

CattleFax projects prices will favor producers in 2023

CattleFax analysts told those in attendance during their market outlook session at the Cattle Industry Convention in New Orleans that prices and profitability will favor cattle producers in 2023. Kevin Good, vice president of industry relations and analysis for the organization, said the average for

fed steer prices is projected to be \$158/cwt., up \$13 from 2022. The 800-lb. steer price is expected to average \$195/cwt., with 550-lb. steers anticipated to average \$225/cwt.

Feeder cattle and calf supplies outside of feedyards are projected to be 400,000 to 450,000 head smaller than 2022 at 25.1

million. After being full for most of the past three years, analysts said cattle on feed inventories are expected to be 300,000 to 400,000 head below last year at 14.3 million head and remain smaller. Commercial fed slaughter is forecast to decline by 750,000 to 800,000 to total 25.6 million head.

“With drought-forced placement and culling, beef production was record-large in 2022 at 28.3 billion pounds. Expect production to drop over the next several years – declining 4% to 5% in 2023 to 27 billion pounds,” Good said. “The decline in production in 2023 will lead to

a 2.2 pound decline in net beef supply to 57 pounds per person.”

When looking at domestic beef demand, analysts said inflation, rising interest rates and general economic uncertainty will continue to impact consumer purchasing decisions as many look to limit

spending. Good noted that though beef demand has softened, it remains historically strong, and consumers have shown a willingness to continue to buy beef at a new and higher range. He expects the 2023 USDA All-Fresh Retail Beef prices to average \$7.35/lb., up 4¢ from 2022.

K-State Rodeo returns to Weber Arena Feb. 17-19

The 76th Annual K-State Rodeo will be February 17-19 in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus.

“Our rodeo draws one of the biggest crowds of any National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association event across the country,” says K-State Rodeo coach Casey Winn. “We are excited to be back in the historic Weber Arena to celebrate 76 years as an official Team and Club at Kansas State University.”

The 2023 rodeo schedule includes:
Friday, Feb. 17
7:30 p.m. — Cancer Awareness “Pink Night”

Saturday, Feb. 18
12 p.m. — Special Needs Rodeo in Weber Arena

1 p.m. — Children 12 and under are free with a donation of one canned good with the purchase of an adult ticket

4-6 p.m. — Alumni and Friends Social at R.C. McGraws

7:30 p.m. — Pack Weber with Purple Night

Sunday, Feb. 19

1 p.m. — Fort Riley Military Appreciation Day “Red, White and Blue”

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door for adults; and \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door for K-State students with ID, or military with ID. Children four and under are free.

Tickets are available at five pre-sale ticket locations. The Manhattan locations are Call Hall Dairy Bar, Yee-Haw Outfitters, Outpost Western Store, Orscheln Farm and Home, and MHK Play Studio.

For more information, visit asi.ksu.edu and select K-State Rodeo under “Events.”

Consumers engaged in Lamb Lovers Month

The American Lamb Board (ALB) is celebrating February as Lamb Lovers Month with their Ewe Complete Me consumer promotion. The campaign has a strong digital presence through ALB's consumer social platforms reminding followers there is no better way to show their love than preparing delicious American Lamb.

American Lamb lovers have been flocking to social media to share their favorite lamb recipes for a chance to win a date-night-in prize package including American Lamb shanks and premium culinary items. Each entrant receives an exclusive “Lamb is for Lovers” canvas tote bag.

Ewe Complete Me is just one Lamb Checkoff promotion to encourage consumers to choose American Lamb. To extend the reach and message, ALB staff is sending key consumer food media representatives a Lamb Lovers Month kit including loin chops, Lamb Lovers Month tote bags, sheep's milk cheese and wool socks with a heart pattern.

“ALB has celebrated February as Lamb Lovers Month for more than a decade,” said Peter Camino, ALB chairman. “We value this annual opportunity to amplify our impact and carry out marketing goals outlined in the 2023 strategic plan.”

The American Lamb Board (ALB) is an industry-funded national research, promotion and information checkoff program that works on behalf of all American commercial and seedstock producers, feeders, direct marketers and processors to build awareness and demand for American Lamb. Funding is through mandatory assessments paid by all industry segments. The board is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and represents all industry sectors, geographic regions and sizes of production. The work of the ALB is overseen by USDA and supported by staff in Denver, Colorado.

ALB's annual budget averages about \$2.5 million. Almost two-thirds of funds are devoted to American Lamb promotion. By law, the Board's expenditures for administration are limited to 10% or less of projected revenues. The board was established in 2002. More information is at LambResourceCenter.com.

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Manhattan	4 bwf	373@200.00
Manhattan	11 bwf	468@198.50
Spring Hill	5 blk	529@195.50
Alma	5 blk	530@194.00
Marysville	4blk	463@191.00
Onaga	4 blk	420@189.00

Westphalia	1 blk	2525@109.50
Randolph	1 blk	1920@98.00
Wamego	1 blk	2040@90.00

Denison	2 blk	5-6	6-7	@1450.00
Denison	6 Cross	SS	7	@1375.00
Overbrook	2 blk	BM	7	@1360.00
Manhattan	1 blk	SS	8	@1350.00
Olsburg	11 Cross	SS,OO	6-7	@1325.00
Denison	2 blk	BM	6	@1300.00
Silver Lake	1 Cross	6	7	@1300.00

STEER CALVES — 400-550 LBS.

Rantoul	42 blk	492@259.50
Olsburg	5 blk	404@256.00
Rantoul	6 blk	409@256.00
Spring Hill	8 blk	470@250.00
McLouth	8 blk	496@248.00
Rantoul	17 blk	427@239.00
Onaga	6 blk	412@226.00
Wamego	16 blk	527@225.00
St. George	4 blk	521@214.00

HEIFERS — 550-975 LBS.

St. George	15 blk	561@209.00
Alma	18 blk	631@197.50
Onaga	8 blk	597@197.00
McLouth	9 blk	592@196.00
Cottonwood Falls	6 blk	605@193.00
Marysville	11 blk	602@191.75
Dwight	80 blk	662@189.00
Alma	7 blk	556@188.00
St. George	30 blk	653@187.00
Frankfort	18 blk	641@185.00
Green	32 blk	738@180.75
St. George	19 blk	727@179.50
Green	17 blk	637@179.00
Manhattan	6 blk	620@177.00
Onaga	15 blk	693@174.00
Onaga	6 blk	954@153.50

COW/CALF PAIRS

AGE	
Overbrook	2 blk 6 @1775.00
Overbrook	1 blk 3 @1550.00

BRED COWS

AGE BRED	
Overbrook	1 blk 3 7 @1550.00

BABY CALVES

Axtell	1 Char	@550.00
Axtell	1 Cross	@550.00
Manhattan	2 Hols	@385.00

STEERS — 575-925 LBS.

Rantoul	34 blk	587@239.50
Onaga	15 blk	626@220.50
Alma	13 blk	611@219.50
Marysville	8 blk	591@215.00
Wamego	10 blk	624@210.00
Riley	8 blk	658@210.00
McLouth	12 blk	630@209.00
St. George	25 blk	666@207.00
Onaga	16 blk	715@199.50
Marysville	39 blk	730@199.50
Manhattan	18 blk	665@199.00
St. George	23 blk	743@199.00
Alma	54 blk	756@197.00
Manhattan	27 blk	793@192.00
Riley	10 blk	822@191.00
Green	11 blk	650@189.00
Wamego	11 blk	741@187.50
Marysville	12 blk	820@184.50
Onaga	16 blk	797@183.00
Alma	21 blk	846@182.75
St. George	4 Cross	722@181.00
Green	8 Cross	750@180.00
Green	43 blk	860@179.00
Rantoul	4 blk	875@165.00
Green	8 blk	902@165.00
Hillsboro	6 herf	904@160.00

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 850-1,925 LBS.

