



## McCauley, Vinduska receive Kansas Corn Impact Awards

At the Kansas Corn Symposium, Kansas Corn recognized Terry Vinduska of Marion and Ken McCauley of White Cloud as recipients of the 2023 Kansas Corn Impact Awards. The two Kansas corn farmers served as state and national leaders and played pivotal roles in the corn industry. McCauley is past president of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and Vinduska is past president of the U.S. Grains Council (USGC).

### Terry Vinduska, Kansas Corn Impact Award recipient

After a long career representing corn farmers on the Kansas Corn Commission and serving in many roles with the U.S. Grains Council, Terry Vinduska was chosen as a recipient of the Kansas Corn Impact Award. A strong proponent of trade, Terry led on the state and national levels. Vinduska is retiring from the Kansas Corn Commission, a position he held since 1994. He represented Kansas on the U.S. Grains Council and served as USGC chairman in 2011. Vinduska farms near Marion, and also operates a Pioneer Seed sales and distribution business.

Former U.S. Grains Council CEO Tom Sleight said Vinduska brought a unique perspective as USGC chairman.

"Terry was kind of a unique leader for the Grains Council in that he had the farmer perspective, the agribusiness per-



Winners of the 2023 Kansas Corn Impact Award were Ken McCauley, White Cloud and Terry Vinduska, Marion.

spective and he certainly had a broad understanding of U.S. agriculture and international agriculture," Sleight said. "He always had a very rock-solid understanding of what U.S. agriculture was looking for and what was needed so as a leader, he always projected that fairness, and that thoughtfulness in terms of where we needed to be going with trade."

Iowa corn producer Julius Schaaf, who served as USGC Chair in 2014, said Vinduska played an important role in building trade opportunities for American farmers.

"Terry spent many years helping the U.S. Grains Council evaluate emerging markets and op-

portunities," Schaaf said. "Terry worked hard for free trade agreements and tariff reductions."

Vinduska spoke about the Council's mission and his own legacy.

"My legacy has never been about an accomplishment or something I did," Vinduska said. "I hope my legacy has always been about the kind of man I am. I hope my legacy has always been about helping the next generation."

Vinduska said his work with the U.S. Grains Council was fulfilling because those efforts improved the lives of others.

"The Grains Council's mission of building markets and improving lives around the world became

a way of life. We worked to build markets so we could all be better off. So it was a lifestyle," Vinduska said.

While Vinduska is leaving his leadership role at Kansas Corn, he will remain involved in his work with the U.S. Grains Council.

### Ken McCauley, Kansas Corn Impact Award Recipient

Ken McCauley was chosen as a recipient of the Kansas Corn Impact award after decades leadership at Kansas and National Corn Growers Associations and as an advocate for corn and agriculture on the state, national and international levels. He represented growers on the KCGA board from 2015

to 2023, and the Kansas Corn Commission from 1995 to 2021. He served as the 2006-07 NCGA president. McCauley also has been active in broadcast media and social media informing and advocating for corn farmers and agriculture.

Former NCGA CEO Rick Tolman said McCauley was a thoughtful and respected voice for corn issues.

"He was a wonderful voice for biotechnology. Ken could speak to those principles and issue about biotechnology because he used those things," Tolman said. "He knew how it changed his farm and he could say 'Here's what I learned, here's what I did, here's what I saw, here's what I used.'"

McCauley led NCGA during the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill and the 2008 Renewable Fuel Standard, and his leadership was key, according to retired Missouri Corn executive director Gary Marshall.

"He knew the farm bill and what was important to him and his Kansas farmers back home," Marshall said. "Knowing exactly what he thought ought to be in the bill and then advocating for that."

AgriPulse editor Sara Wyant spoke at the Corn Symposium, remembering McCauley as a strong leader and an excellent fundraiser for NCGA and also for the National Association of Farm Broadcast-

ing's scholarship program.

"Ken was chairman of NCGA's CornPAC from 2009 to 2014 and under his leadership, the CornPAC went from raising just under 84,000 in 2009, to a whopping 150,000 in 2014. That is definitely putting your money where your mouth is in terms of raising money to do good for this association and this industry," Wyant said.

McCauley said he was proud of the growth of farmer-owned ethanol plants and the 2008 Renewable Fuel Standard.

"When you create enough demand to use up four or five billion bushels of corn for ethanol plus all the extra things that filter down through the system like DDGS. That would not have happened without farmer investment and the checkoffs pushing this," McCauley said. "That hasn't been said enough: the checkoffs were the big driver in ethanol growth and it wouldn't have went to 15 billion gallons without the farmer being involved and putting their own money on the line to make that happen."

The Kansas Corn Commission oversees the one-cent-per-bushel corn checkoff, investing in the areas of market development, education, research and promotion. The Kansas Corn Growers Association represents its members in legislative and regulatory issues and promotes corn and the farmers who grow it.

## K-State researchers embark on study to preserve prairie health

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

Kansas State University researchers have launched a study to improve the effectiveness of controls on woody plants, an effort they say will help to preserve the health of native grasslands in Kansas.

Carol Baldwin, a range specialist in K-State's Agriculture, Natural Resources and Community Vitality unit, said woody plants – a term that indicates plants with hard, wood stems – are encroaching on the Kansas prairie, creating a threat to wildlife habitat and livestock production. In the event of a prairie fire, woody plants add to the intensity of the blaze.

"The scale of the problem is large and is growing at an ever-increasing pace," Baldwin said. "In-



Controlling woody plants will be the focus of a Kansas State University study in an effort to preserve the health of native Kansas grasslands. *KSU photo*

dividual landowners have made efforts to reduce woody plants but these have been insufficient to reverse the overall trend toward the increased conversion of native grass to undesirable woodlands."

In 2022, the Natural Resources and Conservation Service awarded a three-year grant for \$843,000 to a

K-State team led by Baldwin to address the issue. The team includes K-State range management specialist Keith Harmoney, agricultural economist Gabe Sampson and wildlife specialist Drew Ricketts.

The researchers will focus their work on three grassland regions in Kan-

sas: the Flint Hills (eastern Kansas), the Gypsum Hills (central) and the Smoky Hills (north-central).

"Old-growth Great Plains rangelands were developed with frequent fire," Baldwin said. "Fire kept woody brush and trees from dominating the landscape and led to the development of the

grass-dominated prairie biome, with its unique collection of plants, animals and ecosystem services."

As an example, the Flint Hills are home to more than 150 bird, 40 reptile and amphibian and 35 mammal species. It provides grazing land for bison and cattle. And, numerous opportunities for hiking and other recreational activities exist throughout the nearly 10,000-square-mile region.

The prairie's diversity, though, is under threat by an increase in woody plants, according to Baldwin.

"To assist in reversing the trend of woodland expansion, this project will provide outreach education, fill key knowledge gaps and provide the NRCS with an evaluation of proven and novel approaches," Baldwin said.

Among the outcomes, Baldwin said the researchers hope to encourage broader use of soil health practices, improve habitat for wildlife and improve forage and grazing distribution on rangelands.

Because native grassland is used for recreational activities, Baldwin said the projects will also aim to reach non-agriculture and recreationist landowners with information on managing rangeland.

"Woody plant control is just one part of maintaining biome-scale integrity, and other management practices can enhance or decrease the benefits," Baldwin said. "We hope that promoting the efforts of landowners who have removed woody species will inspire others to act, as well."

The project is expected to last through Sept. 2025.

## Grow your operation, your community, your tomorrow at the 2023 Women Managing the Farm conference

Meaningful conversations between women farmers, rural business leaders and landowners have been a goal of the Women Managing the Farm Conference since the event began in 2005, and the 2023 meeting is no exception. The conference will be held February 15-17 in Manhattan. From ag advocacy at large and small scales to the impact of military aggression on global food security to mental health, the 2023 Women Managing the Farm Conference offers women the chance to explore how to grow their operations, their communities and themselves.

"As we approach the 20th anniversary of WMF, we are looking at some long-term planning to identify what changes would be most beneficial to women farmers and conference attendees. We are going to be soliciting some feedback this year about ways we can improve the structure of the conference and provide additional educational opportunities for women in ag," said Marsha Boswell, vice president of communications at Kansas Wheat and Past-Chair for WMF. "We encourage women to come to the conference for the excellent lineup this year, and to also provide us with

feedback as we plan future events."

This annual conference provides a supportive setting in which women can develop the skills, resources and knowledge needed for success in a competitive agricultural environment. Conference sessions are designed to keep women up to date on the latest advancements in agriculture and thriving within their rural communities.

The 2023 conference will open Thursday morning with keynote speaker Brandi Buzzard, presenting "Small Talk, Meaningful Conversations." Brandi Buzzard is a cowgirl, rancher, working mom and wife. For more than a decade, she has also been a passionate agriculture advocate while helping others share their agriculture stories.

"There are many factors that lay the groundwork for meaningful conversations – current events, parenting hacks,

restaurant choices, etc.," said Buzzard. "And all of that 'small talk' is essentially what leads to deeper, more meaningful conversations. Whether the discussion is focused on food, ranching or societal news, audience members will learn how thinking critically and having authentic conversations makes us all better in the long run."

Other general session presenters will include Dr. Antonina Broyaka, K-State Department of Ag Economics, who will discuss "War in Ukraine and Global Food Security." From September 1998 to March 2022, Broyaka carried out scientific and educational activities at the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University, Ukraine. Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Broyaka moved to the United States and received refuge in Manhattan, Kansas. She is continuing research activity as an Extension associate in the Agricultural Economics Department of

Kansas State University on the economic impact of Russian military aggression on Ukrainian agriculture and global food security.

The two-day conference will wrap up with Adrienne DeSutter, an ag mental health specialist who is part of her husband's fourth-generation farm family in Midwest Illinois. DeSutter recognized a need for mental health advocacy in agriculture and began partnering with ag businesses and organizations to promote healthy minds and prevent farmer suicide. In addition to public speaking, she helps create and connect valuable ag mental health resources, writes wellness articles, and has been featured in articles, podcasts and initiatives across the globe.

"With smirks and satire, 'Sow Hope Grow Hope' takes you on a playful journey of self-discovery," said DeSutter. Adrienne's message reminds you that

"Your growth is greatest when YOU are holding the measuring stick. And when you hit your peaks, so does everyone around you."

