrook. The evening will kick off with a bowl of chili at 6:00 p.m. with presentations following.

Jaymelynn Farney, Southeast Area Extension Beef Systems Specialist, will discuss making cost-efficient selection of mineral for the cow herd and the importance of vi-

tamin A, especially with droughty forages.

Cassandra Olds, K-State Livestock Entomologist, will update us on ticks and the diseases they carry as well as diseases that affect cattle and those that affect humans. If you like to eat red meat, knowing how to protect yourself from tick bites is important.

Bruno Pedreira, Southeast Area Forage Special-

ist, will talk about pasture management and how drought influences next year's forage growth.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend January 19th. If you have questions or need more information about the meeting call Rod Schaub, Frontier District Extension agent, at 785-828-4438 or by emailing him at [rschaub@ksu.edu](mailto:rschaub@ksu.edu).

## Will strawberry plants survive a cold winter?

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

Strawberry plants need time to gradually adjust to winter conditions and temperature drops to become cold resistant. Sudden changes in temperature can severely damage strawberry plants, said Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham.

"Strawberry plants are better able to withstand colder temperatures in the middle of the winter than in the fall before they have gone through much cold weather," Upham said. "For example, if tempera-

tures suddenly plummet below 20 degrees Fahrenheit before the plants harden to the cold, they can be severely damaged. A drop to 15 degrees F may kill them."

Strawberry plants should be mulched between Thanksgiving and Christmas to protect them from low temperatures and heaving damage.

"Heaving damage occurs when the alternate freezing and thawing common in Kansas winters heave plants out of the ground where the roots are exposed and the plants die from lack of water," Upham said.

Wheat straw is recommended as mulch if it is free of weed seed and wheat kernels. Prairie hay also makes a good mulch, Upham said.

To apply the straw or hay, shake flakes apart to break down large chunks,

which helps insulate the plants and avoid damage by delaying blooming in the spring, Upham said.

"Mulch should be removed gradually in the spring as plants begin new growth," he said.

Some mulch can be left to keep berries off the ground and conserve moisture.

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](mailto:wupham@ksu.edu), or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.



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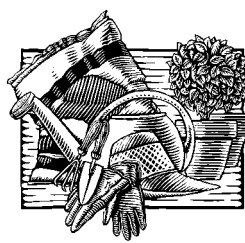
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## Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

### A Few of My Favorite Things

This is the time of year when one looks back and recalls the events of the last gardening year. Not all of it can be seen through rose-colored glasses. Success is heartwarming and needs to be celebrated. We learn from mistakes and the challenges faced.

Ambrosia is my favorite sweet corn. It is my control if you will. I tried a few others, but they did not please me as much. A raccoon appears to concur with my selection. Putting up a fence to protect the sweet corn is the goal for 2023.

The fluctuating temperatures during the growing season challenged the tomatoes to produce. Unless one can grow them in a high tunnel, not much can be done on regulating the environment. There were 12 varieties in the Extension Master Gardener trial. No clear winner, although Jet Star is a good

choice. A canning type like Roma is still my favorite tomato.

Sweet potatoes are the easiest vegetable to grow. Beauregard is the variety for planting around here. I could eat one every day until next season from this year's harvest. I have one or more to put in each person's stocking for Christmas.

Raspberries grow without much attention. Pruning is required for improved production and reduced overcrowding. My favorite is a black raspberry variety Jewell. There are many types of raspberries to meet all needs.

Viburnum is my easy-care shrub for the landscape. There are all kinds of sizes, flowering times, and leaf forms. The Cayuga one catches my fancy. Korean Spice is another favorite.

Torenia which is referred to as Wishbone is

my favorite annual flower. I like the colors but can't really describe why I like it. Perhaps there doesn't have to be a reason. It doesn't require any more than any other annual. Weekly watering and nitrogen fertilizer keeps it blooming all season.

Those are a few of my favorite things. I don't consider plants necessarily things. A soil knife is a tool but could be a thing I favor. It helps me with many jobs in the garden. The 2022 year is basically over. I hope you have had a few favorite things this past year.

If you have any questions on any horticulture topic, please contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geystone@ksu.edu

### Shawnee County Extension to host Coffee, Cookies and Conversation Series 2023

The Shawnee County Extension Office and the Shawnee County Conservation District with assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service will host a series of five educational trainings on the following dates. The locations and topics are listed below.

These presentations will have a special emphasis for local crop and livestock producers at each of the programs.

Each program is a free event, open to interested land owners, crop and livestock producers, thanks to our sponsors: Landmark National Bank, Shawnee County Farm Bureau, Kansas Insurance, Shawnee County Extension Foundation and Premier Farm and Home.