Oskaloosa	1 blk	1265@125.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	1195@123.00
Silver Lake	1 Cross	860@112.00
Wamego	1 blk	1115@100.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	1700@97.00
Westphalia	1 blk	1905@95.00
Westphalia	1 blk	1600@92.50
Randolph	1 blk	1750@92.00
Wamego	1 bwf	1120@92.00
Westphalia	1 blk	1765@91.50
Wamego	1 blk	1215@89.50
Wamego	1 Cross	1225@89.00
Wamego	1 bwf	1490@85.50
Wamego	1 Cross	1430@85.00
Waterville	1 blk	1345@85.00
Axtell	1 Hols	1010@84.50
Waterville	1 blk	1130@83.50
Randolph	1 Char	1420@83.00
Wamego	1 blk	1335@80.00
Silver Lake	1 Cross	1200@79.00
Axtell	1 Hols	1330@77.50
Silver Lake	1 Cross	1185@72.50

HEIFER CALVES — 375-550 LBS.

Rantoul	40 blk	465@218.50
Rantoul	17 blk	377@217.00
Rantoul	25 blk	540@214.00
St. George	10 blk	477@205.00
Cottonwood Falls	5 blk	519@203.50
McLouth	10 blk	493@201.50
Wamego	5 blk	534@201.00

BULLS — 1,900-2,525 LBS.

Waterville	1 blk	1985@122.50
Westphalia	1 blk	2210@121.50
Oskaloosa	1 blk	2215@118.00
Manhattan	1 Red Ang	1985@115.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FEB. 17:

- 75 blk str, green, 2 rd shots, long wean, 500-650#
- 22 Ang sired str & hfrs, weaned 45 days, 2 rds ViraShield 6, 2 rds Blackleg, 500-600#
- 25 choice Angus str, weaned, 2 rds shots, grass condition, 500-600#
- 70 blk bwf str & hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 600-700#
- 100 blk str & hfrs, long weaned, 600-800#
- 105 choice blk Char cross & Red Angus str & hfrs, long weaned, shots, 725-825#
- 50 blk bwf & Herf str & hfrs, long weaned, green, all shots at weaning, 500-700#
- 75 blk hfrs, long weaned, green condition, 500-650#
- 70 mix str & hfrs, weaned, 2 rds shots, 500-700#
- 40 mostly blk weigh cows, 1250-1500#

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FEB. 24:

- 22 blk & Red str & hfrs, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 500-700#
- 28 blk str & hfrs, weaned 85 days, 2 rds shots, 600-800#

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report demand remained good, prices remained steady, and trade activity was slow to moderate. Folks are still looking to purchase hay but there just isn't much out there to purchase. First, due to the drought, there just wasn't enough hay put up last year to get everyone through to first cutting and second, any hay that is left is being held on to for use for their own livestock. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for January 31st the categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions(D0) decreased to 13%, moderate drought (D1) remained at 14%, severe drought (D2) remained near 12%, extreme drought (D3) remained at 19%, and excep-

tional drought (D4) remained near 37%.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa and ground and delivered steady, movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, supreme small squares 12.00-14.00/bale. Dairy, 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow 295.00-305.00. Grinding alfalfa, large rounds, 295.00-305.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's 300.00-310.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies 340.00-350.00. Alfalfa/grass hay mix ground and delivered 290.00-300.00; Grass Hay: Bluestem: large round 155.00-165.00. Oat hay: large 3x4's 165.00-175.00. Corn stalks: large square 3x4's 125.00-130.00. The week of 1/29-2/04, 6,705T of grinding alfalfa and 2,575T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground and delivered, and alfalfa pellets steady, grinding alfalfa mixed, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares none reported. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, 300.00-310.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 295.00-305.00, 3x4 and 4x4's 320.00-330.00. Ground and delivered 300.00-315.00. Alfalfa/Soybean: ground and delivered 295.00-305.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 330.00-340.00, 17 pct protein 345.00-350.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 395.00-400.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large rounds none reported. CRP 115.00-125.00. Sudan: 3x4 and 4x4's 200.00-210.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 100.00-110.00, ground and delivered 220.00-230.00. Soybean stalks, large rounds 115.00-125.00. Failed Soybean bales, large round, and large squares, 140.00-180.00. Soybeans ground and delivered, 220.00-225.00. Milo: large rounds 130.00-140.00; Wheat straw: 100.00-105.00. The week of 1/29-2/04, 6,833T of grinding alfalfa and 734T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, bluestem grass hay mostly steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, none reported. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, stock cow 260.00-270.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa 295.00-300.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 160.00-170.00, good 3x4 squares 155.00-160.00, large round 120.00-130.00, Brome, 3x4 and 4x4 squares 155.00-165.00. Corn stalks: large round 100.00-105.00. The week of 1/23-2/04, 1,273T of

grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares 300.00-400.00 delivered, 3x3 squares 420.00-430.00 delivered. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large square 3x4's 300.00-310.00. Milo stalks, large rounds 145.00-150.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, ground/delivered and bluestem grass hay steady, grinding alfalfa steady to 10.00 higher, movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.50-13.50/bale, 3x4's 290.00-300.00; Stock Cow 3x4's none reported. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 250.00-260.00, large square 3x4's 250.00-260.00; Alfalfa ground and delivered 275.00-300.00; Alfalfa/Prairie grass mix ground and delivered 270.00-275.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00-8.50/bale, large 3x4 squares 180.00-190.00, good large rounds 140.00-150.00. Brome: small squares 9.00-9.50/bale, large square 3x4's 170.00-180.00. Sudan: large rounds 155.00-165.00 delivered, large square 3x4's 160.00-170.00 delivered. Wheat straw: small squares 6.00/bale, large rounds 110.00-115.00, large squares 115.00-125.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 95.00-100.00, corn stalks ground and delivered 145.00-155.00. The week of 1/29-2/04, 907T of grinding alfalfa and 184T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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

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

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Coffee Shop Meeting planned for Feb. 24

Drew Ricketts will be the featured speaker at this season's final Riley County Coffee Shop Meeting, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 24 at The Farmhouse in Riley. Ricketts is a K-State Research and Extension wildlife specialist.

Wildlife Management and Wildlife Damage Control will be the topics of discussion. Specific topics will depend upon question from participants. Some possibilities include coyote control, deer management for hunting, preventing wildlife damage to crops, and lease hunting.

Producers may register online at www.riley.ksu.edu, or by calling the Riley County Extension Office at 785-537-6350. Reservations are requested by noon the day before the meeting.



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By Peyton Schmitt, Angus Communications

Scholarship applications are now available for college students involved with the Angus breed. The Angus Foundation awarded more than \$318,000 in scholarships in 2022 alone. The Foundation offers scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and trade school students each year to help Angus youth achieve their educational goals and offset the rising costs of tuition. Applications are due May 1.

"The Angus Foundation's scholarship program is one of the most prominent and consistent ways our donors support Angus youth," said Jaelyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "Our scholarships pave the way for a bright future for our industry by ensur-

ing young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential."