During the two-day conference, attendees will also select from presentations covering many topics, including a K-State calving school. This session will outline calving management, including stages of the normal calving process and tips to handle difficult calving situations. They'll share tips on when and how to intervene to assist the cow or heifer. They'll also demonstrate proper use of calving equipment on a life-sized cow and calf model, discuss farm finances, relationships and health, agricultural and estate law, crop production and marketing, management and more. Attendees also choose networking sessions tailored to the different roles women hold, providing an opportunity to learn from other women

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## Faith in the Future of Agriculture

By Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

A couple of weeks ago was my favorite Kansas Farm Bureau event, the Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Conference. I am going to let you in on a secret, I am over 35. I know you are all shocked, and I am a bit surprised they still let me through

the doors. I guess they either take pity on me or they let me in because I am on the state board of directors. Either way I am always happy to sneak in and get my batteries recharged.

I think I have figured out the fountain of youth, and it is to spend time around this outstanding group of young farmers,

ranchers, agribusiness people and students. Their enthusiasm and energy is contagious, even for an old guy several years past the YF&R expiration date.

The conference itself is outstanding. The keynote speakers and information shared is some of the best and most timely for those of us in agriculture. Then there are the breakout sessions and workshops, again some of the leading experts in their fields and cutting-edge information. Include that with contests showcasing our industry's best and brightest along with social events and you have a great weekend. The best part is it is planned, coordinated and put on

by the Young Farmer and Rancher committee, the best and brightest members 35 and younger in Kansas Farm Bureau.

Does it sound like I am bragging? I hope so because I am. We hear all the time about the aging agriculture industry and often pundits wonder where we are headed. Will our producers age out? Will we be able to feed a growing, hungry population? Spend a weekend at the Young Farmer and Rancher Conference and you know we will be in good hands. Spending time with this group will renew your faith in the future. I love listening to the conversations and hearing the new

ideas and enthusiasm.

This conference was crucial for Jennifer and I as we started our journey in agriculture. So many times you feel alone and it seems like no one understands what you are going through. Then you come to your first YF&R Conference and find out there are many others going through the same trials and tribulations. The networking in the hallways and the friends you make over the weekend are truly the most valuable part of the conference. We still have friendships that were forged during this conference.

That is why each year I look forward to this event.

I must admit I am being a little selfish because I know I get more out of it than I give to the participants I meet. This old guy is transformed back into a time when anything was possible and my career was ahead of me. I wish I could bottle the excitement and energy up for all of you, it is something we all need these days. I can't do that, but I can go forth knowing agriculture is in good hands.

"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.

## Extension to host third annual Rural Revitalization Conference

The third annual "Rural Revitalization Conference" will be held on Wednesday, February 22 in Randolph, according to Gary Fike, Riley County K-State Research and Extension Director.

"The purpose of this conference, has been, and always will be, focused on rural entrepreneurship," Fike says. "Those who are interested in beginning their own small, rural business is our target audience, although everyone is invited if you have even the faintest interest in becoming an entrepreneur someday."

The event will be held at the Randolph VFW, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, juice, and cinnamon rolls from the "Fork in the Road" in Riley. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. with speakers from USDA Rural Development, the Small Business Development

Center, and the Governor's Office on Rural Prosperity. The focus of their presentations will include information on beginning a business plan, financing, how to apply for grants and loans, and other special offerings by their organizations.

Lunch will be served at noon catered by The Farmhouse Restaurant of Olsburg and Riley. The afternoon program will include small business owners who will share their story about their forays into the business world. They include: Valerie Visser of Fork in the Road of Riley, Stacey Mahaffey of Mulberry Feet in Riley, Andrea DeJesus of A&H Farms in Manhattan, and Glenn Brunkow of Brunkow Family Lamb, Wamego.

"We have a great mix of different types of business-

es represented, and small local, rural businesses are all the rage," Fike explained. "I think we have tremendous potential in this area for small business owners to have great success with all of the resources that we have here. We are also fortunate to have as sponsors the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Small Business Development Center, and Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK). Planning for this program was the Riley County Extension Program Development Committee for Community Vitality.

Registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch and rolls, coffee and juice and is due by February 20. Call the Riley County Extension office at 785-537-6350 and get registered today. For more information and the complete schedule, go to [riley.k-state.edu](http://riley.k-state.edu).

## Kansas Leopold Conservation Award seeks nominees

Are you a Kansas farmer, rancher or forestland owner who improves soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat on your working land? Apply for the 2023 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award®.

Sand County Foundation and national sponsor American Farmland Trust present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 25 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In Kansas, the

\$10,000 award is presented with Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes those who inspire others with their dedication to land, water, and wildlife habitat management on private, working land. In his influential 1949 book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Leopold called for an ethical relationship

between people and the land they own and manage.

Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. Applications are reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders.

The application can be found at [www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA](http://www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA). The application deadline date is June 1, 2023. Applications should be emailed

to [award@sandcountyfoundation.org](mailto:award@sandcountyfoundation.org).

"The Leopold Conservation Award Program provides a valuable opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Kansas agricultural landowners who are committed to strong conservation practices and effective stewardship," said Dan Meyerhoff, executive director of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts.

"RTK is a proud supporter of the Leopold Conservation Award in Kansas. It is our honor and privilege to help recognize Kansas ranchers and farmers who go above and beyond the standard in stewardship of the natural resources they manage daily," said Barth Crouch, Ranchland Trust of Kansas Board chairman.

"Conserving our state's rich and diverse natural resources is ingrained deeply in the culture of our multi-generational farms and ranches," said Kansas agriculture secretary Mike Beam. "The Leopold Conservation Award serves an important role of reminding the general public of how private land managers conserve and enhance these resources for future generations."

"As a national sponsor for Sand County Foundation's Leopold Conservation Award, American Farmland Trust cele-

brates the hard work and dedication of farmers, ranchers and forestland owners," said John Piotti, AFT president and CEO. "At AFT we believe that conservation in agriculture requires a focus on the land, the practices and the people and this award recognizes the integral role of all three."

"Recipients of this award are examples of how Aldo Leopold's land ethic is alive and well today. Their dedication to conservation shows how individuals can improve the health of the land while producing food and fiber," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation president and CEO.

The 2022 award will be presented in November at the KACD Annual Convention.

The 2022 recipient of the award was Michael Thompson of Alma. The first Kansas Leopold

Conservation Award was presented in 2015 to the Sproul Ranch of Sedan.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program in Kansas is made possible thanks to the generous support of American Farmland Trust, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Ranchland Trust of Kansas, Sand County Foundation, Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, ITC Great Plains, Evergy, Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Forest Service, McDonald's, The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Green Cover Seed, and a Kansas Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

For more information on the award, visit [www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org).



We are well into lambing season and it is not pretty. The office in the shop looks like it was burglarized, the lambing barn needs a deep cleaning and the alley to the pens is strewn with halters, shepherd's crooks and other implements cast off as we moved ewes up and down it. It has been absolute chaos and that is a good thing. The chaos is caused by a tidal wave of new lambs. I do like it when they come this quick but it does take a toll on man, equipment and chore clothes.

Lately I have been getting out of bed and struggling to get started. I am about halfway down the alley to check ewes before I stand up and can walk straight. The alley is a good bit from the house and until then it is tough going. The dogs look at me wondering if they should get help. They never do. I am not sure if they know I will get better or if they are indifferent. All I know is too many hours in my chore boots ages me about 20 to 30 years. But hey, at least I can put on my chore boots and go do the checks, that is not something I take lightly.

If the morning check was bad enough the last check of the night is even worse. Lately it has required me not falling asleep. Many days staying awake is the hardest part of my day. Well, the hardest until I try to get out of the recliner. Jennifer thinks I could do it without so many sound effects, but just like grunting in tennis, my groans help me create enough force to get the job done. At least it doesn't take quite as long to straighten my back up at night.

Then there is the smell. I don't know how many times I have been in public and wondered if everyone else could smell that or if it was permanently burned into my olfactory system. I don't care how many times I scrub my hands or what soap I use; I can still smell lamb on my hands. Jennifer has some hand soap that smells like gingerbread and that just makes my hands smell like gingerbread and afterbirth. There is a combo you will never see or never should see on a bottle of hand soap. The only thing I find that covers up the smell is diesel and sadly that is an improvement.

The toughest part about being in the

midst of lambing season is my chore coat. It is a long-established rule that washing chore clothes during lambing or calving is only inviting trouble. I am convinced that birthing problems in cattle and sheep are caused by the crispy clean smell of your favorite laundry soap. I know, without a doubt, that I can smell my chore coat and it is not pleasant. I am also somewhat sure that the various layers of "stuff" makes my coat more waterproof and adds an extra layer of protection. I also know it is not a good sign when the dog constantly licks your coat because I know what she eats. The cuffs of my coat are also hardened by layers of "stuff" not unlike the layers of "stuff" on the front. The pockets are full of hay and various junk I have picked up, not a good combination when I do finally wash them. I was gone for three days last week, and it was tempting to wash my coat, but I knew better. This time of the year clean is a fleeting concept but bad luck is a constant, better to be safe than sorry when it comes to karma.

When it comes to clean clothes that is also a nebulous theory. We have washed so many clothes that we had to replace our worn out washer halfway through. Okay, that might be a bit of an overstatement but we did have to buy a new washer. I feel bad we did not give the old washer a proper burial, it was like a member of the family and was the hardest working machine on our farm. This is the time of the year when there is a delicate balance of washing chore clothes and Jennifer's dress clothes for work. You want to buffer the bad loads like lambing towels.

So, we are a little stinky, very sore and a lot tired but it is a good stinky, sore and tired. We wouldn't have it any other way. There is nothing like the feeling of finally getting to bed on a day that welcomed a lot of new lambs or calves. Of course, for us the fun has just started, we still have almost half of the ewes and all of the spring calving cows to go. You know another scent that covers up the smell lambing and calving season? Bengay, the essence of the tired rancher/shepherd, it's right up there with the smell of money.



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# Kansas farmers to learn about nature-based way to beat back corn rootworm from biocontrol pioneer

Kansas corn growers in search of a way to beat back corn rootworm, the economically damaging scourge of Midwest Corn Belt corn crops, will have the opportunity to learn about an innovative new way to do that in a webinar hosted by Kansas City University's Southwest Research and Extension Center on February 22, 2023.

The one-hour web-based program will feature entomologist Elson Shields, Ph.D., who pio-

neered the science behind the use of a combination of two native-New York nematodes as a now-proven method for decreasing populations of such crop pest as corn rootworm, alfalfa snout beetle, and black vine weevil. The free webinar will begin at 9:30 a.m. Those interested to participate may call 620-275-9164 or email azukoff@ksu.edu for the Zoom link.

Corn rootworm is causing significant economic damage to corn crops

throughout the U.S., particularly in the Midwest Corn Belt region. Kansas farmers plant approximately 5.7 million acres of corn, according to the 2021 National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Kansas State University Extension entomologist Anthony Zukoff, who will introduce Dr. Shields to the February 22nd Zoom audience, notes, "As corn rootworm management issues continue, the use of naturally occurring per-

sistent biocontrol nematode strains developed by Dr. Shields are proving to be an effective way to reduce root damage and have the potential to slow the development of corn rootworm resistance to other pest management methods."