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, call Shawnee County Extension at (785) 232-0062 or e-mail Leroy Russell at lrussell@ksu.edu. We hope to see many of you attend these important presentations at the Coffee, Cookies and Conversation Series 2023.

Weathering the Storm in Agriculture: Cultivating a Productive Mindset When: Thursday, January 19, 1:00-3:00 pm

Where: Shawnee County Farm Bureau, 3801 SW

### Volatility in wholesale beef a sign of ongoing shift in leverage

Cattle feeders have experienced a \$6 per cwt. price increase since the first week of November. The gains are a reflection of tighter fed cattle supplies which have provided cattle feeders with market leverage they haven't seen in years.

The past month has also produced some of the most intense volatility for wholesale beef prices on record. Choice boxed beef cutout on Dec. 12 closed at \$257.02 per cwt., representing a one-day gain of \$8.09 per cwt. The close was also \$13.71 per cwt. (3 percent) higher than the previous week.

Seasonally, a decline in high-value steak cuts is expected once holiday needs are covered, and a shift by retailers to less expensive beef cuts has helped support wholesale beef prices. Volatility in wholesale beef prices comes at a time when packers are forced to pay higher prices for cattle, resulting in significant margin suppression. Multiple market analysts, including the Sterling Beef Profit Tracker, estimate packer losses are the highest in seven years at between \$75 and \$140 per head.

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### USDA developing new tools to identify COVID virus in wild and domestic animals

U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists are developing new tests and tools to identify and track the COVID virus and its variants in wild and domestic animals.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is currently implementing a \$300 million provision in the American Rescue Plan Act to monitor susceptible animals for the COVID virus. Through this initiative, APHIS is partnering with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) on five research projects to improve understanding of the virus and to help USDA accomplish its goal

### NAWG board member appointed to Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee for EPA

Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the appointment of Clay Pope, National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) board member and Oklahoma wheat farmer, to serve on the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee (FRRCC). The FRRCC serves an important role and provides independent policy advice and recommendations to the EPA on a variety of issues that impact farmers across the United States.

"Serving on the FRRCC is an exciting opportunity to help advise the EPA and the administrator by providing a dryland farming perspective, which is outside the traditional corn/soy belt and will contribute different perspectives

of building an early warning system to potentially prevent or limit the next zoonotic disease outbreak or global pandemic.

"This investment ensures we are taking the steps necessary to safeguard our nation's animal health—and further, public health," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Scientific research undergirds USDA's programs and policies. The new tools and data generated from this research will provide the insights necessary to accelerate our understanding of the COVID virus and help us build a more resilient national capacity to address

future disease threats."

Two of the projects call for developing easy-to-use field tests to quickly identify COVID infection in wildlife and domestic animals. In two other projects, field and laboratory studies will determine how long the virus persists in deer and whether deer or elk can serve as an intermediate animal host in which COVID virus can survive in the wild and potentially mutate into new variants. The fifth project is developing a cell line model that will let researchers better predict which animal species may act as hosts or reservoirs for COVID virus.

based on climatic pressures and crop rotations," said Clay Pope, NAWG board member and Oklahoma wheat farmer. "I am looking forward to working with this committee and playing a role in ensuring the EPA understands the impacts of their policies on wheat farmers and seek solutions that work for all of agriculture."

"NAWG is excited about having Clay Pope serve on the EPA's advisory committee, which plays a key role in telling the story about how wheat producers are having a positive impact on the environment and have increased resource-efficient practices in land, water and energy use," said Nicole Berg, NAWG president and Washington

wheat farmer. "Clay has demonstrated his ability to work for growers of different viewpoints on the NAWG Special Climate and Sustainability Committee over the last years, and in his years of working on policy development and program delivery in Oklahoma. This announcement is good news for farmers across the country."

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### LAND AUCTION

160+/- ACRES MARSHALL CO., KS CROPLAND  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 — 10:00 AM  
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TRACT: NE1/4 in Section 20 - Township 1 South - Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 160 acres more or less (Balderson Township).  
FARM LOCATED: From Oketo, KS, go 2 1/2 miles east on Cherokee Rd, and the farm is on the south side. Home, KS is 7 1/2 miles straight south, and the Nebraska Stateline is 3 miles to the north.  
DESCRIPTION: Farm consists of 103+/- acres of upland Cropland. The balance is mostly pasture, and there are some waterways. This farm is predominately Wymore silty clay loam soil that has been in a Corn and Soybean crop rotation. This farm has an established Rural Water meter and connected hydrant located along Cherokee Rd in the former farmstead area, and the benefit unit will transfer to the buyer. It is located along a good county rock road to the north, and a township road to the east.