New this year, the Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications are available to National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members through their American Angus Association@ login, similar to the National Junior Recognition Program Bronze and Silver award applications. The Foundation's Certified Angus Beef®/National Junior Angus Association and commercial cattlemen scholarships will still be accessed at AngusFoundation.org and submitted through email.

"Angus Foundation scholarships have provided incredible support as I have furthered my education," said Marcie Harward, National Junior Angus Board Foundation director and past scholarship recipient. "I'm grateful for my involvement in the Angus breed and its investment in the success of juniors like me."

Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships. For more information about the Angus Foundation and its

scholarship program, visit AngusFoundation.org.

Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

Applicants for undergraduate and graduate scholarships must have, at one time, been a member of the NJAA and currently be an active junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association®. The following documents are required to be considered for a 2023 undergraduate or graduate scholarship: the 2023 scholarship application; three letters of recommendation; a copy of current high school/college/university transcript; and the applicant's Association member code.

Access to Application: AAA login (www.angusonline.org/Account/Login), "Programs" tab

Submission: Through AAA login

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Certified Angus Beef® National Junior Angus Association Scholarship

Since 1990, the NJAA has teamed up with Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) to help Angus youth pursue their higher education goals. The selected applicant will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. A separate application from the

Angus Foundation scholarship application is required for the CAB/NJAA scholarship.

Access to Application: Download application at AngusFoundation.com

Submission: Email to scholarships@angus.org

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship

The Angus Foundation will award four \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation's breeding program or whose parents use Angus genetics. Emphasis will be placed on applicants' knowledge of the cattle industry and perspective of the Angus breed. The applicant or their parent/guardian must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2020) and must be considered commercial and not seed-stock in their operation. The scholarship applies to any field of study.

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Faulty weld, pressure on pipe led to Kansas oil spill

(AP) — A faulty weld at a bend in an oil pipeline contributed to a spill that dumped nearly 13,000 bathtubs' worth of crude oil into a northeastern Kansas creek, the pipeline's operator said Thursday, estimating the cost of cleaning it up at \$480 million.

Canadian-based TC Energy said the flawed weld caused a crack that then grew over time because of the stress on the bend in its Keystone pipeline system in rural pastureland in Washington County, about 150 miles northwest of Kansas City. The company said the weld was for a fitting that connected two sections of pipe, and the fitting and weld came from a manufacturing plant.

The company, which is responsible for overseeing inspections of its pipeline system, said it still is investigating the cause of the pipeline stress and is analyzing "other areas with potentially similar conditions." The Dec. 7 rupture spilled nearly 13,000 barrels of crude oil, with each barrel containing 42 gallons, the size of a standard household bathtub.

"Our focus continues to be the safe operation of the pipeline system," the company said in a statement.

No one was evacuated following the spill, and officials said it did not affect the two larger rivers and reservoir downstream. With federal regulators' permission, the company reopened the affected segment a little more than three weeks after the spill, though at a lower pressure than before.

But Bill Caram, executive director of the advocacy group Pipeline Safety Trust, said it's "troubling" that TC Energy said the flawed weld came from a "fabrication facility." He said conditions there should have been ideal for making a weld that would not fail — as opposed to welding in the field.

Caram also said pipeline companies and pipeline regulators in the U.S. Department of Transportation struggle to deal with a combination of multiple threats that on their own don't appear to need immediate attention but together add up.

"The threats aren't in a vacuum," Caram said. "This leads to the need for more sophistication in the way operators are mitigating against their threats, looking at how they interact with each other."

The spill was the largest onshore in nine years and larger than 22 previous spills on the Keystone system combined, according to U.S. Department of Transportation data. That's even though the company decreased its estimate for its size from its initial figure of 14,000 barrels.

Zack Pistora, who lobbies the Kansas Legislature for the Sierra Club, argued that the company's explanation shows the pipeline's design was flawed. In July 2021, a U.S. Government Accountability Office report said the four biggest previous spills on the Keystone system were caused by issues tied to its original design, its construction or the manufacturing of the pipe. The company's statement said an analysis of the pipeline's metal showed no issues with it or its strength.

The Kansas House en-

ergy committee plans to have hearings on the oil spill in March, according to its chair, state Rep. Leo Delperdang, a Wichita Republican whose career includes a stint with a pipeline company.

"I've got lots of questions," he said.

The 2,700-mile Keystone system carries heavy crude oil extracted from tar sands in western Canada to the Gulf Coast and to central Illinois.

Concerns that spills could pollute waterways spurred opposition to plans by TC Energy to build another crude oil pipeline in the same system, the 1,200-mile Keystone XL, across Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. President Joe Biden's cancellation of a permit for the project led the company to pull the plug on the project in 2021.

Pistora argued that people don't have any real assurances that the existing Keystone pipeline won't "fail again."

"It should be unsettling to everyone along the pipeline path and to Americans generally," he said.

Local farmer Bill Pannbacker said the rupture occurred near his property line, spraying crude onto his pasture at a point after the pipe goes under a creek and starts to ascend an 80-foot hill. He suggested that a straight section of pipe would be less prone to problems but

added, "I'm not an engineer."

Pannbacker said crews swarmed over the area as they cleaned up the mess, aided by relatively dry weather. The company

said its estimate for the cost of the cleanup may change, calling its commitment to the work "unwavering."

"It is like a little city out there," said Pannback-

er, also a former Kansas House member. "I just went by last night, and the lights get your attention, but I mean, they're working hard."

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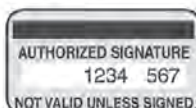
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KLA staff engages in key hearings at Capitol

The Kansas legislative session continued recently with further bill introductions and hearings. KLA staff presented their first testimony of the session on issues important to members.

Wind tower light mitigation technology - KLA testified in the Senate Committee on Utilities in support of SB 46 and SB 49. SB 46 would require existing wind towers to install light-mitigating technology systems and SB 49 would require new wind towers be constructed with light mitigation technology systems. Comments were reflective of KLA member-driven policy, emphasizing the need to protect private property rights of adjoining landowners who are not participating in wind farm developments.

Reduction in penalties for personal property tax filings - SB 8 would reduce penalties for taxpayers who file personal property tax rendition forms late or fail to do so at all. This legislation stems from a recent Kansas Court of Appeals case that determined what type of property should be classified as personal property compared to real property at a grain elevator. The court ultimately decided certain items should be classified as personal property and be exempt as machinery and equipment. The case prompted some county appraisers to send letters to feedyards demanding they fill out personal property tax rendition forms, despite the fact they had not filed rendition forms in the past. Written testimony was submitted by KLA in support of the legislation and an amendment submitted by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. The amendment would direct a county appraiser to waive any late penalty for filing a personal rendition form if good cause is shown. KLA testimony stressed the late penalty of 50% for filing amended rendition forms is severe, especially in instances where county appraisers were not previously allowing property owners to claim an exemption. As this legislation continues to progress, KLA would be interested in hearing from feedyard members who have received a letter from county appraisers regarding the rendition forms to allow staff to determine how widespread this issue has become.

Lesser prairie chicken - The Senate adopted a concurrent resolution, SCR 1602, disapproving the designation of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened in Kansas by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and supporting congressional review resolutions filed by Sen. Roger Marshall and U.S. Rep. Tracey Mann to remove such a designation. The resolution affirms the rights of farmers, ranchers and energy producers to control their lands and continue current proactive measures to protect the bird. After adoption in the Senate, the resolution was discussed in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

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Morel-ly right: Online classes will help enthusiasts ID, sell popular wild mushroom

K-State Research and Extension, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, is offering online classes at two different times to help people earn the necessary approval to sell wild morel mushrooms.