Over 30 years of re-

search and field trials, Dr. Shields has developed the use of a combination of persistent biocontrol nematode strains with data and farmer testimonies on their efficacy to decrease the populations of a number of pests, including corn rootworm. The February 22nd we-

binar will provide corn growers with the opportunity to learn more about how the persistent biocontrol nematodes work and how growers can obtain the nematode species that Shields has developed for persistent management of corn rootworm in corn crops.

## Cherokee County Extension will host Beef Night February 16

Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension will host a Beef Night February 16 at the Cherokee County 4-H Building in Columbus. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by presentations at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by American Bank, Labette Bank, Farmers Co-op, Commerce Bank, Hometown Crop Solutions and Frontier Farm Credit.

Livestock producers are still feeling the effects of the 2022 drought. Many of the pastures and hay meadows have been damaged to some degree due to overgrazing, lack of moisture, or being mowed during the dry part of the summer. Though the area has received some moisture, producers are a long way from being out of the woods. Evaluations of pastures show that many pastures may need to be reseeded and weed control should be a high priority in 2023.

Bruno Pedreira and Dale Helwig will discuss what to do with those dead or damaged fescue pastures. They will also discuss options for producers to prepare for continued dry conditions and how to get the most forage from their pastures. With the price of fertilizer still high, Bruno will talk about spending the right dollars when it pertains to nutrient management in pastures and hay meadows.

The Columbus High School Chemistry class has continued to work with Cherokee County Extension on grass trials pertaining to stockpiling fescue for winter grazing. The study focuses on different fertility practices producers use and how that affects grass production and forage quality. Much has been learned over the last several years and producers can benefit from the knowledge gained in the local research project.

There will be an opportunity for questions during the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Cherokee County 4-H building located at 114 W. Country Rd in Columbus. For any questions, please contact the Cherokee County Extension Office at (620) 429-3849 or email dhelwig@ksu.edu.

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## Grow your operation, your community, your tomorrow at the 2023 Women Managing the Farm conference

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who may have similar roles on their operation. "Making those connections can be a way to reach out when you run into a new situation and need someone to bounce ideas off," Boswell said.

Thursday night's entertainment will be The Fabulous Feud. This fun event will transcend age and gender while offering audiences a memorable opportunity to partic-

ipate. The surveys generate thought and laughter, an engaging and affable host and attendees as contestants!

Registration is \$200, and includes both breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday. New this year is a student rate of \$60 for any high school or college students. Additional pre-conference sessions are available for \$25. Preconference sessions are offered

Wednesday for Quickbooks; an overview of drones licensing, uses and technology; and an interactive farm safety seminar.

Learn more or register for the Women Managing the Farm Conference at <http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/>. Stay up to date with the latest from the conference on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm>.

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# GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

\*\*\*\*\* By G&G Area Cooks \*\*\*\*\*

## Amy Feigley, Enterprise, Wins Weekly Recipe Contest In Grass & Grain

Amy Feigley, Enterprise: "These potatoes are so great with anything!"

### EASY CHEESY RANCH POTATOES

3 large russet potatoes  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 tablespoons Ranch seasoning mix  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or nonstick foil. Wash and chop the potatoes into small bite-size pieces. In a large bowl toss the potatoes with the olive oil and then mix in the Ranch seasoning mix. Place the potatoes onto the baking sheet as separated as possible and then sprinkle with the garlic powder, pepper and just a touch of salt. Cover the baking sheet with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender and golden brown (the time will vary based on how large you chop your potatoes). Sprinkle with the shredded Cheddar cheese and place them back into the oven for 1 to 2 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

NOTE: I put the cheese on before putting them into the oven the first time.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh: "Great on pancakes or waffles."

**STRAWBERRY BUTTER**  
3/4 cup chopped strawberries

3/4 cup powdered sugar  
1 cup softened butter  
Mix all together until smooth.

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Jackie Doud, Topeka:  
**APRICOT CHICKEN ROLLS**

(4) 1-pound boneless chicken breasts, skin removed

3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 teaspoons instant minced onion

3 tablespoons slivered almonds  
2/3 cup dried apricots, cut in half

1 tablespoon melted butter  
Pound breasts flat on plastic cutting board.

Sprinkle with almonds, apricots and seasonings. Roll each chicken breast into a tight roll and place seam side down in a baking dish. Brush with butter and

bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 4.

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Chris Goodman, Silver Lake:  
**SANTA FE SOUP**

1 pound ground beef  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 can corn, do not drain  
1 can pinto beans, do not drain  
1 can ro-tel tomatoes, we like mild  
1 large can (15 ounces) tomato sauce  
1 pound box Velveeta, cubed

Brown beef and onion together; drain. Place in crock-pot. Add remaining ingredients and mix. Cook on low until cheese is melted. Serve with tortilla chips or over tortilla chips.

NOTE: Leftovers are great served over a baked potato.

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Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:  
**ONION CASSEROLE**

1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice  
7-8 cups sweet onion, chopped  
1/4 cup melted butter  
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese  
2/3 cup half & half  
1 teaspoon salt

Cook rice in 5 cups boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain and set aside. Cook onions in butter in large skillet until limp but not browned. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased 2-quart casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

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Kellee George, Shawnee:  
**BROCCOLI SALAD**

1 pound fresh broccoli  
1 large Vidalia onion  
1/2 pound of fresh mushrooms  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sour cream  
2 tablespoons mustard  
1/2 cup cashews

Cut broccoli into bite-size pieces. Chop onion and mushrooms thin. Place all vegetables in a bowl. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream and mustard. Pour over all. Stir in cashews right before serving.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:  
**CARROT WALNUT SALAD**

2 cups finely shredded raw carrots  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup raisins  
1 egg  
1/3 cup sugar  
3 tablespoons evaporated milk or cream  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine carrots, walnuts and raisins. In a saucepan combine egg, sugar, evaporated milk or cream, vinegar and salt. Cook stirring constantly over medium heat until combined. Cool. Pour over carrot mixture and blend. Let stand 3 hours in refrigerator before serving.

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## Emergency Vital Information Folder: Operation Red File

By Teresa Hatfield, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

What would happen if first responders showed up at your house and you were found unresponsive? Would they know your health conditions or what medications you are taking? Many programs have been around over the years to help people make their health information known to first responders.

Operation Red File began in 2016 with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services and is another way to provide this vital in-

formation to first responders. The program allows access to your pertinent medical information in an emergency. If first responders know your medications and health conditions, they will be better able to treat you in an emergency.

The Red File is a large red folder attached to your refrigerator's front. In the file, you will enclose any information you believe first responders need to know. Information can include:

- Medication list (review and replace as often as necessary to keep it up-to-date)
- Any health conditions

that you have

- Clear, a recent photograph of yourself

- A copy of any Advance Healthcare Directive like a Power of Attorney for healthcare, living will, or a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR).

First responders and emergency staff can use this information to:

- Immediately access your medical information in an emergency
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- Have a photograph in case of a Silver Alert

Although it may sound like

Operation Red File is only for older adults, it is helpful for anyone with a health condition that needs attention. If you have children or teenagers with a health condition or are an adult with a health condition, consider utilizing a Red File.

The Meadowlark Extension District is currently distributing the Red File at our offices. Stop by to pick up a file. If you have questions about the Red File, don't hesitate to contact Teresa Hatfield at 785-364-4125 or thatfield@ksu.edu.

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The first month of the new year has officially come and gone and we survived it! This was the first month at my new job and what I would consider my first real month, fully in Topeka.

While technically I have been living in Topeka for months, starting the new job has helped me to put my mind fully here. I have found myself still making trips to and from Junction City to make sure I am still being present for the people who mean so much to me that still live there, but I have also found myself making more time to figure out who I am in this new chapter of life.

I am finding my way in my new job and loving every minute of it. I feel empowered, unstoppable, and eager to see what all this opportunity might bring my way. I am pushing my mind to learn new things and forcing myself out of my comfort zone to say hello to strangers and start making those genuine connections I have made at previous jobs.

I am making time for me and doing so unapologetically. That includes things like going to workouts nightly, getting my nails done, watching some TV, spending a weekend in Kansas City, taking myself to lunch, trips to Junction to see some of my all-time favorite humans and animals, and making dinners with my husband.

This past month has also made me more aware of who I am as a wife. I am a natural busybody and being more present in Topeka has led to trying to balance that with a husband who is constantly reminding me to calm down and relax. U-

timately, it has been good for me. I am incredibly passive-aggressive and trying to be more aware of it and trying my best to say what I mean in a more effective way. I was unaware I could get so jealous of a cat loving someone more than me, but let me tell you, it happens. I have also been reminded daily just how much I love the man I married. It never ceases to amaze me that he not only tolerates my antics, but he fully accepts me for me.

January, more than anything, has reminded me just how important change can be. It is never comfortable, but in those places where I feel most uncomfortable is where I grow the most; and friends, for the first time in a very long time, I am happy with who I am becoming.

February will bring a Super Bowl party, birthday parties and hopefully more opportunities to keep growing and to be the best version of me possible. I have no doubt this ever-evolving life we all live is going to keep changing but I am excited for what all might come next.

Michele grew up in Junction City and graduated from Kansas State University. She worked in the restaurant management field and then as an office manager for a company that manufactures oilfield products. She is currently the payroll manager at Washburn University. Her passion for blogging and food can be followed on Instagram: boobbrainsandbaking.

If you would like to contact Michele with comments please email mcarlyon88@gmail.com

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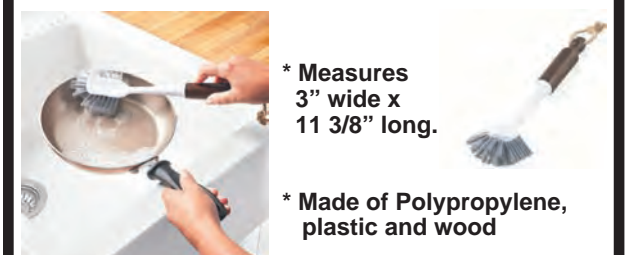
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## What Can Replace Eggs In The Kitchen? Tofu, Chia Or Flax Seeds Are Among The Options

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

MANHATTAN — As egg prices continue to increase in grocery stores, Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee said it might be beneficial to consider replacing eggs in certain recipes.