FSA INFO: Farmland Acres: 158.88; DCP Cropland Acres: 103.14; Base Acres: Grain Sorghum 57.6, Wheat 33.9, Soybeans 1, Corn 4; PLC Yield: Grain Sorghum 107, Wheat 35, Soybeans 37, Corn 107.  
TERMS: Cash with 10% down payment/earnest money on day of sale with the balance due in full on or before February 24, 2023 with delivery of deed, and marketable title. Full possession will be given at closing, subject to present tenant's rights. Seller & Buyer equally split cost of standard title insurance, and attorney fees for preparation of contract-deed-escrow. This land is located in a good farming community, and should merit the serious consideration of anyone wanting an individual unit or add-on acres. Look it over before sale day, and come prepared to bid. Statements made day of sale take precedence over any advertised or previous statements.

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# Things to keep in mind when considering sulphur

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

In crop production systems, we typically consider 16 elements essential for growth. Of those, Sulphur (S) is often considered the fourth major nutrient, right behind Nitrogen (N), Phosphorous (P), and Potassium (K).

While known to be important for production, the actual need of supple-

mental S in our Northeast Kansas cropping systems is a little more difficult to predict. Because it's a mobile nutrient, zero- to six-inch soil sampling may not always provide an accurate picture of available soil Sulphur. While mostly an issue on low organic matter or coarser textured soils subject to leaching, that isn't always the case. Sulphur deficiencies have been noted on an increasing basis on

finer textured soils and even in brome grass with organic matters of three percent or higher.

While the best way to predict a need for Sulphur is via use of deep (zero to 24 inches) soil sampling, that may not be possible in all cases. When considering Sulphur applications, make decisions based on soil texture, soil organic matter levels and crop yields to provide a prediction of possible

needs. To get a better idea of crop S needs, check out Sulphur in Kansas: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF2264.pdf> (copies available upon request from District Offices). It provides excellent information on how to determine potential crop S

needs as well as Sulphur product differences - including manure application averages.

is without considering any other increases in global beef demand over the same period. Consumers will need to pay to access available supply, given the supply pressures in many markets, which could create a strong upside to prices and the redistribution of trade volumes.

## Rabobank: what does the future of the U.S. beef supply hold?

Rabobank's fourth-quarter beef report shows cattle prices are generally favorable across the country, but consumer confidence is falling which could signal problems for the beef industry. The big question is whether beef prices will be impacted by supply-side pressure or

the demand side. With the U.S. staring down the barrel of a potential 400,000- to 500,000-metric-ton annual loss in production, RaboBank expects the decline in the country's beef production will not be met by production growth in other major exporting countries. This

requested an extension to better understand the proposed regulatory change. The proposed rule would prohibit certain prejudices against market-vulnerable individuals that tend to exclude or disadvantage covered producers in those markets.

## USDA extends comment deadline on proposed PSA rule

USDA formally extended the comment period by about six weeks on the proposed Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA) competition and market integrity rule.

The comment deadline for the proposed rule originally was set for Jan. 17, but Members of Congress

While short of the 180 days requested by numerous stakeholders, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association applauded USDA's 45-day extension but urged the agency to proceed in what it called "a cautious, deliberative manner."

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This Bid is for a five (5) year Crop Land and Farm Rent Lease (Haying/Pasture) for the following, **Herington Regional Airport Lease 5 (L5) with 122.58 acres of cropland**

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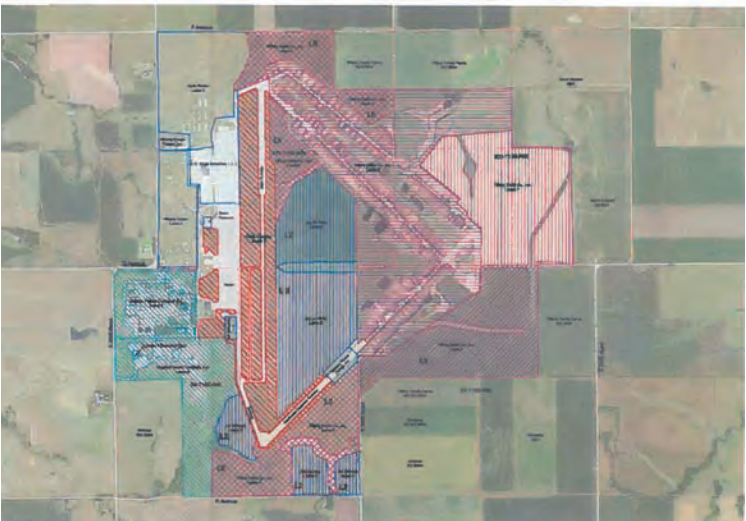
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