The classes will be offered online through Zoom on March 15 from noon to 1 p.m., and on March 16 from 6-7 p.m.

Morel mushrooms grow in the wild but can be hard to find. For that reason, they are highly favored among chefs and mushroom enthusiasts. False

morels include a number of species that look similar but are actually poisonous.

The classes are intended to help ensure that wild harvested mushrooms sold as morels in the state of Kansas are safe to consume. Current regulations

under KDA's food safety and lodging program require that mushrooms picked in the wild for sale must be individually inspected for safety by a registered mushroom identifier.

Upon completing the class -- which includes

passing an online exam -- participants will be recognized as registered morel identifiers in Kansas to meet this regulation.

Registration for the classes is now open at <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety> and costs \$5. Participants will re-

ceive the Zoom link for the training after registering.

For questions or to register, call the Reno County Extension Office at 620-662-2371 or send an email to Pam Paulsen, ppaulsen@ksu.edu, or Londa Nwadike, lnwadike@ksu.edu.

Reps. Mann, McGovern relaunch House Hunger Caucus

U.S. Representatives Tracey Mann (R-KS) and Jim McGovern (D-MA) have announced the relaunch of the House Hunger Caucus. Since 2007, the bipartisan House Hunger Caucus has provided a forum for members of Congress to discuss, advance, engage, and work across the aisle on issues related to domestic and international hunger and food insecurity.

"No one wants people to go hungry," said Mann. "Growing up on my family's farm in Kansas taught me the sacred responsibility of feeding people, which American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers tirelessly embrace every day. Hunger destabilizes countries, starts wars, eliminates markets, and causes human suffering; America benefits on multiple lev-

els from making investments that address it. We can stop wars before they start, strengthen markets for American producers to sell their products, and save people from starvation. America is the leader of the free world, which comes with certain responsibilities; addressing global hunger is both the morally right and strategically wise thing to do. I'm proud to re-establish the bipartisan House Hunger Caucus with my colleague Rep. McGovern and other members of Congress equally committed to ending hunger."

"Food is something that unites all of us—something that brings everyone to the table. Ending hunger and improving nutrition are bipartisan issues—something everyone should be able to get behind because they

just make sense. In our own country, hunger costs our federal government billions of dollars in healthcare costs and lost productivity that could be saved if we address this issue in a responsible way," said McGovern. "We should all be proud that America's farmers are the envy of the world—and that America continues to lead the world in reducing global hunger and addressing the root causes of food insecurity. Ending hunger in this country and around the world is both the right thing to do and the smart thing to do. I'm proud to work alongside my colleague on the Agriculture Committee, Congressman Tracey Mann, to elevate these important issues and find common ground in the fight against hunger."

Important considerations before buying chickens

By Adaven Scronce, diversified agriculture and natural resource agent, Wildcat Extension District

The rising price of eggs has many people thinking about getting a few chickens. If this thought has also crossed your mind here are a few things to consider in your decision-making process.

In addition to the cost of buying the chickens, there is the cost of building a coop/pen for them, buying feeders and waterers, plus the monthly cost of feed. Before you start building a coop, if you live in town, check the zoning restrictions to see if it is allowed to have chickens in town.

Many towns allow homeowners to have a couple of hens (female chickens). However, roosters (male chickens) are usually not allowed because they are much louder and neighbors may not appreciate their morning wake-up call. When deciding on a coop/pen design, make sure to go with one that will provide shelter from the cold weather and protect them from predators.

When it comes to getting chickens, there are a few different places you can get them. Many local farm stores sell chicks in the spring, chicks can be ordered from a hatchery, or you can buy chickens from a local producer. When buying chicks, you can purchase straight-run chicks or pullets. Straight-run chicks haven't been sexed and there is a 50/50 chance of getting hens or roosters. Pullet chicks are hens (or should be, there is not a 100 percent guarantee). There are many

different breeds of chickens; these different breeds have been developed for specific purposes. While all hens lay eggs, breeds that are known as "layers" have been bred for increased egg production. Before purchasing chickens, spend some time researching different breeds to decide which one is right for you.

Keep in mind when getting chicks that hens won't start laying until they are four to six months old. Once mature, hens will lay

an egg every 24-26 hours. Egg production will decrease in the winter when there are fewer hours of daylight as 16 hours of light is needed for maximum egg production. Although hens live to be six to eight years old, egg production starts to decrease when the hens are around four years old.

When calculating how much it costs to raise chickens, on average a standard-sized chicken will consume a quarter

pound of feed a day. Usually, the chicken feed will come in a 50 lb. bag, and a bag of feed will last a dozen chickens for about two weeks. A bag of feed costs \$15-20 depending on what type of feed you buy, figuring on the higher end of feed costs, it will cost \$40 a month to feed a dozen chickens. While owning chickens may or may not save any money, they can be enjoyable to own and there is the opportunity the share extra eggs with

family and friends or sell them.

For more information, please contact Adaven Scronce, Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, adaven@ksu.edu or (620) 331-2690.

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Champions selected at 2023 Cattlemen's Congress Gelbvieh and Balancer® Heifer and Bull Pen Show

The 2023 Cattlemen's Congress Gelbvieh and Balancer® Heifer and Bull Pen Show was held on Monday, January 2, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Exhibitors welcomed judge Jiri Buck of Madill, Oklahoma to evaluate and sort through four pens of heifers, and 13 pens of bulls.

Gelbvieh Pen of Heifers: Champion Pen of Three Gelbvieh Heifers was owned by Circle S Ranch of Canton, with an average pen weight of 819 and an average weight per day of age of 2.71 pounds. Ranging in age from January 22, 2022, to February 21, 2022, heifers in this pen

were sired by CIRS Halen 717H, CIRS Right Time 22YF and DCSF Post Rock Power Built 37B8.

Gelbvieh Pen of Bulls: Champion Pen of Three Gelbvieh Bulls was owned by Judd Ranch Inc., of Pomona, with an average pen weight of 1302.3 pounds and an average weight per day of age of 3.83 pounds. Ranging in age from January 12, 2022, to February 11, 2022, bulls within this pen were sired by JRI Bandido 253H32, JRI Secret Instinct 254U83 and JRI General Patton 213B97. The average scanned ribeye was 15.4 square inches, 3.4% IMF, and .32 inches of rib fat.

Reserve Champion Pen of Three Gelbvieh Bulls was owned by Post Rock Cattle Company of Barnard, with an average pen weight of 1226.7 pounds and an average weight per day of age of 3.76 pounds. Ranging in age from January 24, 2022, to February 9, 2022, bulls within this pen were sired by DLW TPG Frontrunner 2510F. This pen scanned an average ribeye of 15.5 square inches, 3.1% IMF, and .33 inches rib fat.

Champion Pen of Five Gelbvieh Bulls was owned by Judd Ranch Inc., of Pomona, with an average pen weight of 1216.3 pounds and an average weight per day of age of 3.55 pounds. Ranging in age from January 13, 2022, to February 8, 2022, bulls within this pen were sired by JRI Secret Instinct 254U83 and JRI General Patton 213B97. The average ultrasound ribeye area was 14.7 square inches, 3.5% IMF, and rib fat of .26 inches.