"From December 2021 to December 2022, the average price of a dozen eggs has gone up from \$1.79 per dozen to \$4.25 per dozen, according to USDA retail egg report. The biggest reason is the ongoing outbreak of avian influenza that has affected 46 states and almost 58 million poultry birds," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee recommends using two ounces of extra-firm tofu to replace one boiled egg. If a recipe utilizes eggs to hold ingredients together, Blakeslee suggests using one tablespoon of chia seeds or ground flax seeds mixed with three tablespoons of water to replace one egg.

"For leavening in baking, use the chia or flax seed mixture plus a half teaspoon of baking powder for each egg," Blakeslee said. "For moistness in baking, use a quarter cup applesauce, mashed banana, pureed avocado, pureed garbanzo beans, or silken tofu for each egg."

Eggs should be stored in the refrigerator cabinet for 3-5 weeks.

"This will likely go past the 'sell by' date on the carton, but they will be safe to use after that date as long as they have been refrigerated. This can

help reduce food waste," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee also suggested freezing eggs for later use (see sidebar).

"Think about cutting back daily egg use to every other day to change up your routine to add variety," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More

information also is available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

Links used in this story: Rapid Response Center for food science, <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu>

You Asked It! newsletter, <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/newsletter/>

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### FREEZING EGGS

Eggs can be stored for at least 1 month, covered in the refrigerator. Freezing is often unnecessary, but it can be done.

**Preparation** — Select fresh eggs and break each separately into a clean saucer. Examine each for freshness and remove any pieces of shell before mixing with other eggs.

**WHOLE EGGS** — Thoroughly mix yolks and whites. Do not whip in air. To prevent graininess of the yolks, add 1 ½ tablespoons sugar, 1 ½ tablespoons corn syrup OR ½ teaspoon salt per cup whole eggs, depending on intended use. Strain through a sieve or colander to improve uniformity. Package, allowing ½-inch headspace. Seal and freeze.

Another method of freezing a whole-egg mixture is to use ice trays. Measure 3 tablespoons of egg mixture into each compartment of an ice tray. Freeze until solid. Remove frozen cubes and package in moisture-vapor resistant containers. Seal and freeze. Three tablespoons of the egg mixture (one cube) equal one whole egg.

**EGG YOLKS** — Separate eggs. Stir yolks gently. To prevent graininess, add 1 ½ tablespoons sugar, 1 ½ tablespoons corn syrup OR ½ teaspoon salt per cup of egg yolks, depending on intended use. Strain through a sieve. Package, allowing ½-inch headspace. Seal and freeze. One tablespoon of the yolk mixture equals one egg yolk.

**EGG WHITES** — Gently mix whites; do not whip. Strain through a sieve. No sugar or salt is needed. Package, leaving ½-inch headspace. Seal and freeze. Two tablespoons of the egg-white mixture equal one egg white.

*This document was extracted from "So Easy to Preserve", 6th ed. 2014. Bulletin 989, Cooperative Extension Service, The University of Georgia, Athens. Revised by Elizabeth L. Andress, Ph.D. and Judy A. Harrison, Ph.D., Extension Foods Specialists.*

## Prairie Gal Cookin'

Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

### Freaky Fast and Simple Skillet Meals

By Ashleigh Krispense

Even though the days are cold and the evenings are still getting dark before our chores are finished, life continues to be busy and there isn't always as much time spent at home as I'd like there to be. Some nights, by the time we walk in the back door it's too late and we're too tired to feel like messing with thawing and browning any hamburger to make a meal. So, we've recently returned to one of my husband's favorite sandwiches — the good ol' grilled cheese.

While you can certainly doll it up with some fried ham or sautéed onions, he likes it kept simple and served while warm and gooey. Alongside his grilled cheese, I like to throw in an egg-in-the-hole or two for myself (although I believe I remember seeing Ree Drummond call this a toad-in-the-hole in her very first cookbook!). Once the skillet is hot, I took just a little over five and a half minutes to get an egg-in-the-hole fried and ready to serve!

You'll Need:

Grilled cheese:  
Bacon grease or salted butter  
A good sandwich bread (we've been using a store-bought sourdough bread)  
Mayonnaise  
Seasoned salt or Freddy's steakburger & Fry Seasoning  
American cheese slices

Egg-in-the-hole:  
Bacon grease or salted butter  
Good sandwich bread  
Egg  
Garlic powder  
Freshly cracked black pepper & sea salt



To make your grilled cheese, get started by melting a couple of teaspoons or so of bacon grease in a cast iron skillet over medium heat. Once melted, lay in two pieces of bread.



Brown them on one side and turn over. Immediately, cover the toasted side of each piece with a generous layer of mayonnaise. Sprinkle with either Lawry's Seasoned Salt or Freddy's seasoning. Add a piece of sliced American cheese on each piece of bread.



Once toasted on the bottom sides, put together to

form the sandwich. Finish the melting of the cheese inside by popping in the microwave for around 20 seconds.



For the egg-in-the-hole, use your already preheated cast iron skillet and melt another teaspoon or so of bacon grease over medium heat. Use a plastic cup to cut a circle in a slice of sandwich bread. Once the grease has melted, place the bread in the skillet and crack an egg into the hole. Sprinkle with garlic powder, black pepper and sea salt.



Flip over when the bottom side has browned to your liking. Fry on both sides and serve. Enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website, *Prairie Gal Cookin'* ([www.prairiegalcookin.com](http://www.prairiegalcookin.com)), where she shares step-by-step recipes and stories from the farm in Kansas.

## Expert Shares Tips For Blooming Paperwhites: Easy To Bloom And No Chilling Period

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

MANHATTAN — While the winter brings cold and snow, bringing paperwhites — a type of daffodil — to flower is simple, said Ward Upham, Kansas State University horticulture expert.

A chilling period is not needed to force paperwhites into bloom. Upham recommends starting with a 3-4 inch transparent container with no drainage holes.

"It should be transparent enough to see the water level," Upham said.

Next, fill the bottom of the container with 1-2 inches of media (washed gravel, marbles, glass beads or stones).

"Place the bulbs on the media so that they are near one another. Add enough media to hold them in place," Upham said.

After adding the bulbs, fill container with water until the bottom of the bulb is sitting in water.

"Do not submerge the bulb. Maintain the water at this level. It normally takes 4-8 weeks for the bulbs to bloom," Upham said.

Upham recommends growing in cooler temperatures (60-65 degrees Fahrenheit) to prevent bulbs from becoming leggy and falling over.

Another tip from Cornell University's Flower Bulb Research Program suggested a method to produce a

plant that is 1/3 shorter than normal. Start by growing the bulbs as described above until the shoot is green and about 1-2 inches above the top of the bulb.

"Pour off the water and replace it with a 4-6% alcohol solution. Use this solution instead of water for all future waterings," Upham said.

The alcohol solution should be mixed with one part alcohol to 10 or 11 parts water.

"Use rubbing alcohol. Do not use beer or wine as the sugars present can interfere with normal growth," Upham said.

Water stress stunts growth but won't affect the flowers, Upham said.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Depart-

ment 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.

Links used in this story: K-State Horticulture Newsletter, <https://hnrc.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/newsletters/index.html>

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by Kirk Sours

### Love Thy Brother

Summer of 1973 was my first experience in the hay field. We baled up somewhere around fifteen thousand square bales and stacked most of it outside, in strategic locations around the ranch for more convenient access during winter feeding.

It didn't take long for the ranch foreman to realize I was going to be better utilized driving a tractor, mowing (with a sickle bar) or raking hay, or pulling the four-wheeled hay wagons to and from the stacks while the big-

ger guys did the physical work at a much faster pace than I could keep up with. My first driver's license showed me to be 4'11" and 95 pounds, and I was arguably one of the two smallest kids in my class for many years. Of course, at first, I was not happy about this arrangement, but as I settled in to my assigned job, I did sort of appreciate that perhaps there were some benefits to being the runt of the litter.

My tractor assignment was a John Deere B, nar-

row front end, or "tricycle" as some called them. Hand clutch and turning brakes, which I became quite proficient with during that summer; leaning back in the seat, I could steer by using the brakes instead of the wheel. I'd tan any kid's hide today for doing that, but I was 13 and pretty much unsupervised. Those turning brakes came in real handy for mowing with that sickle bar attached, and I could make the cleanest square corners you ever saw, never missing a blade of grass!

The old side-delivery rake was not to be trifled with, and an inattentive right-hand turn, too sharp, could bring that rake right up onto your lap on that fenderless old Johnny Pop! One year I remember Bud Wege and Dean contracted the baling, as the ranch did not own a baler. I usually made my

windrows so that the baler man never had to turn out until the very center of the land, but could just follow my spiraling windrow 'round and 'round. One day the boss had me doing something else and raked a land of hay, and Bud told him to stop and "go get that kid 'cuz he was getting tired of turning out at the end of the windrows!"

That may have been the first year that plastic baler twine came on the market. It was black, and thicker than sisal twine, and was supposed to be "rot-resistant." It made sense that we use this newfangled stuff in light of the fact we were stacking so much hay outside.

Well, it was rot-resistant, all right (I'd wager they're still pulling that nasty stuff out of wheel bearings!) but it definitely wasn't rodent-resistant, because by mid-winter there was barely a single

bale of that hay, in any stack, that was not chewed through multiple times! I don't know what they made that stuff out of but the rats loved it!

Therefore, we had about ten thousand bales of loose hay to feed. How else do you do that if you don't have a grapple fork for your loader, but a bunch of kids full of energy? Pitchforks.

I've written before about how we used a couple of teams of mules to feed that year. So a mule-drawn hay rack being loaded with pitchforks by a bunch of high-school kids was probably not a common phenomenon, even back in '74, but it probably should have been. It probably should be today! It was literally an all-day chore to feed.

My friend Matt had an older brother, Rance, who was known for his 'gift of gab.' He couldn't talk and work at the same time, and as we were loading a rack full of hay he moved around me talking and just as I stabbed at big chunk of a bale that had been thrown my way for stacking on the rack, he stepped in front of my fork, which went clean through his foot, upon which he had a brand new pair of boots...he was not a happy

fella that day. Some of the crew patted me on the back thinking I stabbed him on purpose; I did not. But we worked in peace the rest of the day as he visited the ER.

He was always picking at his younger brother and me, and sometimes we'd have to team up and take the boy down. That next summer, during a break under the hay wagon's shade, he kept tossing dried cow chips at us as we were drinking up, and eating a bit of lunch. Matt, who outweighed me by a good 30 pounds, whispered to me, "You hit him low, and I'll hit him high." We eyeballed each other for a few seconds and both looked at Rance, who knew the gig was up. We all jumped up at the same time and we had that guy caught within 20 feet, and Matt got him in a headlock, grabbed the nearest cow chip, stuffing it into his brother's mouth.

We worked in peace the rest of that day, as well...

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The Fort Wallace Museum is hosting its annual symposium and Capt. Myles Keogh Emerald Banquet on March 18 at the museum. The museum's theme this year is

"Native Tribes of the High Plains" and both the symposium and the fall education days will relate to this theme.

Speakers for the symposium include Profes-

## First-of-its-kind research identifies \$400 million in unrealized soybean value

In some instances, two heads are better than one. For a new multi-regional research effort, five organizations put their heads together to achieve full genetic yield potential of the soybean. A new partnership, the first of its kind in more than 40 years, aims to increase soybean flower and pod retention. This unrealized value could bring \$50 per acre or \$400 million in economic return for U.S. soybean farmers.

The collaborative focus will test how heat and drought impact flower bud retention. Flower produc-

tion dictates the final pod number and, ultimately, yield in soybeans. The Atlantic Soybean Council, Mid-South Soybean Board, North Central Soybean Research Program, Southern Soybean Research Program and United Soybean Board all agree this is a priority issue impacting the entire industry.

"Farmer-leaders across the major soybean regions came together and asked: 'What roadblocks do we face, and how can we combine research dollars to make the most impact?'" said Suzanne Shirbroun,

and filmmaker Ken Spurgeon, Friends University; Professor Donald Blakeslee, Wichita State; and author and retired Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agent Dee Cordry. Special guests will be members of the Roman Nose Family from Oklahoma.

Ken will speak on the removal of tribes from the eastern United States and their relocation to the area that became Kansas and Oklahoma and the impact that had on the tribes here. Dr. Blakeslee is well known for his research into the city of Etzana, inhabited by the Wichita

people centuries ago. Cordry is the author of *Children of White Thunder* and will speak on the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty.

The banquet held that evening is for members of the Guardians of Fort Wallace and a membership is your ticket to attend. Contact the museum at (785) 891-3564 or museum@ftwallace.com for more information.

Another event to put on your calendars is the Santa Fe Trail Association symposium in Independence, Mo., this September. With the theme "Art on the Santa Fe Trail," this will be a unique and

heat stress. Texas Tech University, in collaboration with Kansas State University, the University of Missouri and the University of Tennessee, will lead the research on this national effort. At the helm, principal investigator Krishna Jagadish at Texas Tech University will compile data from dryland, irrigated, severe drought and heat stress growing conditions. In total, 250 diverse genotypes with publicly available whole genome resequencing data will be assessed over the span of

all exhibitors who plan to show in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). Those who indicate during the registration process that they plan to stay and participate in the training will receive additional details as the event approaches. The cost for each ju-

nior day is \$20 per person for those who register by the deadline, and \$25 per person for those who register after the deadline. Those who register after the deadline will not receive a t-shirt. More information is available at [https://url.avanan.click/v2/\\_www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu\\_](https://url.avanan.click/v2/_www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu_).

## K-State sets dates for Junior Swine, Meat Goat events

Kansas State University has announced that it will be hosting two in-person junior producer days in the spring, 2023.

University officials said K-State Junior Swine Producer Day will be Saturday, March 11, and K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be Saturday, March 18. The events are co-sponsored by the K-State Youth Livestock Program, K-State Research and Extension, and the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

Registration is available online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. More details about the junior day programs may be found on the youth livestock program website, under Junior Producer Days, <http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>.

Officials said registration for Junior Swine Producer Day is due Feb. 15 and the deadline to register for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is Feb. 22.

The junior day programs are one-day educa-

tional opportunities for youth, parents, project leaders, Extension agents and others to increase their knowledge of youth livestock production and management. Tentative topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science, health, reproduction, grooming, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process.

K-State faculty members, staff, students, Extension agents and guest speakers will lead sessions. All ages are welcome, but all attendees - including adults - must register online.

In addition, both events will offer instructor-led training for youth attendees to earn their YQCA certification, provided as an optional session after each junior day program. The training is expected to last approximately one hour.

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As the year unfolds, the schedules become more crammed, especially as we try to make up for the time lost to Covid. Here's hoping your year is rich and full and if you find yourself at a loss for something to do, let me know. I have ideas.

We have started two new blogs: [aroundkansas.blogspot.com](http://aroundkansas.blogspot.com) and [adastreaeating.blogspot.com](http://adastreaeating.blogspot.com). Please check them out!

We also have a new YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@AroundKansas-AdAstraEating](http://youtube.com/@AroundKansas-AdAstraEating)

As we make changes at Around Kansas we are looking for more input from you—the folks around Kansas! Please share your photos, videos, events, ideas. We would love to hear from you!

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this three-year farmer investment.

"The collaboration and alignment of research priorities among our farmers enable advancement of groundbreaking collaboration by regional soybean research groups," said Keenan McRoberts, Ph.D., United Soybean Board vice president of strategic alignment. "This partnership and the resulting collaborative investment could improve the future of soybean production. It has the potential to strengthen soybean resiliency, increase productivity and bring economic returns back to the farm."

Understanding the genetic diversity of flower loss opens the door to untapped yield potential in soybeans. The novel phe-

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"Partnering on research of this magnitude is especially important as we continue to experience challenging weather events," said Shirbroun. "This is one example of how we can invest check-off dollars collectively that benefits soybean farmers across 30-plus states."

# KCGA members elect new board members, recognize retiring leaders at Corn Symposium

The Kansas Corn Growers Association elected three new board members at its 2023 annual meeting at Salina on Jan. 26. KCGA members heard policy updates, reviewed and approved 2023 resolutions and held board elections for the three northern districts. Retiring Kansas Corn leaders were recognized later in the day.

Jeff Albers, Denton, was elected to represent the northeast district. He fills the position held by Ken McCauley, White Cloud, who retired from the board. Brett Grauerholz, Republic, was elected to represent the north central district. He fills the position held by Tom Tibbits, Minneapolis, who retired from the board. Brent Rogers, Hoxie was



KCGA officers elected were from left: Ben McClure (Hugoton), J.D. Hanna, Vice President (Silver Lake), Jeff Albers (Denton), Emma Jenks (Perry), Brett Grauerholz (Republic), Chad Epler, Secretary (Columbus), Kent Moore, Treasurer (Iuka), Matt Splitter (Lyons), Brent Rogers, President (Hoxie), Tanner McNinch (Ness City).

re-elected to represent the northwest district. Emma Jenks, Perry, was elected to serve as an industry at-large board member.

Tibbits was honored on his retirement as KCGA board member. He served on the KCGA board from 2011 to 2023. He has been a strong social media advocate and is a graduate of the NCGA Leadership Academy. McCauley was honored during the Kansas Corn Symposium on his retirement as a Kansas Corn leader. McCauley was the 2006-07 National Corn Growers Association president. He represented growers on the KCGA board from 2015 to 2023, and the Kansas Corn Commission from 1995 to 2021. Terry Vinduska was recognized on his retire-

ment from the Kansas Corn Commission, having served on the commission since 1994. He also served as chairman of the U.S. Grains Council in 2011 and continues to be involved in USGC efforts to build trade.

The KCGA board held a reorganizational meeting following the annual meeting and reelected its officer team. KCGA leaders are: Brent Rogers, Hoxie, president; J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake, vice president; Chad Epler, Columbus, secretary and Kent Moore, Iuka, treasurer.

KCGA represents its grower members in legislative and regulatory issues and promotes Kansas corn and the farmers who grow it. Learn more at [ks-corn.com](http://ks-corn.com).

# Kansas Corn celebrates fifth class of Corn Corps Young Farmer Program

Nine farmers were recognized at the 2023 Kansas Corn Symposium in Salina for their participation in the Kansas Corn's Corn Corps young farmer program. These farmers began the program in December 2021, and through the program have expanded their network, knowledge of the corn industry and pushed them to grow in their business expertise. This is the

fifth class to graduate from the program since its start in 2015. The participants will officially complete the program in March 2023 after representing Kansas Corn at National Commodity Classic.

The Kansas Corn Corps program consists of three in-state sessions plus a domestic agriculture trip. Overall objectives for the program include; learning

how participants fit into their farm and progress as an individual, how their farm fits into the industry, what opportunities and challenges they face in the industry and how they can progress in the corn industry.

The first session focused on the idea of growing as an individual and as a farm. The second session focused on learning how participants can grow and improve their farming operations and how the work Kansas Corn does in market demand and policy impacts their farm. In July 2022, the group took a domestic trip to the Pacific Northwest to learn about agriculture in the region and how farming is different from the plains of Kansas. During the trip, they gained a better understanding of how they fit into the larger production picture and learned how to effectively engage consumers. The third session in February 2023 will include farm and industry visits in southwest Kansas,



Young farmers participating in the fifth class of the Kansas Corn Corps include, from left: Phillip Underwood, Ethan Bellar, Jordan Olsen, Sarah Krispense, Konrad Krispense, Bryce Maneth, Sarah Frye, Trent Frye and Rebecca Zach.

focused on market development and agribusiness in our state.

Corn Corps Class 5 Participants

- Ethan Bellar, Howard, Bellar Farms
- Trent & Sarah Frye, Abilene, A&T Livestock, LLC
- Konrad & Sarah Krispense, Marion, Krispense Farms
- Bryce Maneth, Al-

bert, Maneth Ag

- Jordan Olsen, Baldwin City, Superior Ag Services

- Phillip Underwood, McCune, Underwood Farms
- Rebecca Zach, Morrowville, Zach Farms

Applications for Class 6 will open in summer 2023. To apply for Corn Corps, candidates must be actively involved in a Kansas

corn farming operation and be a member of the Kansas Corn Growers Association. Participants must be 45 or younger and can be either individuals or couples. For more information visit [ks-corn.com/corn-corps/](http://ks-corn.com/corn-corps/) or contact Emily Koop, director of market and leadership development at [ekoop@ks-grains.com](mailto:ekoop@ks-grains.com).

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# K-State Weed Management Schools scheduled for Feb. 15th and 16th

A series of weed management schools will take place in northwest and north central Kansas and are hosted by local K-State Research and Extension county and district offices.

With the drought and hot temperatures this last summer, farmers and agri-business retailers had some challenges in controlling difficult weeds. To address the topic of weed control, K-State Research and Extension has scheduled four regional weed control programs in February. This program has been designed to help producers and agri-business retailers to improve weed control in challenging weather conditions.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

## Watch for tar spot in 2023; Learn more at Corn/Soybean Disease meetings Feb. 15

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

The 2022 yield loss from diseases affecting the Kansas corn crop was recently estimated at somewhere around ten percent. Four percent was attributed to nematode losses, and another three percent from stalk

rots. The other three percent is blamed on a combination of ear rot diseases and the ones we spend most of our time worrying about: foliar diseases.