Reserve Champion Pen of Five Gelbvieh Bulls was owned by Judd Ranch, with an average pen weight of 1193.2 pounds and an

average weight per day of age of 3.53 pounds. Ranging in age from January 10, 2022, to February 24, 2022, bulls within this pen were sired by JRI Secret Instinct 254U83 and JRI General Patton 213B97. The average ultrasound ribeye area was 14.6 square inches, 3% IMF, and rib fat of .25 inches.

Balancer Pen of Heifers: Champion Pen of Three Balancer Heifers was owned by Judd Ranch Inc., with an average weight of 939 pounds and an average weight per day of age of 2.72 pounds. Ranging in age from January 9, 2022, to January 24, 2022, heifers within this pen were sired by Deer Valley Growth Fund, S A V Rainfall 6846 and JRI General Patton 213B97 ET.

Reserve Champion Pen of Three Balancer Heifers was owned by Barwick Gelbvieh of Orleans, Nebraska, with an average pen weight of 880 pounds, and an average weight per day of age of 2.64 pounds. Ranging in age from January 31, 2022, to February 2, 2022, heifers within this pen were sired by BARG

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Balancer Pen of Bulls: Champion Pen of Three Balancer Bulls was Judd Ranch Inc., with an average pen weight of 1297.7 pounds and an average weight per day of age of 3.79 pounds. Ranging in age from January 9, 2022, to February 4, 2022, bulls within this pen were sired by Basin Payweight 1682 and Deer Valley Growth Fund. The average scanned ribeye was 16.5 square inches, 3.8% IMF, and .38 inches of rib fat.

Reserve Champion Pen of Three Balancer Bulls was owned by Post Rock Cattle Company, with an average pen weight of 1195 pounds and an average weight per day of age 3.61 pounds. Ranging in age from January 21, 2022, to February 9, 2022, bulls in this pen were sired by JRI Probity 254D28 and Crawford Guarantee 9137. The average ultrasound ribeye area was 14.7 square inches, 3.4% IMF, and rib fat of .3 inches.

Champion Pen of Five Balancer Bulls was owned by Judd Ranch Inc., with an average pen weight of 1245 and an average weight per day of age of 3.81 pounds. Ranging in age from Feb-


ruary 2, 2022, to February 10, 2022, bulls within this pen were sired by Basin Payweight 1682 and JRI General Patton 213B97 ET. This pen scanned an average ribeye area of 15.6 square inches, 3.7% IMF, and .3 inches rib fat.

Reserve Champion Pen of Five Balancer Bulls was owned by Black Gold Genetics of Pritchett, Colorado, with an average pen weight of 1115.8 pounds and an average weight per day of age of 2.9 pounds. Ranging in age from December 2, 2021, to December 28, 2021, bulls within this pen were sired by BGGR Blk Gold Payload 6152 and BTBR Durant 6296D. The average scanned ribeye was 14.9 square inches, 3.1% IMF, and .25 inches of rib fat.

Allen earns Junior Bronze Award

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Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy Class 5 graduates celebrated at Symposium

At the 2023 Kansas Corn Symposium, Kansas Corn recognized students graduating from the fifth class of the Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy. This program is part of an effort by the Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Corn Commission to provide opportunities for college students of all majors to learn more about the corn industry, explore issues facing agriculture and embrace the ways they can impact the industry through their future career paths.

Members of the fifth Collegiate Academy class were recognized during this year's Kansas Corn Symposium in Salina on January 26, for completing the program. Participants expanded their knowledge about ethanol, livestock, trade, policy, education, agronomy, con-



Participants of the fifth class of the Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy posing in front of the Washington Monument during their trip to the National Corn Congress in Washington D.C. in July 2022 are, from left: Logan Elliott, Elizabeth Sturgis, Kaylee Long, Hannah Ballard and Nathan Caraway.

“Being in the Kansas Corn Academy has better

equipped me to communicate with farmers about the corn industry,” says Hannah Ballard, Collegiate Academy Class 5 graduate. “I am more educated about the ethanol industry and its impact. I also have a better understanding of how the FSA works. This will help me in my future career with Frontier Farm Credit as these are all topics I can talk about with my customers. It will help me build trust with them along with help me create personal relationships with those on my customer list.”

During the first session of the Collegiate Academy, students visited the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka and met with state representatives, learned about how lobbying is done at the state level and toured the Kansas Feed and Grain Associ-

ation office. The second session took the group to Kansas City to learn about exports and how grain moves through the railway system, the seed sales industry, and corn-fed livestock production. The third session was a drive to southwest Kansas where the students learned about irrigation, ethanol production, and the area's growing dairy industry. In July 2022, the students traveled to Washington D.C. to learn how policy affects family farms, agribusinesses and international grain markets. The students completed the program by submitting a capstone project summarizing their experiences. After completion of the program each student received a scholarship to award their hard work.

Kansas college students enrolled in two-year or four-year post-secondary schools are eligible to apply for Collegiate Academy. The sixth class is currently underway and applications for Class 7 will open in fall 2023. For more information on this and other collegiate programs visit ksccorn.com/corn-on-campus/.

Collegiate Academy Class 5 Graduates:

- Hannah Ballard, Madison, Kansas State University
- Logan Elliott, Asbury, Mo. Kansas State University
- Nathan Caraway, Louisburg, Kansas State University
- Kaylee Long, Burlington, Pittsburg State University
- Elizabeth Sturgis, Joplin, Mo., Kansas State University.

Corn grower leaders, joined by administration and congressional officials, warn of consequences from Mexico decree, call for immediate action

During a congressional briefing, corn growers told members of Congress and their staff that U.S. officials should continue to hold the line with Mexico over a proposed ban that would block most U.S. corn imports into that country. During the discussion, growers emphasized that the ban would land a significant blow to the American economy.

The statements included praise from corn growers for the Biden administration's most recent action, which took a tough position with Mexico over the proposed ban.

Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador announced in late 2020 that he would implement a decree banning biotech corn into the country beginning in early 2024. The vast majority of U.S. corn is biotech. The briefing, hosted by the National Corn Growers Association, was held on the one-year mark from the decree's effective date.

“This decree would cut most American corn growers off from what has historically been our largest export market,” NCGA president Tom Haag noted after the briefing. “That's why it is extremely important that U.S. officials continue to ensure that Mexico lives up to its commitments under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.”

Haag was joined on the panel by Andy Jobman, a farmer and chairman of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Representative Adrian Smith (R-Neb.); and Jason Hafemeister, acting deputy for trade at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The panelists talked about the important role biotech corn plays in crop production and the harm that would come if farmers were to move away from biotech corn.

“It would undermine the technology and the advancements that we've seen in our crop protection,” noted Jobman. “When it comes to improving soil health, using less energy, being more environmentally friendly and raising a much higher quality product, we can't do that without biotechnology. It would be like getting rid of electricity and going back to candles.” Others echoed Jobman's comments.

“Imagine if we didn't have (biotechnology),” Smith noted. “We would have to rely more on chemicals, so (biotechnology) is good for the environment.”

According to forecasts, the ban on biotech corn would cause the U.S. economy to lose \$73.8 billion over ten years in economic output along with 32,217 jobs annually with labor income falling \$18 billion.

The Biden administration began talks with Mexican officials late last year and Mexico offered a revised decree. President Biden dispatched senior aides from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the office of the U.S. Trade Representative to Mexico City to meet with officials in the López Obrador administration.

In a statement following the meeting, USTR and USDA officials said the revised decree offered by Mexico to date was not sufficient. The officials said they made it clear to their Mexican counterparts that they are considering all options, including taking formal steps to enforce the issue under the USMCA.

Hafemeister said the administration is paying attention to the overarching decree, the fact that Mexico's approval process for new varieties has been stopped and any related

trade regulations that might place restrictions or channel those using biotechnology.

“We have been clear with the Mexicans that this really needs to be solved,” Hafemeister noted. “It's not the kind of thing that

is easily compromised because it is about science, it's about the law, it's about economics. So, we are asking them to look at those instruments and reform them.”

NCGA applauded the Biden administration

for rejecting the most recent proposal, which would have undermined science-based regulatory principles, violated USMCA and set a negative global precedent. Panelists during today's briefing echoed that sentiment.

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American Angus Association partners with IMI Global

By Holly Martin
For today's cattle producers, it is more important than ever to be able to differentiate their cattle in the marketplace. Two of the leading third-party verification companies,

IMI Global and the American Angus Association's AngusLink, have joined forces to create an improved experience for those cattle producers, while offering more value-added opportunities.

Through this new relationship, IMI Global will be providing the verification services for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Process Verified Program (PVP) for IMI Global and AngusLink customers. The collaboration makes it easier and more efficient for producers to access an extensive suite of verification programs and the feeder cattle industry's leading genetic merit evaluation tool in one enrollment.

"With tightening margins, the need for producers to differentiate their

cattle and create market access with flexibility is key. At the same time, the value of superior genetics has never been greater," said Mark McCully, Association chief executive officer. "These two market drivers are creating tremendous opportunities for producers to describe and verify their cattle."

Now available to IMI customers, the AngusLink Genetic Merit Scorecard gives producers the ability to effectively communicate the genetic potential of their feeder calves to prospective buyers with

three scores: Beef, Feedlot, Grid. The scores are calculated based on the Association's extensive genetic database with more than 80 million data points.

In addition, AngusLink customers will also have access to IMI's new sustainability standard, CARE Certified, which encompasses Animal Care, Environmental Stewardship and People & Community, which are all of growing importance in today's marketplace. Other PVP claims available include AngusVerified, Source, Age, Non-Hormone Treated Cattle (NHTC), Verified Natural Beef and more.

"This working relationship streamlines the process for producers by making it easier for them to enroll in all verification programs at once while

also allowing them access to programs they may not have had before," said John Saunders, IMI Global chief executive officer. "This partnership proves that everyone involved is prioritizing innovation and collaboration in order for cattlemen all over the country to achieve success."

IMI Global, a division of Where Food Comes From, Inc., is the market leader in third-party verification services enrolling over 1.25 million cattle annually in various verification programs. American Angus Association is the leader in Angus genetics and creating value for Angus-sired feeder cattle through their AngusLink Genetic Merit Scorecard and AngusVerified programs.




Dave Nichols, Manhattan, was inducted as the 2022 Kansas Angus Association Honorary Member at the 2023 Kansas Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 21 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Gordon Stucky, presenting; Stuart Rose, presenting; Dave Nichols, recipient; and Mark Gardiner, honorary committee member, presenting. Photo by Anne Lampe



These young ladies were crowned Angus royalty and are pictured at the 2023 Kansas Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 21 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Addie Haverkamp, Bern, Miss Kansas Angus; and Parris Marsh, Oskaloosa, Angus ambassador. Photo by Anne Lampe



Baylee Wulfskuhle, Lawrence, center, received the Kansas Angus Association Young Angus Producer Scholarship at the 2023 Kansas Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 21 in Hutchinson. Pictured presenting the award are Jeff Klausmeyer, Kansas Angus Association past president, left, and Darin Huck, Kansas Angus Association president, right. Photo by Anne Lampe




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600-700#	\$210.00-\$186.00	30 blk@678# \$199.00	\$129.00-\$110.00
700-800#	\$194.00-\$178.00	35 blk@734# \$194.00	HFRETTS:
800-900#	\$179.00-\$168.00	29 blk@832# \$179.00	\$129.00-\$110.00
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			\$92.00-\$75.00
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300-400#	\$221.00-\$195.00
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6 Char	809@164.00	64 mix			
14 mix	844@163.00	120 mix			
18 mix	874@160.50	42 bkbwf			
5 bkbwf	938@156.00	44 mix			
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STEERS

STEERS	STEERS
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10	616	205.50	13	755	173.25
15	653	197.00	5	804	170.00
16	704	190.00	27	839	163.50
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5	871	178.50			
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Kansas Profile

By Ron Wilson
Executive Director of
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Jacquelyne Leffler, Leffler Prime Performance

The call came while she was sitting with her dad at a pizza place. Essentially, the message was: "Sorry, we're canceling our entire order from your business."

Since that was all the product that she had to sell, it seemed like disaster. But this was just a turning point in the development of what has become a remarkable business in rural Kansas.

Jacquelyne Leffler is the founder of Leffler Prime Performance, a direct-to-consumer beef marketing business that she operates in conjunc-

tion with her family's farm. She lives on the place where she grew up, near the rural community of Americus, population 776 people. Now, that's rural.

"We're the fourth generation on the farm," Leffler said. "Our family has been here since 1941."

The Lefflers produce beef cattle, corn, soybeans and wheat.

"My sister and I grew up in 4-H," Leffler said. "My grandfather would give us a steer for 4-H each year, but the proceeds from the steer's sale had to go into a savings account for our

college education."

She noticed that some local people would buy those steers directly after the fair.

Leffler was also involved in sports. She found she especially enjoyed track and field.

"We had a new teacher who had been a collegiate track and field coach, so he really helped develop our talents," Leffler said. At Northern Heights High School, she became an eight-time state champion in the shotput and discus and was highly recruited nationally.

"I had coaches from Oregon to North Carolina sitting in my living room, but I'm a Kansas kid," Leffler said. On her birthday in 2008, at her local church, she signed a letter of intent to Kansas State.

She would go on to a successful collegiate career, scoring highly at the Big 12 and NCAA national championships. After graduation, she coached track and field for two years at Emporia State while helping her dad and grandpa on the farm. Then

she began coaching track and field athletes on her own. Now she is also working with a nearby sports academy.

Meanwhile, she saw an opportunity to add value to her family's beef sales by doing direct marketing to consumers. She started with five head of cattle and reached a deal with a retail outlet to buy them. Then she got a call while she happened to be sitting at a pizza restaurant with her dad: The retailer was backing out of the deal.

Leffler had her entire inventory of five head ready to go to market, but suddenly there was no buyer. "I thought it was the end," she said. She put a post on Facebook and essentially said, "If anybody needs beef, let us know."

"The community rallied around me," Leffler said. Friends and neighbors stepped up to buy the beef.

"I saw the power of social media and community," she said. She grew her direct beef marketing business. Then the COVID pandemic hit and demand

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for local beef exploded. She started connecting with consumers and other producers in a big way. She also noticed that customers would purchase a half or quarter of beef, but didn't know how to prepare beef cuts.

"The Kansas Beef Council had boxes of beef recipe books that they couldn't take to trade shows that were canceled due to COVID, so they made those available to me," Leffler said. "The beef checkoff did a lot for us."

Today, Leffler Prime Performance is marketing retail and custom beef to states throughout the

Midwest. "I enjoy putting high quality protein in local people's freezers at an affordable price," Leffler said. "God has really provided me with the best support system," she added.

For more information, see www.lefflerprimeperformance.com.