Tar spot was one of those foliar diseases in 2022. First reported in the Midwest in 2015, the disease has spread through the Corn Belt, reaching Kansas in mid-Sep-

February 15th Sharon Springs – 9:00 a.m. to noon (MTN time zone) Community activity building

February 15th Atwood – 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Rawlins County fairgrounds

February 16th Kensington – 9:00 a.m. to Noon First St John Lutheran Church

February 16th Russell – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meridy's Restaurant & Lounge

The workshops will be presented by speakers from Kansas State University and University of Nebraska, including Sarah Lancaster, K-State Extension weed specialist, and Cody Creech, dryland cropping extension specialist with the University of Nebraska, along

with local Extension Agents. Topics will cover applications and adjuvant considerations in drought conditions, tumble windmill grass management, herbicide-tolerant grain sorghum update, Know your KSU Weed Chemical Book along with a question and answer session. So be sure and bring all your questions with you! Three CCA credits have been applied for.

Lunch will be served at all locations following the program. There is no cost for the meetings, however, pre-registration is requested by Friday, February 10th, for all meetings either online at <https://bit.ly/2023NW-WeedSchools> or call your local Extension office.

Later infections may not be a big deal, but if heavy tar spot levels show up early in the season, susceptible hybrids could be significantly affected

Want more background on tar spot, as well as some of our more common corn foliar diseases (Southern Rust and Gray Leaf Spot come to mind...)? If so, hold

Thursday, February 15th. That's the date for two area Corn/Soybean Disease Management meetings. The first will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Nortonville, followed by the second one from 2-4 p.m. at the Corning Community Building in Corning. Registration is requested but not re-

quired by Monday, February 13. Phone one of these Extension offices: Seneca: (785) 336-2184; Oskaloosa: (785) 863-2212; Holton: (785) 364-4125 Or e-mail David Hallauer@dhal-lauer@ksu.edu. Check out a flyer on the events page of the Meadowlark Extension District at: <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/events/>.

# USDA announces additional assistance for dairy farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced the details of additional assistance for dairy producers, including a second round of payments through the Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program (PMVAP) and a new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP). The update to PMVAP and the new ODMAP will enable USDA to better support small- and medium-sized dairy operations who weathered the pandemic and now face other challenges.

"USDA is announcing a second set of payments of nearly \$100 million to close out the \$350 million commitment under PMVAP through partnerships with dairy handlers and cooperatives to deliver the payments," said USDA under secretary for marketing and regulatory programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "USDA is also announcing new assistance targeted to small to medium size organic dairy farmers to help with anticipated marketing costs as they face a variety of challenges from weather to supply-chain challenges."

## Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program

PMVAP assists producers who received a lower value due to market abnormalities caused by the pandemic and ensuing Federal policies. As a result of the production cap increase, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will make PMVAP payments to eligible dairy farmers for fluid milk sales between 5 million and 9 million pounds from July through December 2020. This level of production was not eligible for payment under the first round of the PMVAP. Payment rates will be identical to the first round of payments, 80 percent of the revenue difference per month, on fluid milk sales from 5 million to 9 million pounds from July through December 2020. USDA will again distribute monies through agreements with independent handlers and cooperatives, with reimbursement to handlers for allowed administrative costs. USDA will contact handlers with eligible producers to notify them of the opportunity to participate.

As part of the first

round, PMVAP paid eligible dairy farmers on up to 5 million pounds of fluid milk sales from July through December 2020. The first round of payments distributed over \$250 million in payments to over 25,000 eligible dairy farmers. These dairy farmers received the full allowable reimbursement on fluid milk sales up to 5 million pounds.

More information about the PMVAP production cap increase is available at [www.ams.usda.gov/pm vap](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pm vap).

## Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program

The new ODMAP, to be administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is intended to help smaller organic dairy farms that have faced a unique set of challenges and higher costs over the past several years that have been compounded by the ongoing pandemic and drought conditions across the country. Many small organic dairy operations are now struggling to stay in business and FSA plans to provide payments to cover a portion of their estimated marketing costs for 2023. Final spending will depend on enrollment and

each producers projected production, but ODMAP has been allocated up to \$100 million.

The assistance provided by ODMAP will be provided through unused Commodity Credit Corporation funds remaining from earlier pandemic assistance programs. The assistance will help eligible organic dairy producers with up to 75 percent of their fu-

ture projected marketing costs in 2023, based on national estimates of marketing costs. This assistance will be provided through a streamlined application process based on a national per hundredweight payment. The payments will be capped at the first five million pounds of anticipated production, in alignment with preexisting dairy programs that target

assistance to those smaller dairies that are most vulnerable to marketing challenges. This program is still in development.

Details about the Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program will be available and updated at [www.farmers.gov](http://www.farmers.gov) as more details are released in a Notice of Funds Availability later this year.

## AUCTION

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center, 900 Greeley, SALINA KS

Fiesta old & new colors (disc pitchers, gravy, 12" chop plate, 9" dinner plates, ball salt & pepper, other pieces); Weller jardiniere; many pieces of art & pictures; Judith Mackey print "Flinthills"; Lindsborg school print; Miller Lite & other beer pictures; Pyrex bowls; Old Crow punch bowl; Hull pottery; pink Depression; Lladro figure; black glass; Bavaria china; Art Glass figures; Carter Ink bottle; several dolls; Cuckoo clock; several electric wall clocks; hen on nests; Hummels; many pieces glass; handpainted table lamps;

Aladdin lamps; quilts; quilt tops; signature quilts; tea towels; dolls; many ladies hats; patterns; sewing items; clothes pin bags; batting; yarn; craft items; large assortment purses; knitting needles; costume jewelry; material; Hallmark figures; plastic Coke bottle banks; Coke puzzles; many toys; (Wyandotte chicken; Marx #3 tank; 1939 Pinocchio acrobat; Ideal plastic cars; German sand bucket; farm toys; GI Joe train; tin toys; many other toys); cap guns; Daisy cork gun; doll furniture; child's rockers; wicker desk; sewing cabinets; dolls; doll dishes; Uncle Sam banks; California Raisins collectibles; Garfield collectibles; children's books; large collection Christmas; granite flour scoop; Goering Hardware Winchester posters; dresser boxes; Bose radio; Browning soft gun case; sea shells; milk crate; post cards; Longaberger baskets; Ty Beanie; Boyds Bears; Radio Flyer collection; folding saw; lightning rod balls; bamboo fly rods; fish floats glass balls; wood ammo boxes; tin types; 6' Werner ladder; large collection of other items.

**NOTE: Check our website for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com). This is a very large auction. There are many pieces of Fiesta, glass, many toys; several good pieces of art.**

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**COINS & JEWELRY:** 20g Gold Bar, Silver Bars; DOLLAR (Morgans, Peace, Eagles); HALF (Barber, Liberty, Franklin, Kennedy); QUARTER (Pre-64 Washington); DIME (Mercury, Roosevelt pre-64); Nickels; Pennies; Paper Currency; Lots of Jewelry Marked 10k, 14k, Sterling); **ANTIQUES:** John Deere Sign; Cast John Deere Corn Sheller; Champlin, Continental Trailways Doubled Sided Enamel Signs; Ginza Pachinko Machine; Mantle Clock; Records; Framed Prints; Aunt Jemima & Uncle Moses S-N-P; Egg Basket; Aladdin Lamps; Quilts; Trunks; Art Deco Floor Lamp; **GLASSWARE & POTTERY:** Carnival Glass; Pyrex Mixing Bowls; Fenton; Depression, Jewel Tea; Hall; China; Colored & Clear Glass; **TOOLS:** Wrenches, Sockets, Ratchets, Pliers, Hammers, Drivers (MAC, Snap-On, Craftsman, S-K, Proto, Plumb, Thurston); Gear Pullers; Magnet Tray; Air Tools; Tool Boxes; MAC Cylinder Balance Analyzer; Air Jack, lots of Misc; *This a partial listing.*

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## MARSHALL COUNTY LAND AUCTION

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 \* 6:00 PM**

**AUCTION LOCATION: Blue Rapids Community Center, 4 Public Square, BLUE RAPIDS, KANSAS**



**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
725 Dogwood Ln,  
Blue Rapids, KS

**DESCRIPTION:** This mixed use property with 157+/- acres (S31-T05-R07) offers a great opportunity for someone to diversify their current operation. With approximately 88 acres of dryland crop ground and 67 acres of native grass it offers utility to any kind of producer. The soil types are primarily Wymore silty loam, Pawnee clay loam and Clime-Sogn complex. In the middle of the property you will find a beautiful pond, there to support the livestock side of things. *Call Brice for a personal showing!*

**SELLER: MILO KRATOCHVIL FAMILY**

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# Kansas Local Meat Marketing Workshop to be held Feb. 24 and March 3

As demand grows for local meat, poultry, and eggs, Kansas producers have an opportunity to expand into new markets and grow their customer base. However, developing a customer base and knowing the regulations to start or expand a business can be difficult.

Therefore, K-State Research and Extension will host several Local Meat Marketing Workshops. They will take place February 24 in Olathe and again on March 3 in Parsons. The workshops will help small scale meat, poultry, and egg produc-

ers capitalize on this momentum. Participants will learn key marketing strategies, best practices, and regulations from the experts, including fellow producers. Kansas Department of Agriculture's (KDA's) Weights and Measures program will also offer free scale certification with paid registration.

The keynote speaker for the event is David Bisek, founder of Food Rise Marketing. He has more than 16 years of experience in food marketing. He has had the opportunity to work with

a variety of brands and entrepreneurs in the food industry - including farmers, producers, retailers and restaurateurs. David has developed innovative brands and tactics to reach target markets, working closely with companies both large and small to build programs and promotions that drive mutual business success.

KDA will present what producers need to know about licensing and regulations to be able sell meat either as individual cuts or animals in quarter, halves, and wholes. KDA will also cover poultry

regulations when it comes to meat birds and eggs, as there are some different regulations for poultry.

A main attraction to the event is that participants will have the opportunity to question a set of panelists who are currently selling meat directly to consumers. Participants can ask the panelist about the struggles and successes they have had in selling meat and eggs directly to consumers.

Cost for the event is \$20 per attendee, which includes a local foods lunch. Each workshop will cover the same content and

will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants may register at [tinyurl.com/LocalMeatKSU](http://tinyurl.com/LocalMeatKSU).

The workshops are hosted by the Local Foods Transdisciplinary Team at Kansas State University. Generously sponsored by the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, a KSU Global Food Systems Seed Grant, Kansas Meat Processors Association, Walton's, Frontier Farm Credit, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau, Johnson County Farm Bureau, Neosho County Farm Bureau, Allen Coun-

ty Farm Bureau, Kansas Farmers Union, and the Kansas Rural Center.

For questions please contact Erica Blair at [elblair@ksu.edu](mailto:elblair@ksu.edu) or your local Extension office.

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Dale Helwig, Cherokee County Extension, 124 W. Country Rd, Columbus, KS 66725, phone 620-429-3849 or email [dhelwig@ksu.edu](mailto:dhelwig@ksu.edu).

# Reps Mann, Panetta re-establish Congressional FFA Caucus in 118th Congress

U.S. Representatives Tracey Mann (KS-01) and Jimmy Panetta (CA-19) have announced the re-establishment of the Congressional FFA Caucus in the 118th Congress. Representatives Mann and Pa-

netta co-founded the caucus on December 2, 2021. The FFA Caucus is an informal, bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives dedicated to issues related to the next generation of agricultural leaders and

students pursuing careers in agriculture, food, natural resources, and related sciences.

"As a past chapter FFA officer from Quinter and proud FFA alumnus, it is an honor to re-establish the Congressional FFA Caucus alongside Representative Panetta," said Mann, co-founder, and co-chair. "Now more than ever, we need young people with the foresight, creativity, and skills necessary to meet the challenge of delivering food, fiber, and fuel to the world. The FFA Caucus provides a unique opportunity for Congress to reach across the aisle and promote the next generation of food and agriculture."

"As we work in Congress to strengthen our agriculture, we also must ensure that the next generation continues to have the drive, passion, and leadership to farm and contribute to our communities and country," said Panetta, co-founder, and co-chair. "FFA plays an essential part in that mission by fostering and encouraging young farmers, ranchers, and scientists who proud-

ly wear the blue corduroy jacket. The foundation built by the FFA is critical to the future of our food security and the furthering of new, innovative technology and practices in our fields, ranches, and laboratories. I look forward to continuing to co-chair the bipartisan FFA Caucus with my friend and colleague Tracey Mann and working with our fellow caucus members in the 118th Congress as we support the FFA and sustain the future of our nation's agriculture."

The National FFA Organization is a congressionally chartered school-based national youth leadership organization of more than 850,823 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Washington D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"FFA plays a key role in educating our youth and developing the next generation of leaders. With the continuation of this caucus comes the opportunity to continue sharing the message of the importance of agriculture to others," said Scott Stump, CEO of

the National FFA Organization. "We know FFA members are not only our future leaders but also the ones who will continue to fill the agriculture talent pipeline. It is exciting to share this message with a broader audience through the 118th Congress."

"The awareness that the FFA Caucus brings to Congress impacts the future of the National FFA Organization and the future of the agriculture industry," said Karlie Albright, state president of Kansas FFA. "The National FFA Organization continues to build leaders that will one day lead the country, and the support from the FFA Caucus is influential."

"With its goal of instilling premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in American

students, the FFA Organization grants students diverse educational and career opportunities whilst securing the pipeline of agricultural industry leaders and workers," said Abigale Jacobsen, state president of California FFA. "Simply put, the organization is life-changing to an individual student and beneficial to our national and global food systems."

In the 117th Congress, 42 members of the U.S. House of Representatives were part of the FFA Caucus. Last year, Mann and Panetta led nearly 90 of their colleagues on a bipartisan resolution designating February 19-26, 2022 as National FFA Week. To date, the FFA Caucus has hosted more than 2,000 FFA members on Capitol Hill.

## Prepping for Recession program to be held February 16th in Parsons

Prepping for Recession: Controlling Crop and Livestock Cash Flows will be hosted by K-State Research and Extension-Wildcat District at the Southeast Research Center in Parsons on February 16th, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The high input costs of fertilizer, seed, feed, and herbicide have been hard on the bottom line in crop and livestock operations. The current high interest rates make buying new equipment more expensive, and the volatile markets have been difficult to navigate as well. Whether the general economy is in a technical recession or not, those of us in the farming community need to prepare. Come hear from excellent speakers, Scott Clawson, Oklahoma State University agricultural economist, and Dillion Rapp, our local Kansas Farm Management Association agricultural economist.

This event is free to attend and dinner is provided. This event is sponsored by many great local businesses: Labette Bank, Frontier Farm Credit, and Community National Bank and Trust.

Please register to attend by calling the Altamont Extension Office at 620-784-5337 or email [jcoover@ksu.edu](mailto:jcoover@ksu.edu).

Visit the Wildcat District website at [www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu) to view or download the informational flyer. For more information, contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, [jcoover@ksu.edu](mailto:jcoover@ksu.edu) or (620) 724-8233.

### LAND AUCTION

76.84+/- Acres of Cropland, Rec. Pasture & Hay in Chase Co.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

AUCTION LOCATION: Chase Co. Community Building at Swope Park, 1715 210th Rd, COTTONWOOD FALLS, KS 66845

**SELLER: LARRY & THELMA BLOSSER**  
It's a privilege to represent the Blosser Family in the sale of this diverse property in the Flint Hills of Chase Co. Located south of Cedar Point & Clements, this property has it all, cropland, pasture, hay & recreation! Hunters, take a look, we saw a lot of wildlife, there is great cover with a wooded draw running through the property, multiple food sources close by and Coon Creek just south of the property. The county shows 38.44 dryland ac, approx. 18.25 ac are being farmed with the balance in hay and CRP. There are 38.4 grass ac in pasture and timber with a small pond and a wet weather draw that provide water in a normal year. The artesian well is located on the southeast of the property, you will be amazed at the crystal-clear water! **Tracts this size, with this kind of diversity are difficult to find, don't miss this opportunity to buy a smaller tract in the Flint Hills that gives you the benefits of a much larger one.**

(BRIEF LEGAL: E/2 NE/4 in S21-T21S-R06E, Chase Co)  
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### REAL ESTATE AUCTION

160 ACRES OF RICE COUNTY, KS LAND

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023 — 7:00 PM**

AUCTION LOCATION: Mutual Telephone Co. Community Room, LITTLE RIVER, KANSAS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE4 of Section 23, Township 18S, Range 6W in Rice County, KS, 160 acres more or less. This property has 119.27 acres of tillable land, 22.43 acres CRP and 18.3 acres of trees, waterways and wildlife cover.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: The location is approximately 10 miles NE of Little River, KS and lies near several sections of established deer and wildlife habitat.

**OWNER: DEBORAH POLASKI**

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### \*LAND AUCTION\*

LIVE & SIMULCAST

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023 — 7:00 PM**

LIVE AUCTION LOCATION: VFW Post 1432, 1108 W. Crawford, SALINA, KANSAS

Selling 338 ACRES+/- Ottawa County Land in 2 Tracts



**TRACT 1:** That part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E/2SE/4) North of the Centerline of the Saline River in Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 4 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, KS.  
• 178.9 taxable acres+/- total with 155.05 acres tillable cropland, 23.85 acres timber/river. **Wheat Base:** 110.2 ac. PLC Yield 35; **Grain Sorghum Base:** 22.5 ac. PLC Yield 45.  
**Possession** upon closing (except for 4.53 ac. in the Southwest corner South of the creek). **Located** 1 1/2 miles East of Culver on the South side of Aspen Road. **2022 Taxes:** \$2,161.10.

**TRACT 2:** The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 18, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, KS.  
• 159.2 taxable acres+/- total with 146.43 acres tillable cropland, 12.77 acres waterways and native grass. **Wheat Base:** 110.2 ac. PLC Yield 35; **Grain Sorghum Base:** 22.4 ac. PLC Yield 45.  
**Possession** upon closing. **Directions:** 1 mile South of K-18 Hwy. on 120th Road to Coronado Road then East 1/2 mile on the North Side of Coronado Road. **2022 Taxes:** \$2,520.12.  
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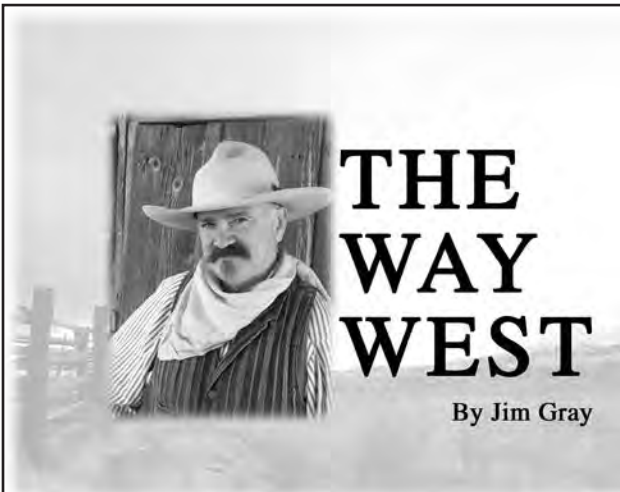
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The political atmosphere in the runup to the 1860 election was filled with an intrigue that demonstrated the divisions that had simmered since the founding of the country. The growing controversy over slavery split the Democrats into two opposing parties, each claiming the right to be called Democrat. Conservative Whigs that could not stomach the liberal policies of the new Republican party formed the Conservative Union party. Add independents that swirled outside the established parties and the political recipe resulted in a most unsavory bill of fare.

Southerners were adamant that their candidate must win and if he

didn't the Union would be broken. Disunion was the threat used to force the election of Stephen Douglas and the defeat of Abraham Lincoln. The following editorial appeared in the *Cincinnati Daily Press* just before the election was copied into the November 29, 1860, *White Cloud Kansas Chief*.

### The Future of a Government which is Carried on by Threats of Violence.

Suppose the gambling politicians should really succeed in frightening the people from an election of President, by their threats and sham terrors. Then we should have violence completely inaugurated in our Government. Then threatened rebellion would

become a regular means of carrying the elections. Then the principle would be fairly recognized that a party in power has a right to break up the Government if it cannot keep the control of it. Then treason would be the first qualification for office. What kind of a road to peace would this be? Is this a nation of cowards and slaves, to be ruled by threats? Does anybody expect entire surrender on the part of the people? The next election would require a repetition of the same farce, with such additions and exaggerations as would be necessary to make it effective. The ease, then, would undoubtedly require some actual demonstrations. With the entire control of the Administration, army and navy, these would be adapted to the necessities of the case. We should have a government of traitors, carrying rebellion and treason just as far as they thought necessary to keep power.

Would not this be a beautiful culmination of the experiment of popular government in the greatest Republic? A government saved from dissolution only by surrendering it to traitors? This is the spectacle we present to the world now. Members of the Cabinet are vaunting threats which should be throttled

in their throats with halts. And a weak backed, maudlin President, instead of crushing out this treason, as General Jackson did, affects the attitude of alarm, and holds up his shaking hands, beseeching the people not to drive these dreadful fellows to desperation.