The call canceling her first order came while she was out with her dad, but it was only a curve on her journey to success. We commend Jacquelyne Leffler for making a difference with creatively marketing her family's products. Her decision to market those products directly was a good call.



Dal Porto Blackjack A24 won grand champion steer at the 2023 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 21-22 in Hutchinson. Eli Atkisson, Stockton, owns the April 2022 son of PVF Blacklist 7077. Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis., evaluated the 94 entries.

Photo by Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association

How far should cattle walk to water?

By Ross Mosteller,
Meadowlark District
Extension agent, livestock
and natural resources

The topic of watering livestock is one that we most often think about in the hot summer months, but in reality, access to a good water source is important year-round. The winter months can pose an issue in water availability, as water sources freeze up and/or livestock don't want to leave areas of protection. Additionally, this year a person can drive about anywhere in Kansas now and see farm ponds that are dry or very low. While that is discouraging on one hand, it provides opportunity on the other. So, let's take a look at livestock watering in pasture settings.

Behaviorally, cattle tend to water as a group, this is a pattern that is much more pronounced when the distance to water is greater than 1/4-mile away. Range and livestock professionals recommend that animals not be forced to travel more than 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile to water in rough terrain and no more

than 1 to 1 1/2 miles on level terrain. This is obviously more of a problem in larger pastures, but water location is a critical link to a total management system in any pasture. Ideally, animals should not have to travel more than 800-900 feet to water.

The significance of the whole herd watering at the same time is that tanks need a lot of capacity to facilitate that behavior. In addition, the water device needs sufficient perimeter to handle at least 10% of the group watering at once. For example, if we have 100 cows in our group, the water tank needs a minimum of 20 ft. of water access, or a six-foot diameter tank. This is a conservative measure, as the group size at watering is typically a much higher percentage.

The tank also should hold a minimum of 25% of the herd's daily water intake or 500 gals (100 cows x 20 g/h/d), which would require a ten-foot-diameter tank that is 2.5 ft. deep. Remember tank sizes can be adjusted, just keep in mind volume and gallons. If cattle have to travel less than 900 ft. to water, they tend to water individually or in small groups of two to five head. This reduces the cost for the water system in terms of tank capacity and water deliv-

ery rate. The size of this pasture would be roughly nine acres if water is located in a corner. If water is located at the mid-point along a fence line, then the pasture could be up to 13 acres in size and still keep the four corners within 900 ft. of water.

The point about location is a very valid one to consider. Oftentimes in pastures the water, mineral/salt, fly-control, and possibly creep feeder among other things are located in a corner of the pasture. Many times, this is at a point of easy access to the cattle manager, close to an entry gate for the pasture. One of my former college professors referred to this as the "Aggieville" of a pasture. Having "Aggieville" in the corner is counterproductive to grazing distribution. Through the use of some planning and plumbing, this point can be divided into separate areas with a more central location for watering systems, which helps better utilize pasture resources.

Keep in mind that how far cattle walk to water is highly dependent on the levels of performance a producer wants to achieve. The less effort cattle exert in traveling back and forth to water, the better they will perform. Producers must evaluate if the cost of providing close-by water

can be paid for with increased production. If you want more from your pastures and grazing herd, adding or changing water sources can be a good investment.

Ideally, water systems should provide animals the ability to drink from a tank or fountain and not allow them to enter the water source; if a pond, stream or spring is utilized. This is one benefit of dry weather and low ponds, this gives opportunity to clean out silted in ponds, fence out the renovated pond and incorporate watering systems that move water out of the pond, into tanks. Not only is there a benefit to animals who don't have to physical travel greater distances, but improved water quality from these developments is notable too! If you'd like to learn more, the publication "Watering Systems for Serious Graziers" is a great reference, <http://kercenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/stelprdb1144213.pdf>

USDA officially launches pilot Cattle Contracts Library

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently launched a pilot Cattle Contracts Library (CCL) as directed under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

The aim of the pilot library, which will become live and accessible Feb. 6, is to increase market transparency for cattle producers by providing new public disclosure that will reveal key terms, conditions and volumes under which cattle are contracted, the agency stated in a press release.

According to USDA, the pilot will mirror the working library that was shared with stakeholders in 2022 but will now contain active contracts. Information available to the public in the library will include: quality, breed and weight; base price determination; base price adjustments and selling basis options; contract specifications in quality, yield, breed, weight, delivery, financing, profit and risk-sharing; and premiums and discounts.

"Our hope with the CCL Pilot Program is that it would provide helpful market information to cattle feeders without resulting in unintended consequences of giving packers more data and insights into their competitor's marketing arrangements and potentially extending packers' and retailers' leverage over cattle feeders," said Texas Cattle Feeders Association chairman Michael Bezner. "TCFA will review the product and continue engaging with USDA officials to make sure the program best represents our members' interests."

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Market Report - Sale Date 2-9-23. 2124 head

300-400 lb. steers, \$188-\$246; heifers, \$181-\$232; 400-500 lb. steers, \$180-\$236; heifers, \$180-\$228; 500-600 lb. steers, \$190.50-\$237; heifers, \$172.50-\$211; 600-700 lb. steers, \$168.50-\$215; heifers, \$163-\$192; 700-800 lb. steers, \$158-\$195; heifers, \$157-\$180; 800-900 lb. steers, \$163-\$178; heifers, \$155-\$173; 900-1,000 lb. steers, \$159-\$171. **Trend on Calves:** \$6-\$10 higher. **Trend on Feeder Cattle:** Hfrs \$2-\$4 higher; str, steady-\$2 higher. **Butcher Cows:** High dressing cows \$85-\$93.50; Avg. dressing cows \$72-\$84; Low dressing cows \$60-\$70. **Butcher Bulls:** Avg. to high dressing bulls \$90-\$108.50. **Trend on Cows & Bulls:** Steady-\$2 higher.

Some Highlights Include:

HEIFERS			STEERS				
10 blk	344@227.00	30 mix	493@235.00	10 blk	344@227.00	17 blk	551@228.00
10 blk	428@217.00	14 mix	638@215.00	15 mix	480@216.00	10 mix	650@204.50
15 mix	480@216.00	18 blk	664@200.00	75 blk	529@211.00	18 blk	664@200.00
16 mix	593@188.00	27 blk	721@195.00	16 mix	593@188.00	18 mix	730@183.25
9 red	666@180.00	18 mix	730@183.25	9 red	666@180.00	8 blk	794@183.50
19 blk	685@181.00	10 mix	865@173.00	19 blk	685@181.00	59 mix	868@174.00
17 mix	751@174.00	55 blk	887@176.75	17 mix	751@174.00	58 blk	951@171.00
135 mix	783@172.85	52 blk	993@171.00	66 blk	810@173.00		
66 blk	810@173.00			6 mix	914@161.50		
38 blk	457@236.00						