The farce has been played too long already. The public safety has been tampered with by putting notorious disunionists in the leading offices in the government; not only in this, but in the previous Administration; men who perjured themselves when they swore fidelity to the Constitution. What government can be stable in which threatened rebellion is rewarded by the highest offices in it? An immediate and total revolution in the policy of the Government is absolutely indispensable to its safety.

We now present a most disgraceful spectacle to the world. A popular Government, in which the people are expected to be governed by threats and violence. An Administration threatening rebellion against the nation, before it will give up power. If this is the kind of Government we have got, it should come to an end as soon as possible. No such anarchy and organized disturbance has a right to exist.

It would justify any foreign power in invading us, and take possession of our country, which was unfit to govern itself. The Government is in the hands of its enemies, and treason is petted by the Administration.

No nation can exist which is ruled on such a plan. A revolution is necessary, which shall put the friends of the Union in office and consign traitors to the oblivion into which they will sink as soon as they lose the countenance of the Administration. All party and sectional divisions should vanish when treason and rebellion raise their heads in the Government, and insolently dictate the terms on which it shall be permitted to exist. The South will take care of the disunionists at home. They need no northern assistance of that. Let the North see that it is driven from the Administration at Washington.

When the country is saved from the traitors in its own Government, then it will be time enough to revive sectional and partisan divisions. The Northern man who, in this crisis, attempts to give reality and seriousness to these threats, in order to cow the people into submission to them, makes himself an accomplice of traitors, and is only betraying his

country into the power of men whose political platform should have a halter suspended over it, for very present use.

Sound familiar? Except for a few lines the editor's words could have been written in our times. "The farce has been played too long already." For the good of the nation, we must come to the realization that in America an "Administration" threatening rebellion before it will give up power can find no residency anywhere on The Way West.

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## AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

Selling Cattle every Monday  
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### TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE 2,313

<p><b>BULLS: \$101.50-\$112.50</b> <b>COWS: \$85.50-\$97.00</b></p> <p><b>STEERS</b></p> <p>400-500 \$230.00 - \$240.00              500-600 \$215.00 - \$227.00              600-700 \$200.00 - \$210.50              700-800 \$180.00 - \$192.25              800-900 \$173.00 - \$184.60              900-1,000 \$165.00 - \$176.25</p> <p><b>HEIFERS</b></p> <p>400-500 \$194.00 - \$205.00              500-600 \$189.00 - \$200.00              600-700 \$170.00 - \$181.00              700-800 \$167.00 - \$176.50              800-900 \$160.00 - \$171.25</p>	<p>58 Mix Hope 939@ \$176.25              62 Mix Enterprise 893@ \$175.00              14 Blk Manchester 917@ \$173.50              60 Mix Hope 978@ \$172.25</p> <p><b>HEIFERS</b></p> <p>3 Blk Belleville 488@ \$205.00              8 Blk Moundridge 518@ \$200.00              10 Blk Tescott 475@ \$200.00              11 Blk Lincoln 510@ \$199.00              2 Blk Belleville 470@ \$199.00              3 Blk Moundridge 458@ \$198.00              12 Blk Russell 528@ \$196.00              8 Red Goddard 553@ \$193.00              3 Blk Salina 527@ \$192.00              10 Mix Gypsum 575@ \$187.00              4 Blk Delphos 538@ \$187.00              5 Blk Nickerson 576@ \$187.00              5 Blk Minneapolis 505@ \$187.00              7 Blk Longford 583@ \$186.00              12 Mix Salina 581@ \$183.50              10 Blk Halstead 665@ \$181.00              3 Blk Salina 633@ \$180.00              13 Blk Lincoln 626@ \$180.00              31 Mix Delphos 671@ \$179.50              16 Mix Salina 622@ \$179.50              12 Blk Delphos 609@ \$178.00              8 Blk McPherson 676@ \$177.00              23 Red Goddard 735@ \$176.50              41 Mix Minneapolis 733@ \$175.50              18 Mix Salina 694@ \$175.00              79 Mix Salina 718@ \$174.75              9 Blk Assaria 691@ \$174.00              12 Blk Marquette 746@ \$173.50              7 Blk Lincoln 705@ \$173.00              20 Mix Nickerson 705@ \$172.50              9 Blk Longford 752@ \$172.00              9 Blk Salina 803@ \$171.25              15 Mix Salina 836@ \$171.00              65 Blk Hillsboro 828@ \$171.00              17 Wf Minneapolis 684@ \$169.00              14 Mix Nickerson 821@ \$168.00</p>
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### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

<p><b>STEERS</b></p> <p>10 Blk Moundridge 492@ \$240.00              2 Blk Russell 428@ \$237.00              3 Bwf Moundridge 413@ \$235.00              3 Blk Bunker Hill 420@ \$234.00              4 Blk Lincoln 451@ \$230.00              14 Blk Hope 450@ \$229.00              4 Blk Gypsum 441@ \$227.00              16 Mix Hope 540@ \$227.00              12 Blk Russell 540@ \$227.00              11 Blk Hope 573@ \$226.75              5 Mix Gypsum 537@ \$225.00              5 Blk Solomon 539@ \$225.00              4 Blk Goddard 560@ \$223.00              4 Blk Moundridge 540@ \$222.00              6 Blk Downs 465@ \$222.00              7 Blk Lincoln 569@ \$214.00              9 Blk Inman 627@ \$210.50              19 Blk Lincoln 646@ \$208.50              17 Blk Delphos 664@ \$206.50              6 Blk Hope 622@ \$205.00              4 Mix McPherson 604@ \$203.00              15 Mix Nickerson 624@ \$200.00              36 Blk Inman 688@ \$197.00              16 Mix Salina 640@ \$196.00              6 Blk Marquette 653@ \$195.00              19 Blk Lincoln 749@ \$192.25              17 Blk Inman 769@ \$190.25              23 Blk Delphos 751@ \$190.00              14 Blk Longford 745@ \$189.50              25 Mix Nickerson 715@ \$189.00              9 Blk McPherson 710@ \$188.00              70 Mix Halstead 750@ \$187.75              22 Mix Hope 733@ \$185.50              15 Red Hope 743@ \$185.50              22 Blk Longford 854@ \$184.60              14 Mix Longford 738@ \$183.75              23 Mix Salina 756@ \$183.25              17 Mix Hope 829@ \$182.50              11 Mix Marquette 832@ \$182.00              27 Red Goddard 788@ \$181.50              58 Mix Herington 836@ \$181.00              14 Mix Wakefield 769@ \$180.50              9 Mix Nickerson 853@ \$180.00              8 Mix Assaria 797@ \$179.00              31 Mix Lindsborg 855@ \$178.75</p>	<p><b>CALVES</b></p> <p>7 Blk Salina 228@ \$500.00              1 Blk Salina 95@ \$435.00              1 Blk Solomon 65@ \$250.00</p> <p><b>BULLS</b></p> <p>1 Bwf Salina 2050@ \$121.00              1 Red Hillsboro 2060@ \$115.00              1 Blk Salina 2000@ \$114.00              1 Blk Lindsborg 1960@ \$112.50</p> <p><b>COWS</b></p> <p>1 Blk Inman 1630@ \$97.00              1 Bwf Tampa 1470@ \$94.50              1 Char Assaria 1565@ \$92.50              2 Blk Brookville 1208@ \$91.50              1 Blk Geneseo 1640@ \$91.50              2 Mix Hillsboro 1443@ \$91.50              1 Blk Brookville 1515@ \$91.50              2 Blk Salina 1165@ \$91.00              3 Mix Hillsboro 1452@ \$90.50              1 Wf Tampa 1565@ \$90.00              1 Blk Inman 1420@ \$90.00              1 Blk Minneapolis 1535@ \$89.50</p>
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### MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

## Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS

**SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211**  
**MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY**  
 Hogs sell at 11:00 a.m. *on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.*  
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5 Blk Lincoln 1434@ \$87.00	

**Early Consignments For THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10 AM**

27 black steers & heifers, 650-700, weaned November 1, fall vaccinations; 65 black steers & heifers, 800-900, October weaned, vaccinated, home raised; 40 black heifers, 750, calfhood vaccinated, home raised, Green Garden Angus & BJ Angus sired; 50 black steers & heifers, 600-800, home raised, long time weaned, vaccinated; 25 black & red mostly steers 800-925, home raised, November 1 weaned, vaccinated, Harms sired; 7 mostly black heifers, 800, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations, open; 176 mostly black steers & heifers, 600-900, 2 round vaccinations, 75 days weaned, open; 65 steers & heifers, 500-700, weaned December 1, vaccinated, open, green; 120 Sim/Angus steers & heifers, 700-900, home raised, long time weaned, open; 40 black steers & heifers, 500-550, home raised, November weaned, vaccinated; 80 black steers, 750-850, home raised, long time weaned, vaccinated; 60 steers, 875-900, no sort; *plus more by sale time.*

**Early Consignments For SPECIAL COW SALE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 \*\* 11 AM**

**REPLACEMENT HEIFERS:** 5 registered Red Angus, open; 100 SimAngus heifers, 850#'s, pelvic exam, calfhood vaccinated; 40 black Angus heifers, 800#'s, pelvic exam, calfhood vaccinated, 1 iron, "FANCY"; *plus more by sale time.*

**BRED HEIFERS:** 4 registered Red Angus, bred Red Angus, calving April; 20 black/SimAngus heifers, home raised, 2 round Scourguard, bred Angus, bulls pulled June 30th; 16 black heifers, 1 iron, bred to proven low birth weight Angus bulls, Scourguard; 15 black heifers, home raised, bred to low birth weight Benoit & Gardiner Angus bulls, OCHV'd, pelvic measured, calving March 1st, Scourguard in December; *plus more by sale time.*

**COWS:** 25 black cows, coming with 2nd calf, March calvers, home raised, very gentle; 35 black & char spring cows, 3-6 years old, bred char; 200+40 mostly black young cows, 3-5 years old, black calves; 30 black & red spring bred cows, 5-7 years old, AI bred; 49 black, coming with 2nd calf, bred to line 1 Hereford bulls, mid February/March calvers; 78 solid mouth to older black cows, bred Sim/Angus, February 15-March calvers; 10 black young cows, spring bred; 15 black & red, 4-5 years old, spring bred; 60 BWF, 4-6 years old, bred to Larson Angus OR Smoky Y Red Angus, start calving April 1st; 15 black cows, 3 years old, coming with 2nd calf, bred angus, fall calvers; 14 black cows, 5-7 years old, Bred Pharo bulls, calving in April; 4+4 Red Angus cows, 7-8 years old, calves are Red Angus; 5 heavy bred Red Angus cows, 7-8 years old, bred to low birth weight Red Angus bulls; *plus many more by sale time.*

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COW SALES: February 21 \*\* March 21 \*\* April 18 \*\* May 2

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