Next Sale: Thursday, February 16

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STEERS		HEIFERS	
3 bwf blk males	St. Marys 268 @270.00	19 blk	SilverLake725 @194.25
19 blk	Hiawatha494 @254.00	35 mix	Enterprise,WV652 @190.50
13 blk bwf	Mayetta 348 @252.50	74 blk	Onaga 748 @189.75
4 blk	Rushville,MO 398 @250.00	21 blk	Muscotah 772 @187.00
9 blk bwf	Goff 523 @240.00	20 blk	Lancaster 810 @185.25
22 blk bwf	Wetmore538 @237.50	26 blk bwf	Goff 801 @184.00
16 blk	Muscotah 546 @232.00	19 blk	Onaga 859 @177.50
17 blk	DeKalb,MO 587 @226.00		
16 blk	Fairview 582 @224.00		
46 blk	Hiawatha614 @222.25		
12 blk bwf	Fairview 608 @220.50		
9 blk	Onaga 601 @217.00		
28 mix	Enterprise,WV540 @214.00		
22 blk	Rushville,MO 620 @212.50		
17 blk bwf	Wetmore633 @210.00		
48 red blk	Robinson 644 @204.50		
29 blk	Muscotah 657 @201.00		
70 blk bwf	Hiawatha707 @200.00		
24 blk	DeKalb,MO 681 @199.00		
32 blk	Onaga 692 @198.00		
20 blk	Lancaster 706 @195.75		
51 blk	Fairview 702 @195.25		
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— COWS / HFR/TTS / BULLS —			
	Weight	Price Range	
Cows:	1095-1915	\$72.00-\$80.50	Herington 6 bwf 705 \$181.00
Bulls:	1445-1850	\$79.00-\$109.00	Hope 60 mix 849 \$180.25
Heifers:	855-995	\$82.00-\$87.00	Ramona 98 mix 912 \$177.50
— TOP STRINGS OF EACH CLASS —			
	HEAD	WEIGHT	PRICE
FAT HEIFERETTES			
Herington	16	1345	\$130.00
STEERS			
Carlton	13 blk	511	\$228.00
Carlton	50 blk	719	\$192.00
Wilsey	6 mix	748	\$184.00
HEIFERS			
Herington	3 blk	478	\$176.00
Herington	6 mix	633	\$172.50
Marion	4 Red	609	\$161.30
Wilsey	4 mix	873	\$155.00
Woodbine	4 blk	950	\$153.00
BUCKET CALVES - BY THE HEAD			
Hope	blk hfr	60	\$310.00

SPECIAL CALF SALE
FEBRUARY 15, 2023

• 45 blk aged bred cows, bred to Blythe/Harms/Tom Granzow Herf bull.
• 80 blk str, home raised, long weaned, shots, 875-825#
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MONDAY, FEB. 27 • 12:00

— MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED —
Harris Crop Insurance will talk about LRP,
PRF & their annual forage policies.

Dr. Brian Fieser from ADM will discuss
Balancing rations for optimal profitability
using Forage Analysis, implants, and new
technologies to improve feed efficiency and
cattle comfort.

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APRIL 1, 2023 • 12:00 P.M.

This special back to grass female sale will be held in conjunction with the regular spring female sale in Herington. All classes of females will be accepted for this sale. Replacement heifers, cow/calf pairs, 3 in one packages, and bred heifers. The Hereford Influence segment of the sale will be open to CHB qualified females, i.e. F1 and F2 black and red baldy females and also purebred Hereford females. We already have several consignments and are looking for more. For more information or to consign, please contact:

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Grass & Grain Weather Report Feb. 15, 2023

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																																
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David Leonard put wheat under the pivot to win the Kansas irrigated wheat category of the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest

By Julia Debes

Rain doesn't fall often in Sherman County, Kansas, so farmers like David Leonard have learned how to improve yields by optimizing crop rotations, taking advantage of the moisture that does come and supplementing what Mother Nature doesn't provide through irrigation. That combination of practice and luck is Leonard's not-so-secret to winning the top spot in Kansas for irrigated winter wheat in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest with an entry of nearly 120 bushels per acre.

Leonard's operation near Goodland is a diversified operation with a

mix of dryland and irrigated acres in addition to a small cow-calf operation. Encouraged by his Plains-Gold seed rep, he entered the yield contest for the first time in 2022. His entry came from a field planted to certified seed wheat that followed pinto beans, which provided some moisture profile.

"Our soil will hold about 1.8 inches of moisture per foot," Leonard said. "So, if we have six feet of subsoil, we have some gas in the tank. We had some of that last year, but we don't have that this year."

From planting until harvest, the field only received 6.2 inches of moisture, so Leonard pumped another 10 inches of water to help the wheat crop along. He also fertigated nitrogen through the pivot to further boost yields. The widespread drought conditions last growing season meant it was too dry for even the weeds to grow, so he did not apply any fungicide.

"We didn't use any fungicide because there was no green bridge to get stripe rust up here from Texas," Leonard said. "When you're that dry, you don't have those issues."

Closer to harvest, he applied a growth regulator. But, two days later the weather turned very hot, negating the application's effect.

"It got really hot, so the growth regulator probably wouldn't have been necessary because the wheat progressed really fast," Leonard said. "Normally

when you get these kinds of yields, the wheat is pretty tall and trying to lean over pretty hard."

In the end, the plot of Langin yielded 119.57 bushels per acre. Leonard said he might have been even higher, but one of the few rain showers that the crop did receive came during harvest, which lowered test weights slightly.

But the result was an award-winning entry in the National Wheat Yield Contest, and, even more importantly, he sold the whole field for certified seed, so last year's wheat harvest was a success.

What will this year's National Wheat Yield Contest bring? That's largely up to Mother Nature but follow Kansas Wheat to learn more about how Leonard and other Kansas winners selected varieties and took advantage of limited rains to maximize yields.

Producers can also check out Wheat Rx, a partnership between Kansas Wheat and K-State Research and Extension to disseminate the latest research recommendations for high-yielding and high-quality wheat to Kansas wheat farmers. Wheat Rx is a series of Extension publications and other educational outreach designed to address key management areas of hard winter wheat. These publications contain recent data based on novel research funded in part by wheat farmers through the Kansas Wheat check-off.

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75 blk hrs	776 @ 180.50
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64 blk/bwf hrs	860 @ 168.00
24 blk/bwf hrs	758 @ 168.50
64 blk/bwf hrs	860 @ 167.00
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1 red hft	1015 @ 136.00
1 blk hft	1200 @ 133.00
1 blk hft	940 @ 129.00
1 wf cow	945 @ 107.00
810 @ 97.50	
1 blk cow	1555 @ 95.50
1 blk cow	1485 @ 94.50
1 blk cow	1490 @ 94.00
1 char cow	1480 @ 93.50
1 blk cow	1610 @ 92.50
1 red cow	1400 @ 92.00
1 blk cow	1650 @ 90.00
1 blk cow	1235 @ 88.50
1 wf cow	1280 @ 88.00
1 blk cow	1300 @ 87.50
1 blk cow	1450 @ 87.00
1 blk cow	1365 @ 86.50
1 blk cow	1320 @ 86.00
1 blk cow	1485 @ 85.00
2 wf cows	1065 @ 84.50
1 red cow	1220 @ 84.00
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1 char bull	1660 @ 111.00
1 blk bull	1685 @ 104.00
1 bwf bull	1285 @ 100.50

CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 14, 2023:

- 100 Angus str & hrs, 600-800 long weaned, vacc.
- 196 SimAngus str & hrs, 600-750 lbs., long weaned, vaccinated
- 141 blk bwf hrs, 550-725 lbs., 90 days weaned, 2 full rounds vacc.
- 50 blk char x str & hrs, 600-700 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 60 blk str & hrs, 550-700 lbs., weaned, vaccinated
- 55 SimAngus str & hrs, 700-800 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 125 Angus Char str & hrs, 800-900 lbs.
- 55 Angus str & hrs, 600-700 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 45 Angus steers, 625-650 lbs., weaned & vacc. All the above home raised
- 60 blk steers, 925-950 lbs.
- 61 blk xbred steers, 900-925 lbs.

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